

Migration, Integration and Housing: building local capacity and service response in Dublin



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Origin and Integration: Housing and Family among Migrants in Ireland
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Recognising Dublin's diversity:

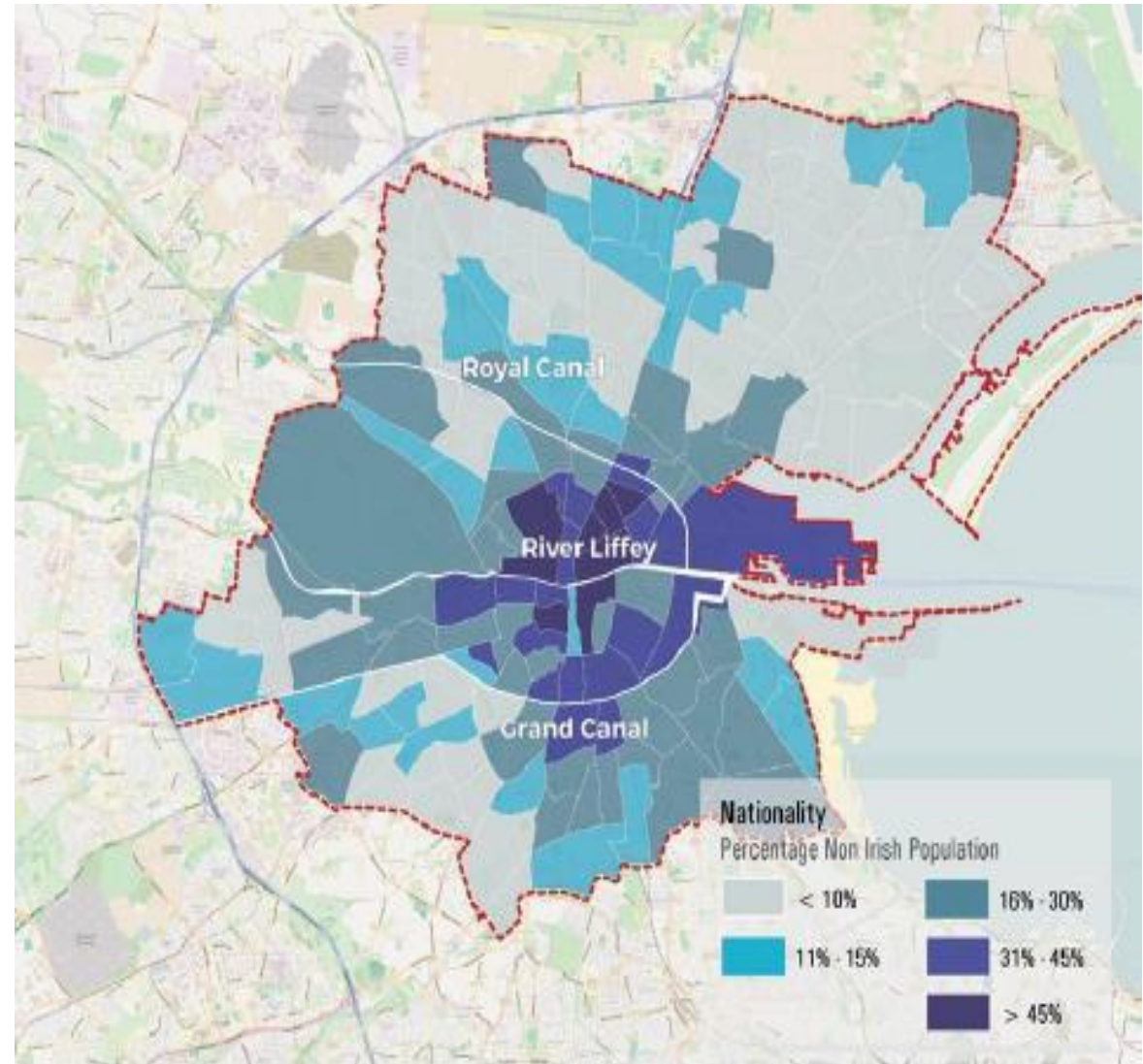
Dublin City's population has become much more diverse.

