

Invitation to Quote:

Facilitation of Thames Valley Community Led Housing Festival

Date: 5.2.21

Introduction

Collaborative Housing intends to hold a **Thames Valley Community-led Housing Festival in April 2021**

The Festival will comprise a week-long series of online (Zoom) events (one a day) to be held live and then recorded for future viewing on the Collaborative website.

The aim of the event is to raise the profile of the hub and reach as many potential audiences as possible.

Schedule of Required Services

Organising the festival	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Liaise with Collaborative Housing to finalise festival programme - Liaise with Collaborative Housing to identify and approach speakers - Run social media and online publicity campaign - Identify (with Collaborative Housing) and target specific audiences - Administer festival booking system and set up online sessions 	£1500
Running the festival	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technically facilitate each online festival session - Edit recorded sessions and upload to Collaborative Housing YouTube channel and website 	£750
TOTAL VALUE OF SERVICES REQUIRED	£2250 + VAT

Potential festival sessions

Community-led housing after the pandemic

A session aimed at communities inc. groups, parish councils, neighbourhood planning groups, Community Actions Groups etc. but might also appeal to Local Authorities (LAs).

What has the pandemic taught us about community and how can community led housing build on community strengths and provide a solution for community needs? Session would include recent research and examples from around the country - with a focus on more cohousing neighbourhoods.

A community-led approach for garden villages, strategic development sites and regeneration sites

A session primarily aimed at LAs but would be of interest to communities, CLH groups and Registered Providers.

Many local authorities have adopted local plan policies that require a percentage of large strategic sites to be for self-build/ custom build in order to meet the needs identified through the self-build registers. This session would look at how these plots could be delivered as community-led housing using examples from around the country.

In addition, garden village principles focus on community stewardship - how could this be achieved through community led housing? In cities community-led approaches are being used to ensure regeneration leads to a more cohesive local community.

The session would also focus on how community development approaches to pulling together CLH groups utilises best practice approaches to placemaking and can also be bridge to wider placemaking initiatives in a given community.

Building back better

A session aimed at anyone looking to build homes to high sustainability standards. Communities want to provide housing that is future proofed for residents now and in the future and that has the built-in affordability of low running costs. The session will hear from some local developers on ideas on how this can be achieved at an affordable cost.

Community led housing for everyone

This session is intended to appeal to various minority groups across the region who may not usually get involved in community led housing. The session would need to be more targeted at marketing to these groups.

Minority communities can feel locked out of existing housing solutions - but groups around the country are getting involved in meeting their own needs. Come and be inspired by the possible.

A celebration of community led housing in the Thames Valley

An opportunity to hear directly from projects across the region. New and established groups talk about their projects and the journey to get to where they have come.

Expressions of Interest

- Please send a brief outline of how you would approach delivery of the required services to tom.mcculloch@communityfirstoxon.org by 28.2.21. Collaborative Housing would then set up a follow-up discussion as required.

Collaborative Housing - Project Roles

Fiona Brown	Project liaison – main point of contact
Tom McCulloch	Project oversight

About Collaborative Housing

Collaborative Housing is a support service for community-led housing groups (e.g. community land trusts, co-ops, Rural Exception Sites, co-housing, self-build, collective self-build). We offer the support necessary to take a group from initial concept to homes on the ground. The service is available across the Thames Valley.

Collaborative Housing is hosted by Community First Oxfordshire.

The Collaborative Housing Team

Charlie Fisher

Charlie is a Director of Transition by Design (TbD), a social enterprise and co-operative working mainly in the community-led housing (CLH) and low-carbon architecture sectors. Charlie is trained as an Architect, is currently undertaking a Doctorate at Oxford Brookes University on urban housing delivery models and is a CLH Advisor accredited with Community-led Homes. Having undertaken research projects on CLH for Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust, Power to Change and CAF Venturesome, Charlie's focus is on action-research which builds capabilities within communities.

Tom McCulloch

Tom is joint-CEO of Community First Oxfordshire. He has a Doctorate from the London School of Economics, and a Master's degree in Sustainable Rural Development. Tom leads on CFO's housing, social infrastructure and Neighbourhood Planning activity. Tom was formerly a Rural Housing Enabler for the Oxfordshire Rural Housing Partnership, which delivered 500+ RES homes across the county. A former board member of the Cherwell Community Land Trust, Tom has led research on placemaking for Cherwell, South Oxfordshire and Vale of the White Horse District Councils, and Sovereign Housing Association.

Fiona Brown

Fiona is the Communities Lead for Collaborative Housing. She has over 30 years' experience in social housing and has worked in housing management, strategy and policy work and in enabling affordable housing development within a local authority context. She was part of the Cherwell District Council Build! Programme which provided affordable self-build opportunities for local residents and helped establish the Cherwell Community Land Trust which resulted in the Hook Norton CLT project.

Tim Parry

Tim is the Chief Officer at Connecting Communities in Berkshire. He has been with the charity since 2002 and has led the team there since 2012. He began his career in the construction industry, training as a surveyor before gaining a BSc Hons in Housing Management and Development. Following a period working in the I.T. industry, where he studied project management, he joined the voluntary sector and hasn't looked back.

Katie Higginson

Katie is CEO of Community Impact Bucks. She ensures that CIB has the resources, partnerships and services needed to help organisations and communities improve the lives of people in Bucks. Katie has extensive experience of the voluntary and community sector through more than a decade of working for national funders. Passionate about empowering people and communities, Katie has worked in partnership with other charities and public sector bodies to tackle issues such as youth violence and provide funds to support children affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy.