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The International Communal Studies Association (ICSA) will hold its triennial conference near Aarhus, Denmark in July of this year https://www.ICs_a_community.org

Helen Jarvis :: <https://cohousingupontyne.org.uk/> (CoHUT)

Chiara Casotti :: CASEMATTE :: <https://www.casematte.it/it/index.html> (Note: you can choose the website's language 😊)

Eugenie Stockman :: Kyloring Housing Co-operative :: <https://www.kyloring.coop>

Eugenie's Co-Operation Housing :: <https://co-operationhousing.org.au/>

Community Led Cohousing Transcript

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So, our last session, I'm sad to say is coming is here.

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One final session on community lead housing.

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We've heard a lot about development models and develop from developers, but we're going to hear from four different groups for different people today.

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So we're going to take you around the globe, and we're going to start I'm just going to do introductions all at once so this is the order that you'll be presenting, we're going to hear first from Helen Jarvis who's going to share her personal experiences

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working with her called co hot in Newcastle.

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In the United Kingdom, and then we're going to go to Italy where Dr Casady will share about muscle cohousing.

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And then we will go to Seoul, South Korea where a non Jew who presented the first day she's going back and she's going to share her experience with cohousing in Seoul, Korea, and then we're going to go down to Australia to Eugenie Stockman she's going

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to share her scheme at hi Lauren cohousing cooperative.

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Okay, so put on your seat belts we're going to go start with Helen, Take it away.

I'm going to try and keep this really short and, and, and punchy because I know we're running short of time. So this short presentation, really, is an opportunity for me to sort of share some combined experiences over 10 years,

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both as a founding member of of cohorts which is co housing upon time where I'm one of a core group of six for a 25 units scheme, which we just got planning permission for land but as I say it's a 10 year process so far, but also as a full time academic

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and you cut costs of University where I do teaching and researching on related topic topics, not just cohousing although I have written and published on co housing but I'm also very much around intentional growth and the green sharing economy sustainable

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growth and community engagement, including some teaching a bit similar to what the live projects are at Sheffield but but as a social scientist with geographers.

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And so both of these roles allow me to share first hand accounts of community lead housing in it from a UK perspective, and I'm just going to point out that as our group has evolved so has the landscape of policy support for community lead housing in

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the UK.

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But the context of a geography is a place really matters the context for this scheme. And for all the work I do, which has a real social social justice, leading to it is a city known for low wages, low value contaminated land form of mining high levels

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of poverty and deprivation.

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So, I can't unlike my Canadian Australian colleagues to a sort of land acknowledgement but if I was, I'd say originally it was all Celtic settlers but since then it's been really industrial area, and now going into sort of post industrial left behind

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place, it's a place in need of a lot of love and. And interestingly, I don't think cohousing debates, often consider the problem of developing in low value land, very different problems project problems to say, London, or Cambridge where you've got to,

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you know, high value lens.

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So, the origin story is one very familiar to you.

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Link the ongoing process of brute formation. We started.

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And we spent the first 18 months or so, forming agreed vision and values which have remained remarkably steady and static since then.

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We very much follow the belief of building community before building buildings and we are a grassroots group, to that extent, even though we have now partnered with professional practitioners who are helping to enable our vision.

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From the outset, the ambitions of CO have been rooted in the vision of of togetherness, so we had a concept of CO housing right from the outset, and how we understood co housing was associated spatial it wasn't it wasn't wedded to any particular procurement

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or tenure model. And that was really important because we've evolved. We've had very much at the heart of our idea of affordability in perpetuity.

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Which is why over the years we've lent towards a mutual homeownership scheme, which I won't go into all the details, it's quite complicated but it's a form of collective ownership.

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That allows. It's where challenging speculative property development. and the idea of real estate where and if the individual units wants to build can be sold out for profit.

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And as with a lot of forming groups, we faced a lot of obstacles in terms of access to land finance and support.

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And the 10 years it's taken us to achieve planning permission for 25 units.

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Follow the evolution of or the evolving status of conventional and housing that as a category in the UK you heard quite a lot of this, hopefully those of you here who heard from Owen Jarvis he described very clearly the transition from and growing kind

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of political support.

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So, a kind of, and the formation of an umbrella category and community lead homes, which includes co housing cooperatives and community land Trust's and.

