

BREAKING GROUND FESTIVAL PROGRAMME: FREE ONLINE SATURDAY 20TH – SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2021

Launching Breaking Ground as the Liverpool City Region Community Led Housing Hub and showcasing local, national and international projects to inspire, provoke and create discussion!

1. SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY / 11AM - 12 (NOON)

Breaking Ground Hub & Festival Launch

Join the formal launch of Breaking Ground, the Community Led Housing Hub for the Liverpool City Region, as we start a week-long programme of events to celebrate Community Led Housing. Speakers will cover the local and national context as well as give a full breakdown of the aims and aspirations of Breaking Ground. Speakers:

- **Ian Byrne MP**, Liverpool West Derby
- **Tom Chance**, Chief Executive, National Community Land Trust Network
- **Brian Dawe**, Chief Executive, Safe Regeneration
- **Paul Kelly**, Director, Breaking Ground
- Q&A hosted by **Peg Alexander**

2. SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY / 7 - 8 PM

PUSH Film: www.pushthefilm.com

Q&A with Director Fredrik Gertten

Thrilled to be able to screen **PUSH**, the award-winning documentary film by Director **Fredrik Gertten**. Book a **FREE** link to watch the film between the 17th – 24th February and join the Q&A with Director Fredrik Gertten and host **Peg Alexander Live at 7PM**.

Housing prices are skyrocketing in cities around the world. Incomes are not. PUSH sheds light on a new kind of faceless landlord, our increasingly unliveable cities and an escalating crisis that has an effect on us all. This is not gentrification, it's a different kind of monster. The film follows Leilani Farha, the UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing, as she's travelling the globe, trying to understand who's being pushed out of the city and why.

3. SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY / 2 - 3 PM

Meet SAFE Regeneration and the #destinationbootle project

Peter Dowd MP introduces a stroll with SAFE Regeneration through Bootle as their Chief Executive **Brian Dawe** outlines their work and the ambitious **#destinationbootle** project, the largest planned community led housing project in the UK. Q&A at the end.

4. MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY / 2 - 3 PM

Introduction to Community Led Housing

Paul Kelly, Director, Breaking Ground, offers an informal overview of community led housing and the options available, and how Breaking Ground can support groups to develop their projects.

5. MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY / 6 - 7.30 PM

Lessons from Liverpool's 'hidden history' for mainstreaming the community led housing movement

Dr Matt Thompson explores what lessons can be learnt from Liverpool's hidden history of radical collective alternatives to public housing – from the city's 1970s co-operative movement through to the community land trust (CLT) campaigns of the 2010s. Presenting findings from his new book **Reconstructing Public Housing**, Matt Thompson delves into the challenges, pitfalls and possibilities of institutionalising community-led housing in Liverpool and beyond, as a starting point for collective discussion on how to mainstream the movement.



**6. TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY / 2 - 3.30PM****The Co-housing Café**

Owen Jarvis, Chief Executive of UK Co-Housing will give us a real insight into the unique approaches of cohousing schemes, followed by overviews of **Lancaster Cohousing** by **Chris Coates**, **Marmalade Lane (K1) Cohousing** by **Frances Wright** and **Older Women's CoHousing (OWCH)** by **Maria Brenton**. As always, there will be chances for Q&A at the end.

7. TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY / 6 - 7.30PM**The Mighty Housing Co-operative Movement**

Nic Bliss from **Confederation of Co-operative Housing** and **Phil Earl**, **Kevin Wan** and **John McGuigan** from **North West Housing Services WHS** will lead a session exploring co-operative approaches to community led housing. They will:

- consider the strong legacy of co-operative housing on Merseyside;
- examine particular examples of successful co-ops developing new homes;
- outline the opportunities for communities to establish co-operative housing now;
- explore how the innovation and quality inherent to co-operative housing fits into the national community led housing context.

Brian O'Hare from **Huyton Community Co-op for the Elderly** and **John Fairhurst** from **Princes Park Housing Co-op** will join the discussion.

8. WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY / 6 - 7PM**Meet New Ferry Community Land Trust**

Meet **New Ferry CLT** and hear about the work they have been doing with, the support of Wirral Council, to develop their first project, the Shillings Building in New Ferry Town centre following the devastating gas explosion in 2017.

9. THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY / 11AM - 12.30**Housing and the LGBT Communities**

Join **Bob Green OBE**, from the **LGBT Foundation** as he offers Insights into some new projects in the UK seeking to deliver housing solutions run by and for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) communities: why they are needed and what they are hoping to achieve.

10. THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY / 2 - 3PM**Meet Calder Valley Community Land Trust**

Join **Andrew Bibby** and **Karin Lowson** from Calder Valley CLT as they inspire us with their journey to develop homes, become an RP and launch a successful Community Share offer for their latest project Fielden Hall in Todmorden.

11. THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY / 4.30 - 5.30PM**Community-led housing & young people: the SEASALT story**

SEASALT housing co-op was set up to tackle the rent crisis faced by student renters in Brighton & Hove: high prices, 'rip-off' landlords and poor-quality unsustainable housing. **Simin Wadiwala**, **Matt Baldwin** & **Tom Green** from Seasalt explain how they are tackling their aim to create affordable, high quality housing for students, run by students.

HOW TO BOOK

There is one booking form to be completed for the Festival, where you can indicate which events you would like to attend. Links to individual events will then be sent nearer the time.

This can be obtained from paul.kelly@saferegen.org.uk

**12. THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY / 6 - 7PM****Meet Granby 4 Streets Community Land Trust**

Join **Hazel Tilley** as she gives us an insight into the unique and award-winning Granby 4 Streets CLT, set up to promote a new approach to community regeneration, that supports local ownership of assets and economic and social regeneration alongside housing provision.

13. FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY / 9:30 - 10:30AM**A European Perspective: Meet Brussels Community Land Trust**

Verena Lenna and **Arthur Cady** from Brussels CLT will provide an overview of their work in the Belgian capital, and give us a flavour of the European community led housing movement. Including their work on a European project on urban commons called Generative Commons Living Lab, and an EU-funded project called CALICO, which is an interesting example of mixing functions and innovative approaches in a single CLT development.

14. FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY / 11AM - 12.30**Self Build & Building Communities – a Partnership Approach**

Breaking Ground is thrilled to have the involvement of Housing People, Building Communities (HPBC) in our Festival. This session will focus on the building of 48 homes on the Kingsley Rd, Alt St and St Bernard's projects in Toxteth, Liverpool and the strong community that has been created. A partnership approach was critical to this achievement including the support of RP's. HPBC will share their experiences.

Richard Bacon MP, Chair of the APPG on Self Build, Custom & Community Housebuilding & Placemaking will also share his thoughts and vision.

Session led by **Shannon Ledbetter**, HPBC Founder & Chair, **Liza Parry** – Chief Executive, HPBC and **Brian Emmott**, HPBC Trustee

15. FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY / 1 - 2PM**Can Local Authorities act as enablers of Community Led Housing?**

Join this event, opened by **Cllr Barry Kushner**, Liverpool Cabinet Member for Housing, as we explore how local authorities can work to support community led housing initiatives. **Elaine Olphert** from Bristol City Council and **Susan Cataldi** from Bristol Community Land Trust will outline the strategic support Bristol City Council has put in place to enable CLH to flourish in their City.

16. FRIDAY 26TH FEBRUARY / 2 - 4PM**How can we encourage more Black Led Community Housing projects?**

Kim Johnson MP opens an important discussion on how we can ensure more Black led community housing projects emerge in our region. **Claude Hendrikson**, Equality and Inclusion adviser from Leeds Community Homes will share his community led housing experiences as will **Henri Baptiste** from Nottingham. The event will end with a discussion around what Breaking Ground should put in place to ensure more projects emerge.

17. SATURDAY 27TH FEBRUARY / ALL DAY**Meet Homebaked Community Land Trust**

Join Homebaked CLT on a day of events celebrating their work, focussing on art, housing, the environment and the development of the high street.

SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY / 11AM - 12 (NOON)**Festival Reflections**

Paul Kelly, Director, Breaking Ground, hosts an open session looking at key themes that have emerged throughout the week. All welcome

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