

COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING AND SELF-BUILD



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COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING TRAINING

Dover District Council is offering Community-Led Housing training and information sessions. These will be led by Locality, a leading national organisation specialising in supporting community organisations to be strong and successful, they have considerable experience and expertise in community-led housing. These sessions will help you understand what community led housing is, and how to get a project started. You are welcome to attend virtually via Teams, or in person at the Dover District Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield, Dover CT16 3PJ

Introduction to Community-Led Housing

Community led housing is a way for communities to build and manage affordable housing to tackle the needs unique to each community. This session is an excellent introduction for anyone who would like to learn more about community led housing and how it can benefit their local community.

**30 November 2021
at 6pm**

Please book

by visiting our training page at
www.dover.gov.uk/community-housing

How to set up and organise your Community-Led Housing group

During this session you'll learn how to establish your vision and values, gather evidence of community need, raise income and find property and land. You'll learn the basics of business and financial planning, organisational governance and planning and design.

**14 December 2021
at 2:30pm**

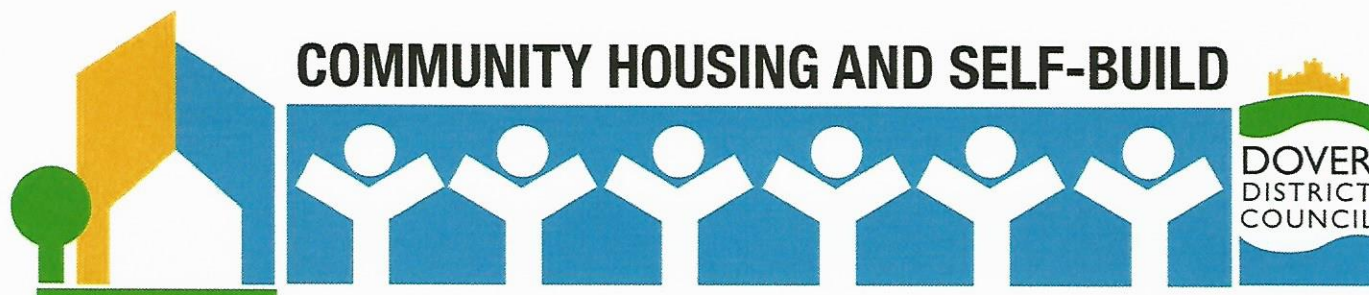
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What is Community Housing?

Community housing is housing managed by the community. People come together to create and manage housing based on the needs of the community, or just for themselves and others to live in. It allows people to fill the gaps in the private sector and means that the community keeps control of the development. Community Led Housing can be a much more affordable route into home ownership or rental accommodation based on local earnings, it can also mean you are able to prioritise what is important to your local community, such as being an eco-friendly living space, with a negative carbon footprint, or it can incorporate workspaces, and other useful community assets.

There are many different well established, recognised models of community led housing, to suit the aims of you or your group. However, many communities find they develop a new model which best suits their own individual needs. A strength of Community Housing is in its flexibility.

Co-operative Housing

Co-operative and mutual housing schemes have community membership. Those who live in the homes are required or encouraged to become members, and the community membership is able to democratically control the housing organisation"
Confederation of Co-operative Housing

Community Land Trust

"Community Land Trusts (CLT's) are set up and run by ordinary people to develop and manage their homes. CLTs act as long-term stewards of housing, ensuring that it remains genuinely affordable, based on what people actually earn in their area."
National Community Land Trust Network

Self-Help Housing

"Self-Help Housing involves groups of local people bringing back into use empty properties"
Self-Help-Housing.org

Cohousing

"Cohousing communities are intentional communities, created and run by their residents. Each household has a self-contained, private home as well as shared community space. Residents come together to manage their community and share activities."
UK Cohousing Network

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