- Today, more than one in every five people living in the city was born outside of Ireland or the UK.
- More than 65 different languages are spoken daily at home, all the world's major religions are practised and at least one in twenty Dublin residents is visibly different, as a person of Asian or African descent.
- Dublin has more than twice as many foreign born residents as the rest of Ireland.

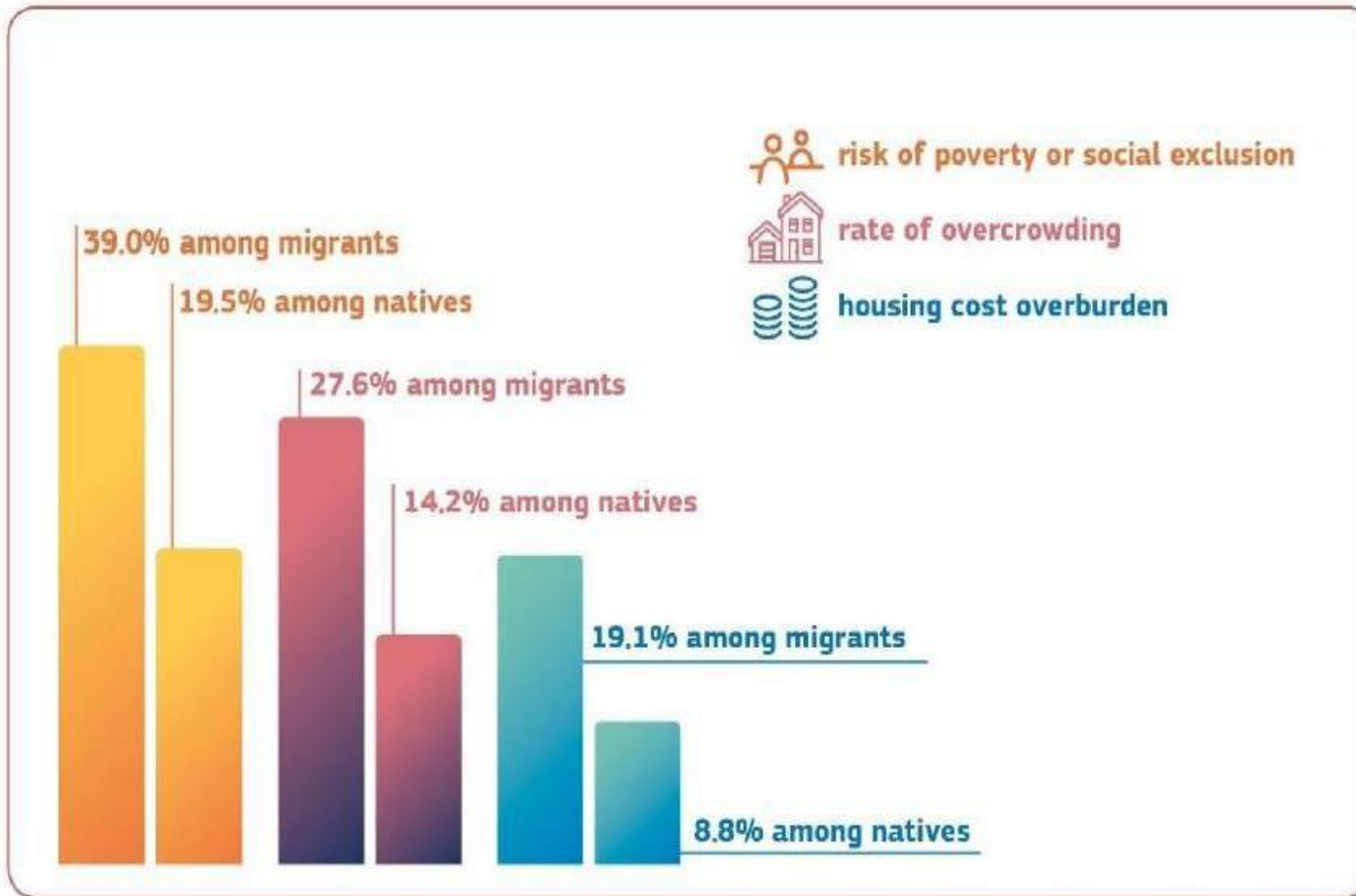
Dublin's diversity is not just a story of temporary labour migration.