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And I think that this is evolution of a category called Community lead cohousing will come into that housing highlights the importance and the benefit of a kind of top down, and bottom up, advocacy for mainstream housing diversification, but I'm going

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to argue, you know, I would argue I do argue as an academic that we really do need to support from the top. Democracy from below so the top down meeting bottom up isn't some sort of middle level professional partnership practitioners, it's actually empowerment

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of democracy from below, which is, you know, which means that scaling up isn't actually scaling up and scaling out lots of innovations on the ground. So, um, I did want to also touch upon the fact that I'm speaking this today with two hats on as an academic,

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who studies cohousing, and as a co housing pioneer.

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And there are multiple. I've had to negotiate conflict of interest there, because on the one hand, you know, I, I'm very very careful not to stick my head above the parapet in the group and speak as an academic expert and draw on lots of evidence from

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other groups or other communities that I've explored ethnographic Lee, in large part because you know there's there's no substitute for evolving those relational processes together as equals through our consensus decision process.

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But equally there been times when you know maybe I could be a spokesperson when speaking to planners and others from our group, but I've tried to negotiate, to keep those two parts of me completely separate.

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And actually the most, the greatest conflict of interest is really has been time fan at family and group fatigue, all of us in our group are fully occupied elsewhere, we don't have a paid product manager so we're always doing second and third shifts from

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So, I really do need to whistle through because I'm through a very short of time. and we present our journey on our website, I can put that in the chat I put it up on the previous day I think as well.

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So we present present our journey through a sort of series of milestone events from developing our vision, through incorporating as a community company limited by guarantee.

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But we only did this to be credible.

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In terms of accessing land, and funding.

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After several false starts we secured a site, just over two years ago, which is a very unloved brownfield site that the city council owns and we did have to go through a process of justifying, and in fact we've only got a member on, remember and understanding

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on that site.

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And now we've got planning permission we've got conditions attached to deliver genuine affordability and mixed income.

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So, I'm, I'm going to skip through all these I mean included in this journey as little simple images show things like our Co Op vision cake. A lot of what we've been doing about finding community has been finding common ground and in the collective diversity

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at the intersections of our personal politics and community competing goals. And the thing that's brought us together and common ground has very much been around shared food.

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That's the sort of food as the community glue and it's been mentioned by other people as well.

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And I think what that's been what that shows is that, and I do a lot of community organizing group as well where we talk about a broad based very diverse community interests, and you, you find common ground in that difference, and that's the key thing

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there is, if we do that through food share food.

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So there's a delicate negotiation of individual and group goals and positions from me to we thinking and I've seen that in other people's presentations too.

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And I have written about that he published on that, you know, I wrote an article called sharing togetherness and intentional growth where talk very much about we thinking.

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And what I've had to negotiate over the years is that I, I've talked about we thinking in a very theoretically in an abstract way, but on the ground as a pioneer of community over community that cohousing.

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just go to the, you know, sitting down and breaking bread together that's the level of things so there are two completely different approaches here. I'm the site we're cultivating sustainable regeneration on is a, you know, we really talking here about

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an unloved, you know, caught 26 talked about the fact that we really have to put sustainability at the heart of our

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convention development. And for that, you know, It could be a retrofit could be greener the new build, but we're not doing new builds on a Greenfield site we're doing new build with recycled materials on a response to contaminated Brownfield land we're

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effectively recycling the land. It's going to have to be granted it's going to have to be decontaminated.

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There is a I think I haven't had time to elaborate on this but I think there's a real debate to be had about who we mean by community and community that co housing.

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For us, the community is the community of the core group and the groups we keep members we recruit, who will be inhabiting this community we're building community before we build the buildings, but for many other community lead groups, they're building

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for community benefit, I building for others.

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We take the view that we're very, it's very important that we understand that community is about the fact that we are living together we have a vested interest in making the project work, but we also want to generate and share local Commons shared gardens

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porous edges shared common space.

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This very deprived area so we'd be looking at community organizing around reduced air pollution better public transport. We're very low were relatively Caffery scheme.

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So this is this is how we're interpreting community in terms of coming to lead.

