



## **Health and the Built Environment Sources of information**

The Institute of Public Health in Ireland (IPH) has produced a series of reviews which look at the health impacts of identified subject areas. Four reviews have been produced in the areas of employment, transport, the built environment and education. All reviews may be found at <http://www.publichealth.ie/ireland/hiaresources>.

This resource supplements the 'Health Impacts of the Built Environment' report. It highlights a number of organisations whose work considers issues relevant to the relationship between health and the built environment.

### **Built Environment Research Institute (BERI)**

BERI is concerned with the delivery of research that will enhance the quality of the built environment and address the changing needs of society in a more sustainable manner. <http://www.beri.ulster.ac.uk/>

### **Centre for Housing Research (CHR)**

CHR improves the management of the social and affordable housing sectors through research, training and policy advice. A joint initiative between the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, local authorities and the voluntary and cooperative housing sector. <http://www.chr.ie>

### **Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH)**

CIEH is a registered charity and the professional voice for environmental health. It sets standards, accredits courses and qualifications for the education of members and other environmental health practitioners. <http://www.cieh.org/>

### **Comhar Sustainable Development Council**

Comhar is the forum for national consultation and dialogue on all issues relating to sustainable development in Ireland. Its members are drawn from the State sector, economic sectors, environmental NGOs, social/community NGOs and the professional/academic sector. <http://www.comharsdc.ie/>

### **Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE)**

CABE is the UK government's advisor on architecture, urban design and public space. <http://www.cabe.org.uk/>

### **Department of the Environment (DoE), Northern Ireland**

Relevant policy and other information.

<http://www.doeni.gov.uk>

### **Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DEHLG), Republic of Ireland**

Relevant policy and other information is available across the four sections of this department, Environment, Heritage (includes parks, wildlife and biodiversity), Local Government (responsible for development at local level) and Planning and Housing. <http://www.environ.ie>

### **Department for Regional Development (DRD), Northern Ireland**

Relevant policy and other information.

<http://www.drdni.gov.uk>

### **European Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency (EPEE) project**

The EPEE project aims to facilitate the application of the European directive on the energy performance of buildings by focusing on low-income people, who often live in uncomfortable dwellings and cannot improve them. EPEE project aims to improve energy efficiency of buildings for people who are victims of fuel poverty.

<http://www.fuel-poverty.org/>

### **Faculty of the Built Environment, Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT)**

The mission of DIT is to develop a centre of excellence for the built environment in Ireland, serving the community and the demands of constituent professions in the effective planning, designing, building, promoting and managing of the country's, towns and cities whilst protecting and enhancing the countryside and heritage.

<http://www.dit.ie/faculties/built/>

### **Green Space**

Green Space is a registered charity which works to improve parks and green spaces by raising awareness, involving communities and creating skilled professionals.

<http://www.green-space.org.uk/>

### **Green Space Scotland**

Green Space Scotland works with national and local partners as an enabler, supporter and influencer in the development of green space and green networks.

<http://www.greenspacescotland.org.uk/>

### **Housing and Health, University of Otago, Wellington, New Zealand**

This research programme seeks to examine and clarify the links between housing and health.

<http://www.wnmeds.ac.nz/academic/dph/research/housing/Index.html>

### **National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH)**

NCHH is a nonprofit organization solely dedicated to establishing healthy, green, and safe homes for families across all income levels through research, education, training, and policy efforts.

<http://www.nchh.org/>

### **National Institute for Health and Clinical Evidence (NICE)**

NICE is an independent organisation responsible for providing national (UK) guidance on promoting good health and preventing and treating ill health. It includes public health guidance on a range of topics related to physical activity and the built environment.

<http://www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/PHG>

### **Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)**

NIHE is the housing authority for Northern Ireland.

<http://www.nihe.gov.uk>

### **PLACE: The Architecture and Built Environment Centre for Northern Ireland**

PLACE examines issues relating to planning, landscape, architecture, community and environment. They positively influence the creating and sustaining of excellent places and buildings, making Northern Ireland an environment of exceptional quality for all.

<http://www.place.uk.net/>

### **School of Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering (SPACE)**

SPACE at Queen's University Belfast embraces a range of disciplines associated with construction and the environment (both built and natural).

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofPlanningArchitectureandCivilEngineering/>

### **Sustainable Energy Ireland (SEI)**

SEI was set up by the government in 2002 as Ireland's national energy agency. They promote and assist the development of sustainable energy.

<http://www.sei.ie>

### **Urban Institute Ireland (UII)**

The UII unites the scientific, technical, professional, and public-policy disciplines of University College Dublin (UCD), including engineering, planning, environmental policy, architecture, geography, economics, sociology, physics, rural development, transport policy, biology and climatology, to provide the

synergy required to tackle the multidimensional challenges of achieving sustainable development in new and innovative ways.

<http://www.ucd.ie/uii/>

### **Urban Forum**

The Urban Forum comprises five professional organisations namely [Engineers Ireland](#) (IEI), [Irish Landscape Institute](#) (ILI), [Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland](#) (RIAI), [Society of Chartered Surveyors](#) (SCS) and the [Irish Planning Institute](#) (IPI).

### **World Health Organization Europe (WHO/Europe)**

The housing programme at the WHO Centre for Environment and Health (Bonn office) addresses:

- Home safety and accidents
- Indoor air quality
- Thermal comfort and energy
- Residential environments and physical activity
- Effects on mental health
- The challenge of ageing populations.

<http://www.euro.who.int/Housing>

The Healthy Cities Network. Healthy urban planning has been identified as one of the three core themes in the Phase IV (2003–2008) WHO Healthy Cities Network. The overall goal of Phase IV is to integrate health considerations into city urban planning processes, programme and projects and to establish the necessary capacity and political and institutional commitment to achieve this goal.

[http://www.euro.who.int/healthy-cities/UHT/20050201\\_2](http://www.euro.who.int/healthy-cities/UHT/20050201_2)