Many migrants are here to stay; for example, a third of people of Asian or African descent living in Dublin City are Irish citizens. Many EU citizens have made Dublin their home too.

Looking toward the future, one in seven children and young people in Dublin City has at least one parent from a minority ethnicity and one in every 15 young Dubliners is from a visible minority (Asian or African descent).



Housing and migration: overcrowding & cost overburden



Eurostat 2019 data. Poverty and housing indicators based on EU-SILC. Migrants defined as those born outside of EU-28

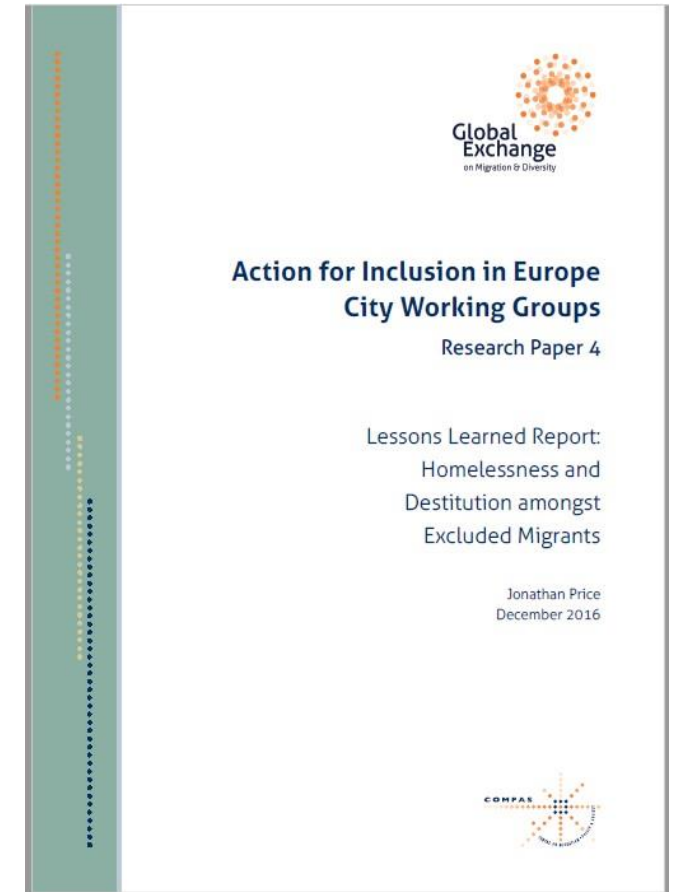
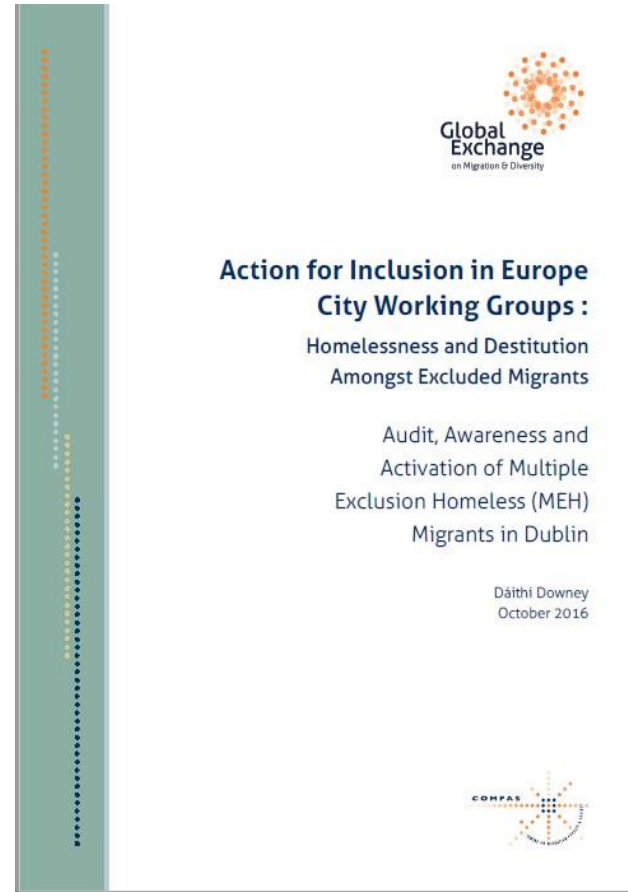
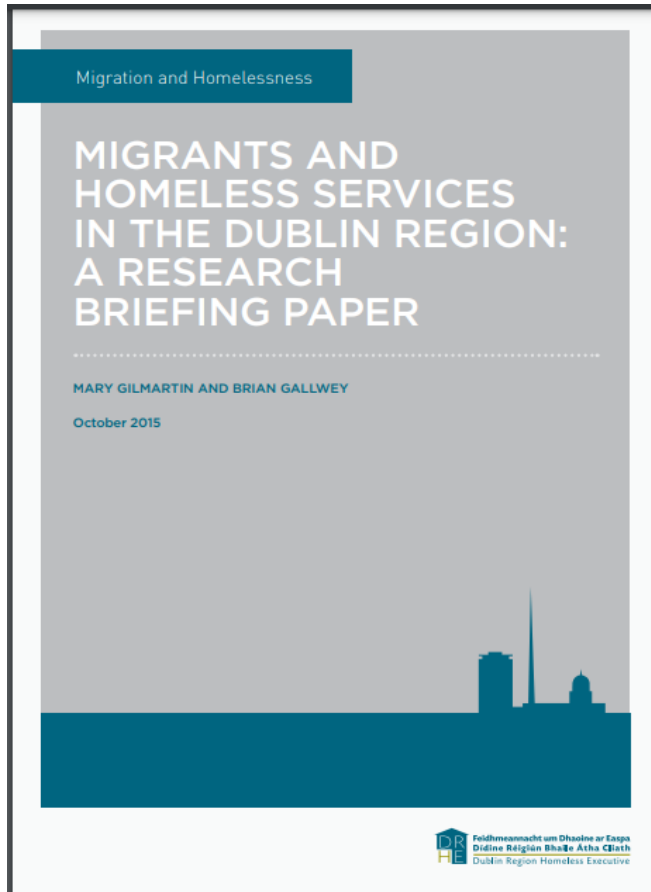
Access to adequate and affordable housing is a key determinant of successful integration.

