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Nic Bliss

State of the co-operative housing nation



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For fully mutual housing co-ops:

- **Right to Buy** – probably doesn't apply
- **Rent reductions** – doesn't apply in first year
- **Pay to Stay** – doesn't apply
- **Lifetime tenancies** – doesn't apply

An acceptance that fully mutuals are aliens!

Snakes in the long grass ... but may still be there?

Other parts of community-led housing?

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A long journey through the year:

- last year's conference
- consultation with members
- two CCH member forums
- behind the scenes dialogue with politicians
- lobbying by CCH and others
- keeping our members informed

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Our internal challenges

- a community sector that has existed now since the 1970s and 1980s
- long term financial viability
- governance sustainability
- using our assets

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Our movement

- stronger and more united than it has been
- 160 CCH member organisations
- 85 in London; 18 in Merseyside
- 6 partners; 5 mutual associations
- CCH Board – strong and effective
- an effective community business growing in ability to meet the needs of its members

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**1,001 co-operative
and community-led
homes: the housing
revolution starts here**



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- www.cch.coop/1001co-ophomes
- 26 case studies of recent co-op housing development
- a wide range – across tenures – urban & rural

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Our friends in Wales

Wales has led the way in developing new co-op solutions to housing needs. Over the last four years, working with the WCC and the CCH, we have initiated 25 co-op housing projects across Wales. We'll continue to give communities their own voice, and the ability to develop their own answers to local housing issues.

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Developing the sector in England

- the strength of the existing sector
- growing interest from people & organisations
- good examples of where its happening
- an alliance of community-led housing
- £60m of funding for rural and coastal community-led housing

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Remember when we cried as kids and our parents said “I’ll give you something to cry about”. We thought they were going to hit us but instead they destroyed the housing market.

An extract from Facebook

Co-operative and community-led housing reached the tipping point in some European countries a while ago. Will it snowball here?

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