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- Why the right to housing should be enshrined in the Constitution. There is no right to housing in Irish law. The crisis in homelessness has shown up the glaring lack of legal protection for those who are homeless or facing homelessness. The right to housing in our Constitution would help those who are facing homelessness now and would be a fundamental safeguard against the recurrence of this gravely unacceptable crisis. On 25 August, the Irish Times published an article by Mercy Law Resource Centre's Managing Solicitor, Maeve Regan, on why the right to housing should be enshrined in our Constitution. [Read article here.](#)
- MLRC has published Frequently asked Questions on social housing and related social welfare law, [read more...](#)
- MLRC case studies on the misuse and barrier of 'intentional' homeless test in accessing social housing homeless priority, [read more...](#)
- MLRC case study on serious issue of lack of legal aid for local authority tenants in housing cases, [read more...](#)
- MLRC has submitted to the UN Universal Periodic Review, [read more...](#)

MLRC Training in Housing Law & Related Social Welfare Law

Information training session for Local County Councillors

MLRC is holding an information training session on housing law and related social welfare law, suitable for local county councillors, on Thursday 19th November, from 5.30 to 8pm, at our offices at 25 Cork Street, Dublin 8. The cost of the training is €50. There are a small number of places left for this session. If you are an elected local councillor in any of the four Dublin council areas, or someone who is working/volunteering on their behalf, and would like to book a place, please contact Shauna on 01 4537459 or at shauna@mercylaw.

MLRC training

As part of MLRC's work, we provide training in housing law and related social welfare law to organisations working in the field of homelessness. If your organisation is interested in taking part in one of our training sessions, we would be very happy to hear from you and discuss the training that would be most useful for you. Please contact Shauna on 01 4537459 or at shauna@mercylaw.

MLRC News

We have been very fortunate to have worked with a number of interns over the last number of months. We very much appreciate their contribution to MLRC's work.



Aisling Murray

Aisling worked with us in September as part of the TCD Clinical Legal Education Programme.

Aisling is a Scholar of Trinity College, Dublin, Managing Editor of the Trinity College Law Review and Legal Research Officer for Trinity FLAC. She has a keen interest in human rights law, constitutional law, property law and legal theory.



Fergal McConnon

Fergal interned with MLRC in August. He is a final year law student at Trinity College Dublin.

Fergal is the current chairperson of Trinity FLAC, TCD's branch of the Free Legal Advice Centres Ltd. He has a great interest in constitutional, human rights and public interest law.



Clara Dorman

Clara Dorman interned with MLRC in August.

Clara is going into her final year at the University of Warwick. During her time at Warwick Clara completed an Erasmus year in Finland studying international public law. Clara's interests are in constitutional and administrative law, family law and refugee law.



Daire McCormack-George

Dáire interned with MLRC from mid-July to mid-August, as a joint winner of the Trinity FLAC Public Interest Law Moot.

Dáire is a Scholar of Trinity College, Dublin and the incoming Editor-in-Chief of the *Trinity College Law Review*, Ireland's oldest and leading student law journal. He has a keen interest in administrative law, constitutional law and property law.

About MLRC

Mercy Law Resource Centre is an Independent Law Centre and registered charity providing free legal advice, representation and befriending services to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the areas of social housing and social welfare law. For more information about our work please see our website at www.mercylaw.ie.

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