

# **Moving home – the next chapter**



So it's "Done and Dusted", that's what us Irish say when a Job is complete.

It's been a crazy, emotional, energetic, exhausting and a tearful past year, yes I am a single parent, also a parent who came out of a long relationship with someone I invested time, money, dreams, tears and my heart with.

Seven years ago we built a beautiful home that I personally created on paper and had it built to a very high standard by investing every cent we owned. We dreamed of growing old with our family there.

But that was not meant to be, as we separated two years ago, leaving me and my little Dude in our home that now felt so empty with my dreams and hopes torn apart and a loneliness you couldn't imagine.

After coming to terms, gaining strength and being positive about the challenge on becoming a single parent, I picked myself up, used my talent of Photography and photographed my home, put it on the buyers market and thankfully got a buyer within the first month.

Relief, sadness, closure and panic all came to mind. How can I empty all of its contents in just four weeks as a single parent??

Thankfully, I had a very supportive and kind friend, who helped all the way and with the help of another friend, we did it, we cleared the house of all its contents, all the memories, all the familiar spaces. It was extreme, it was emotional, but we did it!!

I said my goodbye at 3am that morning that the new owners were to move in, as I drove away in the darkness of the night, looking back at what for only a couple of more hours had been my family home.

Closing that chapter of my life, ready to write a new one, all I can suggest is 'Never give up, Stay positive, Be strong' for the little ones because we create their story, their securities and their home.

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