



The London transnational event was a huge success

We held our second transnational conference in London City Hall with leaders in the Community Land Trust movement from across North-West Europe.

With over 150 delegates from England, Wales, Scotland, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and Spain, we came together to talk about land, finance, climate breakdown, regeneration, the local economy and sector infrastructure. [Click here for a summary of the day.](#)

Community Land Trust Start Up Fund

Get the support you need to start your own community land trust. SHICC has launched a start-up fund to help get budding groups to push their community land trust forward. If you're successful, initially a specialist advisor will help scope out your idea, with one day support worth

650 euros. If you decide that a CLT is a good fit for you, you will get up to a further nine days of technical support. They will help you set out clear aims for your CLT, develop a decision-making process, start to develop your business plan, look at sites you might buy, and ensure you have a solid idea of what your next steps are. [Apply to the fund here.](#)

The SHICC partners have been busy

The last few months have been a whirlwind for SHICC. Find out just some of what partners have been up to below. Head over to the SHICC website to get month by month updates of all the exciting work being done.

London CLT is a step closer to more land and presenting their work to peers in Lyon.

London CLT, along with CLTB, NCLTN and FMDV attended the Lyon International

Social Housing Festival, presenting the progress they have made over the past 10 years. South London citizens came together on May 7th in Southward Cathedral to hold give council leaders to account. This was on the issue of affordable housing, youth violence and safety. The deputy Mayor of London, James Murray announced that the land and money for London CLT site in Streatham Hill will be released by the end of June.

Community Land Trust Brussels embedded in new coalition government plans in Brussels-Capital Region.

Following the Belgian regional, general and European elections on 26 May, a new coalition government took office in the Brussels-Capital Region on 18 July. In its coalition agreement, the new government explicitly referred to CLTB and pledged to strengthen its support to CLTB by providing it with a legal framework, a multi-annual financing framework, and making it a potential partner of urban regeneration programs. This is excellent news for CLTB!

NCLTN launch new fund, have a big policy win and launch new incorporation service.

After 18 months of lobbying from the National CLT Network and their members the Government announced it will exempt all community led housing developments, including CLTs, from the ban on leasehold houses and ground rents. This is a massive win for the CLT movement and will mean that communities will continue to ethically use the leasehold system to provide and protect affordable houses. They have also launched the Cohesive Communities Fund to help CLTs diversify their membership and leadership and revamped their Incorporation Service.

Ville de Lille is launching a study into the proliferation of the OFS/BRS model across the city and metropolis

The City of Lille is expected to deliver one study about the diversification of the OFS/BRS model across the city and the metropolis. The city of Lille aims to massify the OFS/BRS across Lille and to use

the model in different contexts and approaches such as new housing, social housing sale, existing housing (co-ownership, vacant housing, etc) or affordable rental housing. In other news, on Lille de Ville's Cosmopole site, the OFS buyers will be moving into their homes in April next year after all BRS (Ground Lease) deals were signed by the OFS buyers and OFSML. The OFSML collectives monthly BRS ground rents for €1/m²

Exciting building plans in place for new development

On Saturday 25 May CLT Gent held their AGM with their members. A major part of any community land trust is the meaningful involvement from local people at every stage of the development process. At their AGM, architects of their first project at Meulestede presented building plans, which is a very exciting step for CLT Gent.

FMDV launch financial case studies

As part of the SHICC programme and with the support of the six partners, FMDV has published a report on the varying financial models of Community Land Trusts (CLT) and Solidarity Land Organisations (OFS), for its French equivalent, in Europe. Through an in-depth analysis of six case studies covering the United Kingdom, Belgium and France, this report highlights the diversity of financial models developed by the CLTs/OFSs to develop affordable housing.

Announcement: First cohort of the Start Up Voucher Scheme

Find out what groups were selected for the first round of the SHICC Start Up Voucher Scheme by heading over to SHICC website. You still have a chance to get the support you need to start your own community land trust. The Voucher Scheme is open to applicants across the NWE region, outside of England and Wales.