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It's going to be Passive House schemes so the idea from pop 26 is very very high installation, very low car ownership, only only a couple of electric cars, which will be shared by the community, strong emphasis on community engagement, where we want to,

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We want to engage actively with championing many of the issues of dilemmas in the neighborhood, which is about poverty, and often about high levels of pollution as well.

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So, I'm about to whistle stop tour of this.

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There's a lot on our website, including the full set of planning application drawings, we've got we've featured in the newspaper just before Christmas, where the counselors who approved on our plans, talked about, you know, you know we need much more

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very exciting and different we clearly need more of this kind of development so the counselors are totally on board, even though this would be the very first coat.

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co housing in the northeast and the very first of its kind in terms of Passive House design. So I'm going to stop there because I know I've run out of time, and you have other sketches.

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Thanks Helen, and you'll have a chance to ask questions and the q amp a session that will follow so next week, camera.

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So, I'm, I don't know, I, maybe I asked somebody to tell me a few minutes in advance when my time is run now, because I want to speak up, I co housing, the one I co founded, but it's still information, but also I want to give you a glimpse on the Titan

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situation.

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So, I think it was hard to sharing yes the index. So maybe you don't know much about Italian situation because you need to leave, we don't have many housings, we have more eco villages that also are much was tractors structured.

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We have nearly 2020 housings would be located mostly in the north part of Italy.

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is difficult to create a cohousing neatly.

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Because we don't have any kind of. No, that

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makes the cohousing something, affordable, because if we are not as an intentional community recognize that is a juridical subject is a corrected because also I haven't.

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If we are not to recognize it means that it's very difficult to to gather and to ask for a mortgage, but there are some other ways but they are expensive.

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Anyway, so after the news. Last year we manage the to present

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a proposed law in Parliament, which is titled their mission and governance or intentional communities.

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Our network natively is existing but is very informal. So, we are activists and read the existing co-housings, or people who would like to, to create a new one.

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So, what do we do.

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But what I've got many ideas from you.

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So we really think we usually put together our practices, so we try and try to meet once a year, or we do zoom conferences to exchange your best practices.

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The word cohousing in Italy is very is used for everything. like we say like salad is in every plate.

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So they use cohousing when you have

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social housing building. So, for people who have very low income, or it's used for, like, large place, almost like you guess like people.

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So, but we really think of a cohort z like all of you may be we share the same idea which is a way of collaborative living.

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And it's an intentional community so people choose each other, and it's made of private units.

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Plus common spaces, and the participated design is mandatory. And also the sales management,

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why we don't have many cohousing seniors today, because we don't have many professionals.

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So, The grassroot people in Italy tend to

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refuse, architects, or facilitators, and maybe things are changing now, but so they really face a lot of failure.

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Yes, what, how did we built our cohousing, we did, we did what, it's usually you usually do, or a cohousing.

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When you are a group of people that don't ask to developers So, architects, or other professionals. So we searched.

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And through the informal groups of maybe chat, chat the WhatsApp chats, collaborative housing at villages, or our nonprofit organizations.

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We gather a group of people that were interested in that area in that spot.

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we find the building of the stater our is made with three buildings is a just in the outskirts. So, today no 15 kilometres away from three know, children, which is main city North Italy.

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We, the group to find its own place sir, the group or everybody, so each person to find where to stay with lever. We make a

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sort of game day to both pay Teresa so that makes all together, all the needs and desires, but also the financial possibilities of the people who will go and live in cohousing.

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our cohousing.

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I think is mindfulness is, you know, is like 40 minutes from the really city center where most of us work.

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an older, like the law. The first image you see, which was built in six in the 17th and 18th century, and then other parts were a did, I did the in the next century system in a, in fact in 19th century.

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We were very on one side the very peculiar thing that is very unusual for cohousing, I also visited many communities, many go housings, and those who studied it, and they know for sure that it takes a long time, and also for some of you who are just have

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We were very very weak, because we parted with a very small group but in 2017.

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And we saw an estate. Then, we didn't manage to buy.

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Then again through as three internet we found places.

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And this one. And very quickly we gather a group of five families.

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And so we decided, not all of us could I be part of it so we decided to form a global 32.

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So to put together the money. Some of us really didn't really have the money and the money, not to buy the house, but maybe later, to be able to make an individual nature.

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So, so, so, without further maybe from the Australian example. So, we buy all together, and with photos together. This is not the first one, our nonprofit organization suggests is method, we buy all together, and this is a unique property.

