

Co-operative Housing Ireland

Aoife's Story



A place to rest and recharge

Aoife Ó Ceallacháin moved into her apartment in Croffers Quarter, Deansgrange, Dublin, in April 2024. Croffers Quarter was delivered by Co-operative Housing Ireland with the support of HFA financing.

"All I ever wanted was a place for my own. Having autism and chronic pain, I've learned I need time alone to rest and recharge. I need somewhere to shut down so I can reset and be a good friend, a good daughter and a good aunty. Without that space, my disabilities are amplified. Co-operative Housing Ireland has given me that space and I'll be forever grateful. This space allows me to meet my access needs and grow into the person I've always wanted to be."

"Since moving into Croffers Quarter, I've grown more into myself. I've taken the leap to become self-employed and now work in Disability Arts supporting artists and audiences with lived experience of disability. I could never have made this shift without the safety Co-operative Housing Ireland has given me. Having housing security has enabled me to build a career that suits my needs, and that helps to inspire social change."

Kieron Brennan CEO, Co-operative Housing Ireland:

"For over 50 years, Co-operative Housing Ireland has built a legacy of delivering secure homes and stable communities across the nation. Guided by a vision of a society where everyone has access to housing delivered co-operatively, our work is driven by a mission to enable vibrant, sustainable communities. Building on our legacy of supporting 3,000 households to deliver affordable ownership through co-operative efforts we now own and manage more than 5,750 homes. With over 15,500 individuals living in CHI homes, our growth reflects our commitment to empowering every member tenant."

Aoife, one of our member tenants, shared her personal story, exemplifying the life-changing difference that a secure home can make. Every day, we witness the profound impact that a secure home can

have on an individual's health, wellbeing and personal development empowering families to truly thrive. Our core values of co-operation, respect, inclusion, sustainability and passion are at the heart of all we do, guiding our approach and ensuring that every member tenant is supported.

We are deeply grateful for the invaluable support from the Housing Finance Agency, whose commitment has been instrumental in our expansion and in enhancing the quality of our services.

As we look ahead, we remain ambitious in our future delivery and look forward to further collaboration with our partners, funders, and member tenants, united in our pursuit of thriving, inclusive communities."