

Habinteg announces appointment of new Chief Executive



Habinteg Chairman Mike Smyth (left) alongside new Chief Executive Darren McKinney

[Habinteg Housing Association \(Ulster\) Ltd](#) has announced the appointment of Darren McKinney as its new Chief Executive.

Darren assumes responsibilities with immediate effect as of 19 September 2016, moving from his post with the Association as Director of Development. He has been part of the Habinteg team for **13 years**, holding a number of roles and responsibilities including Development Officer, Maintenance and Asset Manager before his promotion to Director in 2007.

Prior to his employment with [Habinteg](#), Darren worked in the Construction Cost Consultancy sector, extending his involvement and experience in the **built environment** in Northern Ireland to well over two decades.

Commenting on his appointment, Darren said: “I am delighted and honoured to be appointed the new Chief Executive of [Habinteg](#). The housing association

sector, of which Habinteg is an increasingly important element, faces continual challenges.

“I, along with my Senior Management Team and the Association Staff, will endeavour to meet these challenges, leading continuous improvement in all aspects of our work as we move into this new era. I am determined to achieve this in a positive and focused way to deliver the best outcomes for the Association’s tenants, customers, stakeholders and staff”.

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Darren holds Honours degrees in Geography and Quantity Surveying, a Post Graduate Certification in Construction Project Management and the ILM Level 7 Diploma in Strategic Leadership. He is an Associate member of the Association of Project Safety and Fellow of the Institute of Leadership and Management.

With considerable experience of implementing change management during his time with [Habinteg](#), Darren holds the **perfect toolkit** for assisting the Board in driving a new era of success for the Association.

The Board and staff of Habinteg welcome Darren’s appointment and look forward to **working collaboratively** as we continue to provide quality homes and services across Northern Ireland.