

Thinking about finding your own accommodation in Belfast? Things to consider:

IH Belfast provides 3 types of accommodation:

1. Homestay (year-round)
2. Student Residence (year-round)

Homestays are carefully selected and vetted, and our student residence is of a high standard.

If you want to find your own accommodation, please think about these points... and **speak to us first!**

- **Short-term rentals** (anything less than September to June) are difficult to find and can be expensive.
- **How was the accommodation advertised?** You should consider only good property agencies.
- **Who is the landlord?** Be aware of illegal sub-letting!
- **Who are you paying rent to?** The landlord or tenants?
- **Do you have to pay a deposit?** You might not get this back!
- **Are bills included?** Probably not! Heating, electricity and internet will probably all cost extra.
- **How are bills paid?** Are they shared equally?
- **Who will you contact to resolve any issues?**
- **What do you know about the other tenants?** For example - How many people share the house? How old are they? Male/female? How many bathrooms are there? How is cleaning organised?
- **What language is spoken in the accommodation?** Consider possible loss of contact with English speakers and how this will affect your progress.

Note: Many of the rooms available will be in university student housing and are of quite a low standard.

Living with university students can be noisy - are you ready for that? Consider how that might cause difficulties with how you want to live.

We strongly recommend that you only rent accommodation through a reputable agency. IH Belfast recommends:

R Stanley Laird and Sons
5 University Street
Belfast
BT7 1FY
028 9024 8072

Note: IH Belfast staff are always happy to offer advice and information, but we ultimately are not responsible for anything outside of our own accommodation options.