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And each of us put money or guarantee, as much as you know, is able to do.

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Then we do the job and then in the end the cooperative shooter.

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hours is still operative it should stop and individuals can start to private individual page here you got about four minutes left.

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Okay, maybe I'm trying to go. Okay, thank you very much closer doing things together at the community.

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What are my consideration in my communities.

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Even if many of us really formation in facilitation really we couldn't apply it in our.

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So we fought long, and allowed to was about fear of, you know, not being able to enough to pay the whole thing, or the were like, two liters the hotel, and we were in table.

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So we really wasn't very very easy. But, in the end, the one consideration, I can make is that if you are flexible enough.

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In the end, you find a way to get.

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And another thing is that is fundamental. As some of you said, sharing moments around the fire. Eating, drinking together. So, this also helps to defuse tension son.

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And what this do things together, creates the social capital, that is made with trust will help communism.

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That is not only very useful. Inside the community, but also can reflect and can help the community around. So this is still not happening here because we are a very very new community.

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We still miss to families.

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But I can tell you what happens in happened in some communities that some things that were born in our nonprofit organization.

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So they really in city the things with their neighbors.

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You can see big lunch.

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All together, cleaning up the common spaces.

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And, yes, three things together for the community. So, for instance, restoring garden that was totally abandoned. And so the the cohousing really active group of people really managed to to was very contagious with the community neighborhood.

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And I must Thanks. Thanks, direct from because, really, I learned a lot from her and then really share ideas on this because very much. I think I finished.

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Thank you. Thanks Kara. Thank you so much.

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We'll move on next to a non Jew from Seoul, Korea.

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I must close.

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Okay, I'll try to show my person patient. Just a minute.

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Okay. Can you see my presentation, all of you. Yes.

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Okay. I'll will explains my story to own community housings.

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This is me, and I'm working in community outings, on policy Metropolitan Government so Metropolitan Government.

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And actually, I studied urban planning and design, so I interested how to live in the community housing, with my neighbor.

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I actually, I live in the high rise apartment, last five years ago, and I leave in my neighbors.

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And I thought, it is so popular that we don't know each other, deeply and.

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And I can see all of views I can see on like high rise apartment.

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So you can see the map. All of cool apartment

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and dead time remake kindergarten read my for my own neighborhood there who they leaving same apartment and

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rehabber like a long time around just just, we passed it around for years, and we have a make a good relationships many we've many families, and we shared our sinkings to take care of children's.

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So, and we decide to share our house.

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So, this is my new community housings, will leave five families.

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This is not like so cloud, it looks.

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We can see many trees and rebirth.

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And so we satisfied, our environment, made our neighborhood.

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And, right, photos, after we moved new, new housing.

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And in, like, our children's they're fighting with not fighting just that they, they have a good time. We had a small and make a sum equal.

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And the how to make new community how things are will tell you, and the rehab five families.

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And we have a first of all we have to make font to pay like architecture design and construction fee.

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So, but we don't have much time much money so my family and my sister's family, we all live together during two years, or it was so hard, we have to spend like two years that we can share it many things, but my neighborhood, so surprised because it's

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very difficult to live together even two years.

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But we can save money and my other families, blue jeans family and own challenge.

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Science family also they decide to leave together during two years, they can save money and saw your own chance families, they borrow money from their parents, and then we can buy land and architecture design and construct, and the time, Every children's

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They, they, they make a good relationships for doing two years.

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And we finish to make our Ambani, and we we decide architectures.

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So the pictures with we, it's our first time to meet, which architectures.

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Just to be, we want to make a good relationships to them.

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And we eat together, and that we introduce ourselves like our family we have some special character and we we explain everything to architecture and design we have some requirements to architecture, like, we really want to leave like country dad and

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different design it in house. Each housings, because we want to,

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we real really different lifestyle. And I'm, you want to make link each house. So we if some churches want go other house, just to we we use Lync two houses.

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And we want to make a community space for children and audit and big stories because we every family what every family like to go

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camping. So we have a lot of stuff in my house before my house.

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And we want to make a son of God, gardens in the middle of our housings.

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And it is not our requirements to architect and.

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And we have another rules like kiss.

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If we meet, architecture, just.

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This is other years I'm sorry about it.

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Every, something is same, but in the.

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If somebody go to inside in house. It's a different entity or kitten fee or some stuff. It's, we can we can choose. It is different. It is so it is my do.

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And finally we make it.

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This character design, it's a ground rebels.

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It's, you can see like a pink color, it is

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like some famous family should leave this place. and my house is green color and little bit with green color is weak green color is my moderates living there.

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And actually, my sister and me, we share the two houses, but we offer or around.

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20, square meters. Are we give them my mother, my sister also give offer our heart.

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15 squares to my mother so my mother's leave together. So, sister and me and my mother in the same houses, but separate houses, three three houses.

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But we use the same like for us to gain gate.

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And no spot is community place. And we separate the two part because left part is only use for children, and the right part is for a dirt, sometimes we want to,

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we don't want to take some, like noise if,

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especially meeting time. And, and our children's always playing on the place. So audit a bit noisy and.

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Something like that.

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And coming into space, sometimes reduce like a team or playground. In this episode, we retrenched different kinds of things.

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We retrenched different kinds of things. And this is, we have a different levels, we have a fourth floor.

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And this is a second lever and sort through in the fourth floor. And you can see like a different colors, it is.

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We have a different houses.

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So, and you can see like

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gardens, middle of houses, so every, every family you can see each other's. Sometimes we can conduct with families on the window.

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Sometimes that time we are a little bit ashamed.

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And you can, you can check the different libraries. Each houses and

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gramma badge we have a parking place.

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Also we have a storage in the ground levels. So, it's separated the parking area and

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ground. So, it make it become a safe to children.

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And the average Angel, look around this middle of gardens.

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Like a praying, and gardening.

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And after we finished the architecture design, we always talk built our house. This this quarter to our first time to build and right people up.

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Main left and shoot is architectures, and the rear end other family and my family's we're good. Are we good or is that first time to build and take pictures, we want to Sarah means that time.

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And sometimes we need to know sometime I think. Usually, we have meetings to decide some things, like, which kind of stuff in the building, or where we have to put some gate or.

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We have to decide so many things. So every on every weekend we met in the common place before we move.

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But it is not difficult to meet because we leave. We already leave.

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we have a two years before we move, new quads, a new community housing. We spend a lot of time to make it our relations ships deeply.

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So sometimes we are, we spend time.

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Every family, especially

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in the summer vacations, we spend around seven days.

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Each family, but different schedules.

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And sometimes we make a special community programs to children's, it's my house. And on top of.

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Right, pictures, middle of pictures, and I invite children's, and that we were, we, we could together, and we discuss some things.

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And sometimes we we read book, and they they presentations to all of children's. And that is why we may we could make great memory with children.

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And we have a good time to visit

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other community housings, and we've got a some comment from, then they got some good comment if you will just about out of time for you if you could finish up section very much.

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And finally we moved into this new community housings.

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And that we are, we have to pay around \$500,000 per family.

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It is total fee include architecture design and constructions and gardening everything's after remove.

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We make a new rules about commandments, because men are.

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This is common space, we have to make real murals. So, opening how opening time is from nine o'clock to in pm to nine o'clock in ppm.

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And the Muslim the managed to defeat, we have to pay, like \$84, it include electric fee or storage fees and weekly cleaning study for each your family.

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It's a turn around.

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It's, it's my tall or sisters don't like something like that, and preserve commendations for us.

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And we have some time, we have.

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It's very special, we make community gathering times like gardening and or cleaning and potty, etc.

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Now, we after we move, we have, we got it covered 19.

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So coronavirus virus to spread all of our country and, yes, and this time we, we are so hard to leave, like, leave. But like all of my neighbors, it's very difficult to spend time so hard but we are so lucky, because we like otter father's day is spent

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time to children's care or, like, but we can, or weekdays, it's different, but different fathers, take, take care of under sometimes the children's go to other families, but we're, we're leave together so it's very easy to offering to across the other

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house and children's really visit his houses, it means it is experienced different, and they got a different environment.

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And this spotters are sometimes my family's, my, my son's good to travels with other family,

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or sometimes my sons, read book to my nephew, or other different truth

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that you can see like many quarters to children's.

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Yeah, they got a very good experience.

