



Keeping up with the SHICC initiative

SHICC (Sustainable Housing for Inclusive and Cohesive Cities) is a new North-West European collaboration, which seeks to bolster the profile and progress of urban community land trusts across the region.

Community Land Trusts Brussels have been on tour

Community Land Trust Brussels have been speaking to activists, regional governments and officials spreading the good word of community-led housing! Some of the groups include: FEANTSA, an organisation that works on homelessness across Europe; European Network of Cities and Regions for South Economy; Walloon regional government; representatives from the city of Leuven and European Free Alliance event at the European Parliament.

By the end of the project the aim is for 33 new urban CLTs to have formed throughout the North-West Europe region. The work that CLT Brussels is doing to raise awareness of the CLT approach with key decision makers is very important.

See Community Land Trust Brussels at these upcoming events:

May 16th 2018: Affordable Housing for Inclusive Cities event hosted by the Gothen European Office

28th May 2018: screening of Arc of Justice with an introduction from John Davis in Brussels.



Fingers crossed for London CLT

London CLT have put bids in for community land trust sites in Lambeth (south London) and Shadwell (east London) for permanently and genuinely affordable housing. The bids follow the Mayor of London's announcement that 10 publicly-owned sites will become available for small and medium sized house builders. Two of these sites have been specifically earmarked for CLTs, which is very positive news as the movement seeks to expand.

Additionally, London CLT have submitted their planning applications for 14 new homes on a site in Lewisham (south London).

Ville De Lille secures genuinely affordable homes

Lead partner of the SHICC project, Ville De Lille have launched a new project to help those from lower income backgrounds to have access to decent homes. The project, which will see 15 new homes built by 2019 in the center of Lille will be genuinely affordable. They have managed this by working with Solidarity Land Organisation of the Lille metropolis and the city of Lille.

By the end of the project (September 2020), the ambition is for 250 new CLT homes to have been built across the region.



Center of Lille land site visit

Fonds Mondial pour le Developpement des Villes (FMDV) on bringing CLTs to life

FMDV's role in the SHICC project is to research a diverse range of ways to fund community land trusts (CLTs) and to bring financial experts and CLTs together. They have been working hard, looking at economic opportunities and barriers as well as looking at existing stakeholders. See them at the SHICC launch conference at the end of May, where they will present their findings.

National CLT Network continues to project the future of community-led housing

Since the relaunch of the multimillion Community Housing Fund was announced by the then Housing Minister, Alok Sharma MP, at the first-ever National Community Led Housing Conference in November 2017, the National CLT Network have taken a leading role in working with officials on the design of the Fund.

The National CLT Network is also collaborating with the main community led housing bodies to develop the national infrastructure for community led housing to thrive in England. These plans include a single website, a training and accreditation programme and strengthening and developing the network of enabling hubs across the country. This work is funded by the Nationwide Foundation.



The Network has also been calling for the exemption of CLTs and cohousing groups from the ban on leasehold and on ground rents, since a third of all CLT housing has been completed under leaseholds this has been vital work.

