



## Spring News

We're already over three months into 2019 and we've been up to a lot! From producing original research to planning a transnational event held in London City Hall, we're excited to update you on everything the SHICC partners have been up to.

### SHICC launches CLT manifesto ahead of EU elections

One of our aims is to make a more favourable policy environment for Community Land Trusts across North-West Europe. With this in mind, we've created a manifesto ahead of the EU election listing just some of the ways it can support CLTs. [Click here](#) to see the manifesto.

### Building productive relationships with your local government

Building a productive relationship with your local government can help your community land trust go from strength to strength. Cultivating this relationship can start at any point so why not get the ball rolling! To help, [we've produced materials](#)

to get you started.

**Advocacy Toolkit-** This toolkit has helpful tips for building influence with your local government. Whether you're a new or seasoned group we hope you will find it useful.

**Local manifesto example -** This local manifesto example will guide you in asking what you want from your local government.

### Give your Community Land Trust knowledge a level up!

Community land trusts are a flexible housing model that can adapt to the needs of local communities. Consequently there are many ways CLTs have been used. [Click here](#) to explore the case studies we've put together from England, France, Belgium and Scotland!

## Project partner updates

Our partners across North-West Europe do fantastic work in pushing for a more favourable policy environment, fostering community resilience and producing original research towards making community land trusts a mainstream housing option. Keep reading to get an insight into the work of the project partners.

## OFS network

On 15th and 16th November 2018 in Lille, the OFS shared the importance of a collective mobilization to act together in the implementation of the OFS/BRS model. The OFS network 'Réseau Foncier Solidaire France' has now become a reality with the objective of producing sustainable affordable housing.

The OFS network also aims to get involved to various events such as the SHICC transnational event in London or the International Social Housing Festival in Lyon and bring the French OFS perspective.

## FMDV pushing for the implementation of genuinely affordable housing

The publication of the mapping on CLT financial sources last autumn enabled the FMDV to shed light on shared barriers preventing the development of sustainable CLTs at the European scale. This work resulted in a synthesis table that fed the drafting of an EU Manifesto which intends to crystalize the positions of CLTs across Europe and advocate for increased support for CLTs. It is inscribed within the framework of the European elections to be held in May and build on the works of our partners such as the House Europe Manifesto or on the Housing for All campaign.

## Co-production - community chooses the architect for London site

London CLT held a 'choose the architect' event earlier this month to determine who will be the architect for a site at in south London. Locals are from the area around Brixton Hill were invited to vote for their choice after hearing the shortlisted candidates pitch to be the project architects. This event is just one

example of how CLTs enable communities to take a lead in housing develop from governance to design.

## "Who owns Brussels?" - CLTB give their two cents

CLTB spoke at "Who Owns Brussels?", a conference organised by Brussels Coalition for the Right to Housing on 30 January. The conference included speakers from across Europe and presented analysis and solutions to speculation in the housing market, with a number of speakers highlighting CLTs as a key solution.

It ended with a forceful call to get together to make housing a key priority of the upcoming regional and federal elections, with a call towards newly-elected mayors to support the Cities for Adequate Housing Declaration.

## National CLT Network hosting the next transnational event

The National CLT Network are busy organising the next SHICC transnational event. This year, it will be held in London City Hall with Deputy Mayor, James Murray giving the opening keynote. The gathering will be the second of its kind with the first one held in Lille last year. They're also continuing their work to extend the Community Housing Fund and have launched Community Led Homes.

## Raising money to build community

CLT Ghent held a charity dinner organised by a community partner that had over 100 attendees to raise money for the future community space in Meulestede-project.

## Community Led Homes has been launched!

[Community led homes](#) have been launched. A confederation of Co-operative Housing, Locality and UK Cohousing has created this project to support the mission to making community led housing a mainstream housing option. Community Led Homes provides advice and funding and gather resources on the sector into one place for the first time. A Facebook group has also been set up for people to share knowledge and resources. [Click here](#) and you will be taken to the page.