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And the first of all we have a big experience, a good memory with each other. Each family, but we're going to, like, local communities to spread.

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And we shared our place in our time, or our talents to my neighborhood. It is gardening time. And sometimes we gotta like painting treatment, and some of you have some playing like yoga.

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And we got it.

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This special programs with our neighborhood, and my neighborhood. Think, different things like day to day, try to construct Wednesday's.

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Try to construct, they put the like a common space. Also, it's a retrenched.

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Andrew I need to stop you there because we really need to hold time for the next presentation. Thank you so very much. Okay, thank you This, my life Thank you very much.

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And thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you.

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And so finally we wrap up with Eugenia, who is in Australia, and she's going to be sharing her coloring housing cooperatives.

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Thank you guys.

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Um, well Brian might be a little bit cloudy, is it's just past 330 in the morning here, so bear with me.

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I'm ocean II and I'm the CEO of an organization called Corporation housing, and based on the west coast of Australia and funnily enough in a part of the world where covert hasn't hasn't hit yet, but he's about to.

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So, cooperation housing is the umbrella organization for housing cooperatives in Western Australia.

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And, interestingly, some of the communities that are members were inspired by co housing design principles and you know therefore are both housing cooperatives and cohousing communities.

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The, um, I work with a small team, and in our team we have town planning and development experience.

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If I look at our existing projects and members that we support is, interestingly, some decades ago the Australian Government specifically provided funding for social and affordable housing, including community lead housing, And that's where in the 90s

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in particular, the number of housing cooperatives were established and constructed in Western Australia. And so they provide housing for people on low incomes and I noticed what a lot of the cohousing communities aspire to use to to really tackle that

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affordable, affordable housing pace but over here that was done in the 90s.

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With that government funding. Since then, a lot of the funding streams, dried up and I think that's what was really seeing that shift again which is exciting.

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So, S corp housing and the umbrella organization for for housing cooperatives and playing a strong, strong role in the community lead housing space which is how we differentiate ourselves, is we really want to see whether, and try and be a leader in facilitating

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opportunities for community let housing, and that's where color Warren comes in.

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About a year ago. Cooperation housing entered into an option agreement with the developers of an eco village in a small town called which cliff, which, If you look at the map of Western Australia, then, is the is the main city and, which is about free

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three, three hour drive to the south in an area which is very much known for its wineries and beaches, the development of this particular eco village has been in progress for well over a decade.

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So the people that are driving this eco village, really, you know, have have had a very long term focus to try and get this off the ground.

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And what we have with coloring is the option agreement that which securities for a site very centrally located within the Eco village, but very specifically for people aged over the age of 55 and over, or with a disability.

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So, This is some very early views of the Eco village if you would visit there today you see a lot of houses under construction, the side that we have is, and sorry if you calculate in feet.

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But we've got just over 6000 square meters.

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And what we are looking at is even though decide, you did a paper exercise could accommodate about 31 dwellings. We're actually working on a scenario of about 2425.

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And one of the reasons is that we need to comply with eco village design guidelines, including in that is very high energy efficiency but also that each of the homes needs to be self sufficient in relation to water, and that then you know obviously means

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that there's a lot of space that will go to rain water tanks on the site, where we are today is that we started marketing and promoting this opportunity.

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As a community lead project earlier last year.

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And in. In October we held the first kickoff workshop. So that was the very first time that potential future residents came together. To learn more about this specific opportunity.

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And from there, I design workshop was held at the end of November, with a group work with an architect that S corp housing we appointed.

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That was also the weekend, where the group had their first, I don't know when he first first dinner together.

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And this year, what we're really moving into is for that probe to continue with the workshops and the design workshops to finalize that so that we can submit that for an approval.

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But also, you know, really progress, you know, secure undecided buying Nash, and then you know commencing construction.

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What we're using for the development process is it's very much based on you know the work that has been developed by Katie mccalmont Lou.

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A lot of you in the US are very familiar with, as an affiliate of the 500 Communities Program that Katie develops, and I feel very privileged to be able to tap into that absolute wealth of knowledge and expertise, and then with the aim to bring that here

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in particular to Western Australia.

