



IRISH HISTORIC HOUSES ASSOCIATION

ACTING FOR THE PRIVATE OWNERS OF IRELAND'S HISTORIC HOUSES

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New Action Plan for Historic Houses

Earlier this morning Heather Humphrey TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, launched an Action Plan for privately owned historic houses. The Action Plan resulted from the Irish Historic Houses Committee, a collaboration between the Department for the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and the Irish Historic Houses Association, which the Minister established earlier this year with participation from other Government Departments, Fáilte Ireland, NGOs and private owners.

Speaking at Hilton Park in County Monaghan, Minister Humphreys said:

‘These properties are not just historically significant, they are important assets to local communities and tourism. Owners face huge challenges meeting their upkeep. While it is not realistic for Government to provide large amounts of financial support we must consider ways to secure their future. This Action Plan should be seen as a first step; my Department will now set about implementing the priority actions and will work to provide better support and advice for historic houses across the country.’

Susan Kellett, Chairman of the Irish Historic Houses Association said:

‘I would like to thank the Minister for this far-sighted initiative, which will assist all the private owners of Ireland’s historic house heritage. Almost at the eleventh hour we have been thrown a lifeline and now we must ensure that this plan delivers the best possible results, not just for owners and their houses, but for communities, especially those in rural locations, and indeed for the country as a whole.’

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