



# Aideen Hayden

CHAIRPERSON

**Aideen Hayden** is Chairperson of Threshold and a qualified solicitor, with a degree in Economics and History and a PhD in social policy from UCD where she was awarded an Ad Astra Scholarship. Aideen has worked in the field of housing for over two decades. Her key achievements as Chairperson of Threshold have included leading the campaign to improve security of tenure for tenants in Ireland which ultimately resulted in the introduction of the Residential Tenancies Act 2004 and the establishment of the Tenancy Protection Service.

Aideen served as a member of Seanad Eireann from 2011 to 2016, during which time she also served as Vice Chair of the Joint Oireachtas Committee for Finance Public Expenditure and Reform. Aideen is a founding member and group coordinator of the Working Group on Private Rented Markets in the Europe Network for Housing Research, promoting exchange of best practice at European level. She also served for 10 years on the Housing S.P.C of Dublin City Council where she championed better housing standards for rented housing and a fairer deal for single people on the housing waiting list. Aideen received a distinguished Alumni Award in 2017 from UCD in recognition of her work in homeless prevention.

Aideen has recently published a number of reports including a report on the Future of Council Housing with Professor Michelle Norris (2018) and on mixed tenure developments, Rebuilding the Irish Neighbourhood with Bob Jordan (2019). She continues to work for a fairer housing system and a right to housing for all.



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