Housing conditions have a strong impact on employment and education opportunities and on the interactions between migrants and host communities.

Poor housing conditions and segregation can exacerbate divisions, which undermine social cohesion.

Increasing housing prices, shortages of affordable and social housing, and discrimination on the housing market make it difficult for migrants to find adequate and long-term housing solutions.

Housing and migration: multiple exclusion homelessness among irregularly staying migrants



Migration, housing and DCC Integration Strategy



Key Actions:

1.5: Support achievement of integration objectives in housing services

1.7: Establish a multi-agency coordination group for Multiple Exclusion Homeless migrants to generate proposals for diversity awareness and migrant rights training

1.18: Facilitate migrant groups in finding suitable meeting and office accommodation and support the existing accommodation services provided by other agencies

4.5: Develop new supports to Multiple Exclusion Homeless migrants to improve their labour market activation and participation



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Global migration management: expertise & experience

Institutional models: Italy & Belgium

Migrant Forum for Dublin: presentation to DCC Housing Strategic
Policy Committee (SPC) March 2022

https://dublincity.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/645497

The IOM Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) : informing policy change in 92 national governments and 51 local authorities. Dublin City collaboration with IOM underway in 2022



Housing and Migrant Integration Strategy

1. Target supports where needed:

- a) Measures to combat discrimination against migrants and ethnic minorities;
- b) Tackle overcrowding – effective enforcement for quality, safety; tenant’s rights;
- c) Reduce housing costs overburden: incorporation of HAP and RS for protection applicants
- d) Homelessness and multiple exclusion among irregular staying migrants (Homeless Action Plans & Migrant Homeless Action Teams)

2. Develop multi-stakeholder partnerships for new housing provision locally:

Cena - Culturally Appropriate Homes: Building a Future with Travellers. Cena (the word means ‘home’ in the Traveller language) is an Approved Housing Body that is working for and with Travellers to address critical accommodation needs.

- a) Greater resources and supports to enable and support formation of new Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs) in Ireland for minority ethnic migrants (Cost-rental and social rental)
- b) Greater supports to new forms of housing provision overall (Community Trusts; Housing Cooperatives for rental and shared equity affordable purchase)



Thank You

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