



### National CLT Network have been getting out there

The National CLT Network has held a number of events in the past couple of months and have more coming up! They held an event with Cornwall CLT to get urban CLTs and others an opportunity to see how a CLT can operate at a larger scale. They also held an event at Westminster, launching their report, which looks at the mortgage finance environment for CLTs in the UK.

### FMDV launches “Mapping CLT Finance” project

FMDV has been hard at work completing phase 1 of the campaign on CLT finance. They have finished creating a database of all available funding resources in the North West Europe (NWE) region. The database, called “Mapping CLT Finance,” will be a huge benefit to urban CLTs in NWE.

“Mapping CLT Finance” includes over 600 funding and finance sources, plus synthesis document. With the intention of serving as a learning tool, the database will be used by CLT groups, local supportive hubs, local governments, and social housing providers.



Image: National CLT Network event

## Lille makes progress for their housing projects

Organisme de Foncier Solidaire de la Métropole Lilloise's (OFSML) first 2 housing projects are making significant progress. OFSML's first project, the Cosmopole operation, has acquired approval from the board for the 15th and final resident of the development, a significant step towards building their site out. For their second project, Renan, the board has confirmed the selling prices of the 17 homes. OFSML is making very large strides for both of its operations!

## CLTB has purchased land

Big news! CLTB trustees have signed the deed for a plot of brownfield land that will be used to start their CLT community.

Ready, get set, go! CLTB participated in a Design Sprint on how a CLT could be implemented in Amsterdam. Gert De Pauw, CLTB Coordinator, shared his thoughts on the event. Good news on the land front: CLTB Trustees signed a deed of purchase for a plot of brownfield land that will be turned into CLT homes.



Image: Participants, Design Sprint

## London youth lead affordable housing movement

A group of young students at the Advocacy Academy have worked to secure land owned by Transport for London in east London to start a building a CLT community. This project will be a collaboration between London CLT, Citizens UK, and Advocacy Academy. The group of students, who have since graduated and become chair members

of the CLT, are planning to build 20 homes, which will provide housing for up to 80 people. The community was designed by a student architect. The Mayor of London has championed this project as an example of the "Small Sites, Small Builders" campaign.

## CLT Ghent highlights a big win

Following the announcement in Antwerp about the cities plan to separate land and houses to make prices affordable for young working families CLT Ghent reacted in 'De Standaard'. Which has a monthly readership of 600,000 people. This gave CLT Ghent and community land trusts very high visibility in Flanders.

## CLTs getting all the love in Brussels

Ahead of local elections in October, Mohamed Ridouani, Alderman for Housing and candidate for mayor for the city of Leuven, detailed the City's thinking in terms of innovative housing in an interview. He put a strong emphasis on CLTs as a solution for the city's shortage of affordable housing.

The Molenbeek-Saint-Jean (Brussels region) section of the French-speaking Green Party presented the first completed project by CLTB as one of the very key achievements of its 6 years in power in a campaign video for the October local elections on Facebook.

## The City of Lille and the OFSML working together to bolster affordable housing

The City of Lille and the OFSML organise a national 2 day meeting in Lille on November 15th and 16th. This event will kick off an informal French network of OFS, which seeks to promote the model and establish a reliable financial, legal and regulatory framework. The network will increase the technical capabilities of those involved. It will lobby the public and private spheres and link this model of affordable housing with other housing fields such as participatory housing.