

# Rules & Constitution

The following rules of are to define how the affairs of the **Housing Rights & Reform Alliance** are organised and governed.

The purpose of the Alliance is to provide a platform to contest elections on the basis of the following principles:

- Recognition that there is a National Emergency in Housing and Homelessness in Ireland and that this will be the central part of the Alliance's programme of work.
- That reform of local Councils, to ensure that they serve and represent the people, not any vested interests; that they should operate openly and democratically and with full accountability, will form the other central part of the Alliance's programme.
- To end the corrupt influence of the Political Party elite, who continually manipulate public policy in their own interests. The new alliance will disallow any use of the '*whip*' system which denies the representation of people and that representatives should consult the people to ensure that public policy reflects the general will.

These issues are central to the work of Local Authorities and are areas where the people have been failed.

## The Rules:

1. The name of the organisation is the '**Housing Rights & Reform Alliance**', abbreviated to **HRRA**; or in Irish it shall be called **An Chomhdháilíocht um Cearta Tithíochta & Athchóiriú Rialtais**.
2. The official logo of the Alliance is:



3. Membership of the Alliance is open to all Irish Citizens or residents of Ireland.
4. The general membership of the Alliance is the highest authority in the organisation.
5. The general membership shall elect an Executive committee, of no less than 3 members, including the positions of Runaí and Cathaoirleach, but containing as many members/oifigigh as shall be decided from time to time through

formal consultations or at General Meetings.

6. Consensus is aimed for in decision making, otherwise a simple majority vote decides any question, either in ordinary or regular or annual meetings or via formal consultations.
7. The Executive will take guidance from decisions at the regular weekly meetings of the Alliance that take place at head office, currently Ionad an Phobail in Cork.
8. The Executive will maintain an up-to-date list of members.
9. The Executive shall maintain an official website and Social Media presence.
10. A single bank account, in the name of the Alliance, shall be opened to receive membership fees, any donations, and for the disbursement of all expenses.
11. Outside of General Meetings, the work of the Alliance will be directed by the Executive in accordance with the general will expressed by the membership.
12. The Alliance will hold an Annual General Meeting, notice of which will be communicated to the members via electronic means, and of which details shall be published on the official website and on social media.
13. A majority of members of the Executive may call a General Meeting of the membership at any time, to discuss any matter, giving reasonable notice to members.
14. The members may call a General Meeting of members on the presentation of signatures of 25% of the currently registered members – signatures may be collected electronically or otherwise, such as to be verifiable.
15. For elections, any two members of the Executive are required to authorise a candidate to stand in the name of the Alliance.
16. All candidates supported by the Alliance are recognised as 'Independent', however, adherence to the founding principles is required of all, as is a willingness to co-operate in the service of the people.
17. An Annual Membership fee applies, ranging from €0 per annum, but allowing optional fees including €5, €50 and €100 per annum (membership cards will be issued where requested).
18. The Alliance expects members to be active in promoting the founding principles and to work for unity among the population at large in addressing issues of local and national importance.