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*A Foundation that believes that  
“There is no shortage of housing problems –  
what is needed are solutions.”*

Louise Winterburn – Deputy CEO



# Why Community-Led Housing ?

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- Address local need including affordability
- Strengthen community resilience
- Promote sustainable development
- Boost local economy



# Types of Community-Led Housing

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- **Co-housing**  
Shared communal spaces (kitchens, gardens) with private homes; collaborative governance.
- **Housing Co-operatives (Co-ops)**  
Residents collectively own and manage properties, ensuring affordability through non-profit structure.

Photo - [New Ground Cohousing Community](#)





- **Self-help housing** Empty properties are refurbished and brought back, often creating opportunities for training and volunteering.
- **Community Land Trusts (CLTs)** Non-profit organisations hold land in trust, ensuring long-term affordable housing and preventing displacement.
- **Self-Build**  
Communities or individuals directly involved in designing and constructing their own homes.

# Community-Led Housing: A Global Phenomenon

- Flexible and scalable approaches
- Supportive policies and funding
- Knowledge sharing and networks
- Partnerships with municipalities and landowners
- See [www.CoHabitat.io](http://www.CoHabitat.io)