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What we are doing with this project. This is not a group that started bottom up, it's definitely something that is an opportunity that we've created. And what we make sure is that this group is supported by a team of professionals so this myself and my

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colleagues at cooperation housing. The architect that we've appointed their local architect today very much work in in the in the southwest area of Western Australia, and some of the reasons of why we appointed me said did have experienced we've supporting

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a co housing community in the southwest. They do a lot of work in social housing spice in the, in the retirement.

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In the retirement Space Age care and have a very strong focus on sustainability. And I Karen you were talking previously about the importance of looking at in the facilitation and the building the relationships within the group so from day one, we're

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Gina price, who's one of the consultants with the social Chrissy consulting group to give the group, a lived experience on how to facilitate and how to make decisions you know really well together and to really set them up for success.

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And what is fairly unique with this project is that we will be setting up a cooperative legal entity to undertake this process.

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I really feel that a cooperative legal entities very well suited in the Australian context for these kind of for these kind of developments, and I really love just you know how you've got the cooperative principles, they really bear down that sense of

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community and focus on sustainability.

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I promised to keep it short. So, the way what what I think I'll offering is it's it's a real opportunity for people to leave a legacy. It's a project that envisages to deliver on affordability, and not just for the people that are the first wants to move

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into this particular project, but ongoing in perpetuity. So to have that, you know, in the midst of an eco village, I think will be an absolute you know true asset for many many years to come

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Thank you, Jeannie and enter all Helen and Yara and non job for sharing your personal projects.

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So, in closing, I'm just going to say I appreciate all the presenters who stepped up to the challenge of presenting a lot of information in a very short, concise time period.

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I recognize it was, it was too short for many of the presentation but it. As a result, we were able to sample, sort of a lot of different projects that are happening around the globe.

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I also think all of the participants who've been with us for three days there's some of you that have been with us for all of the days, I realize it feels like a little bit of drinking out of a fire hose of information because of all of these short presentations.

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But I hope that you've come away with lots of inspiration and excitement about what's happening around the globe. And we just appreciate all of you being here for it for with us for these three days.

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and we hope to be able to invite you, again, or support you in hosting a future event.

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So with that I will turn it over to Karen to close this out.

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And I just want to reiterate appreciation from the Association of all of you being here of all of our presenters of the people who joined us in the middle of the night, and the people who worked in a language that is not their first and comfortable for

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them and that you came and put that extra effort into sharing so that we really could get a worldwide perspective, really, really grateful to all of you.

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Thanks again to the Association Board to our sponsors for their support and making this happen, think it's been an amazing three days, and looking forward to the next time as Greg said we don't have a specific plan for the next, the next summit, but I

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think we shouldn't wait over a decade as we did last time I think we want to do it sooner.

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think we shouldn't wait over a decade as we did last time I think we want to do it sooner. I'm thinking maybe we try and make this happen again about a year from now and I'm curious if any of the other national associations or other organizations would be interested in hosting and we'd certainly be happy to pass that baton and let this move

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let this move around the world if there's someone who wanted to pick that up and take the lead. And maybe we'll be the ones up in the middle of the night.

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Welcome that opportunity so we're moving now into our breakout rooms for q amp a we are getting to them a little later than we intended and they will stay open I don't have any need to close them so they can stay open as long as you all want to stick

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around and keep talking to each other. And one last push please please fill out the feedback form.

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And then in addition to the breakout room conversations that are available at joining me on breakout rooms, you can move from room to room so feel free to kind of wonder.

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But also, I'm going to hang out in this room, and hoping to have conversations with anyone who wants to talk about that next summit. So if you're interested in thinking about what the next summit might look like or how we might collaborate on making that

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happen I'm going to hang out here and gather those ideas so feel free to join any of the breakout rooms, including the none of the above breakout room to talk about whatever it is you want to talk about.

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And we are closed, in the sense that I'm not going to bring us back for any plenary as we say, but feel free to take all the time you want to connect and engage in network, while we're here.

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I could just jump in and say thank you so very much, everyone. Yeah.

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That's awesome. Thank you so much was cool.

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Yeah, that was amazing to connect with all the different initiatives around the globe, and it's very inspiring to see what's happening.

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Yeah, I really hope that they do happen.

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Because there's a lot of rich information.

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I expect we can pull off another one a year from now, and I'm going to vote for someone to take on a lot of the world that grace did so she doesn't have to do it again.