



CLT Brussels and CLT Ghent meet with groups from across Europe

On Monday 10 December, CLT Brussels and CLT Ghent organised a gathering of CLTs from Belgium and the Netherlands to share how they work, their goals, needs of members and more. The gathering included participants from Flanders, Wallonia, Amsterdam, and Lille.

CLT Brussels making strides and collecting wins

CLTB obtained financial support from the 4Wing Foundation, a Belgian foundation dedicated to fighting precariousness. This support will help CLTB professionalise and scale up its activities through an increase of its staff and investment funding.

Their project with financial cooperative, Credal

to explore the creation of a financial vehicle to invest in affordable housing was approved by the Brussels-Capital Region government. This approval will allow CLTB and Credal to hire staff to explore this further.

CLTB spoke on 6 December at a training of the Brussels Coalition for Right to Housing taking stock of options for affordable buying for low-income households.

You can catch CLTB speaking at "Who Owns Brussels?", a conference organised by the Brussels Coalition for the Right to Housing on 30 January 2019. The Conference will include speakers from across Europe that will present analysis and solutions to speculation in the housing market.

Ville de Lille raising awareness of affordable housing model

Caroline Lucats, Head of the Housing Department went to the Reunion Island to present its experience the OFS model. Together, they have been working in the design of a new OFS in this area. The City of Lille met with Espacite, an agency based in Paris that specialises in territorial policies for housing and urban renewal. They took part in a tour of the first two operations, Cosmopole and Renan in Lille, develop by the OFSML. The City of Lille attended the "Affordable housing: a challenge for our metropolises and for Europe" event at the European Parliament

£38m Community housing Fund announced for London

The Community Housing Fund prospectus for London was published last week, with £38m available to community housing groups and organisations to deliver successful schemes across the capital until March 2023. This is a significant investment into the sector and can help make community-led housing a consistent part of a diverse London housing market.

FMDV moving the funding environment forward

FMDV as part of the OFS network has ran a workshop in partnership with the City of Lille on access to funding. It was a huge success and moved the conversation forward. Public and commercial banks have committed to finance land and provide mortgages to lower income households.

FMDV has also been working towards six CLT finance case studies which will focus on the financial mechanisms of various CLT models. Finally, FMDV collaborated with RTES on an event around land and real estate as levers for Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) policies in Rennes. FMDV's main role was presenting the results from their research into the financial opportunities for CLTs across North West Europe.

London CLT making moves in Croydon (south London)

In December, over 50 Croydon residents congregated outside their council building to perform a nativity as a call for affordable housing in the borough. You can read more about the action here. London CLT has held meetings and discussions on the timeline for Croydon's first CLT(s).

National CLT Network and London CLT host partners in London

National CLT Network and London CLT hosted the SHICC partners in London. We came together to get to know each other better, do some business and visit some London CLT schemes. [Read about the visit.](#)



National CLT Network put on the first ever England and Wales CLT awards

Last year was a big one for the community led housing sector in England and Wales. To celebrate the strides the movement has made the National CLT Network put on the first ever England and Wales awards ceremony for CLTs. It was a great evening with a lot of laughs and celebration of everything that has been achieved. To find out more about the evening [click here.](#)