

# *the* Friday Briefing 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

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*Talks take place in Congress Head Office, unless otherwise indicated, starting at 10.30am, refreshments provided.*



## **THE SEPTEMBER FRIDAY BRIEFING FROM CONGRESS DEALS WITH THE TOPIC OF IRELAND'S HOMELESS AND WILL BE GIVEN BY MIKE ALLEN, DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY, FOCUS IRELAND**

Ireland is currently facing an unprecedented housing crisis. The 5,000 adults and 3,000 children who are homeless are facing the most extreme effects of this, but it is impacting on ordinary people right across our society from students, young workers and families. Governments have put in place a range of plans but none of these have been adequate to the scale of crisis we face. We need a range of emergency measures and long term measures. Focus Ireland have consistently set out an analysis of the scale of the problem and proposed measures to address it. This briefing will be an opportunity to hear about the problem from the perspective of homelessness and to explore alliances to tackle the underlying problems of facing our housing and social services.



**MIKE ALLEN, DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY, FOCUS IRELAND**

Mike Allen is Director of Advocacy in Focus Ireland, one of Ireland's leading homeless and housing organisations. He was previously General Secretary of the Labour Party and prior to that, he was the General Secretary of the Irish National Organisation of the Unemployed (INOUE). He is a former member of the National Economic and Social Council (NESC) and other social partnership bodies. He is former President of FEANTSA (the European Federation of National Organisations Working with the Homeless).



**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am**  
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