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Thursday 7 October 2010

Financing for Housing Co-operatives: The Challenge in the aftermath of the global financial crisis

The global economic downturn has had the quadruple effect of:

- increasing demand for affordable housing;
- reducing the capacity of governments to support its supply;
- reducing the availability of private sector capital; and
- increasing borrowing costs.

The theme of the day is to look at the challenges the global economic crisis has created and how housing co-operatives are responding to it.

10:00 Welcome by the Chair

David Rodgers

President
ICA Housing Sector Organisation
Executive Director
CDS Co-operatives (England)

10:15 Keynote speech

The renaissance of interest in Co-operative and mutual enterprise in the aftermath of the global financial crisis

Charles Gould

Director General
International Co-operative Alliance
Geneva (Switzerland)

Questions to the ICA Director General

11:00 UK Perspective on financing housing development – the point of view of two leaders

Professor Steve Wilcox

Centre for Housing Policy, University of York,
(England)

Adrian Coles

Chair, Commission on Co-operative and
Mutual Housing
Director General, Building Societies
Association (England)

11.45 Tea and Coffee
Riverside Room

12.00 Panel discussion and debate on the challenges of financing affordable housing

Professor Steve Wilcox

Centre for Housing Policy, University of York,
(England)

Martin Latham

Head of Housing Team, Co-operative
Financial Services (England)

Nic Bliss

Chair, Confederation of Co-operative Housing
(England)

Alexandra Wilson

Chief Executive Officer, Agency for Co-
operative Housing (Canada)
Treasurer, ICA Housing

Bernard Thompson

General Secretary, National Association of
Building Co-operatives NABCo (Ireland)

12:45 Lunch
Riverside Room



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14:00 Co-operative approaches to raising investment for housing **Encouraging continuing state investment**

- A successful lobbying campaign for co-op housing renovation
Nicholas Gazzard
Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada
Vice President, ICA Housing
- State investment in housing in Austria
Eva Bauer
Austrian Federation of Limited-Profit Housing Associations

Solidarity within the co-operative housing movement

- The ethical housing fund established by Cooperhousing Foundation
Luciano Caffini
President ANCAB, National Association of Housing Co-operatives (Italy)
President, Co-operatives Section, CECODHAS Housing Europe

Harnessing member investment

- **Franz-Bernd Große-Wilde MRICS**
Spar- und Bauverein eG Dortmund, Berlin (Germany)
- **Mårten Lilja**
Riksbyggen (Sweden)

15:00 Discussion and questions to speakers

15.45 Tea and Coffee
Riverside Room

16:00 Closing session:

Stephen Hill MA, MRICS, CEnv
Director
C₂O futureplanners
A Housing Policy FIT for the Big Society

16.30 Close of symposium



It is clear that innovative schemes like housing co-ops are really important in the current climate

Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
UK Housing Minister



Thursday 7 October 2010

Speaker Profiles



David Rodgers

President - International Co-operative Alliance Housing Sector Organisation
Executive Director - CDS Co-operatives, England

David Rodgers trained as a science teacher but began his career in co-operative housing in 1972, while a student, as a voluntary committee member pioneering the early development of housing co-operatives. Since 1979 he has been Executive Director of CDS Co-operatives, now the largest secondary housing co-operative in England managing 3,300 homes. CDS Co-operatives is promoting the development of Community Land Trusts and Mutual Home Ownership, a new form of shared equity housing co-operative to enable those excluded from the housing market to own an equity stake in their own home.



Charles Gould

Director General – International Co-operative Alliance, Geneva, Switzerland

Charles Gould took office as ICA Director-General on 1 September 2010. Prior to his appointment he served as CEO of Volunteers of America, a health care, housing and human services organisation in the United States. In each of the last five years of his administration he was recognised as one of the fifty most influential leaders in the United States non-profit sector. He served as a member of the board of the American Society of Association Executives, and of the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aged. Formerly an attorney-at-law, he has a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from the University of Minnesota Law School (USA), and a Master of Studies (MSt) in International Human Rights Law from Oxford University (United Kingdom).



Professor Steve Wilcox

Centre for Housing Policy, University of York, England

Professor Steve Wilcox joined the Centre for Housing Policy in 1996 from the University of Wales at Cardiff and was awarded a personal chair in Housing Policy at the University of York in 2000. He has specialist knowledge in the area of housing finance and is editor of the highly respected UK Housing Review (formerly the Housing Finance Review). His research interests include housing finance and housing policy; housing, work and welfare, housing and the economy; local housing companies and housing statistics.



Adrian Coles

Chair – Commission on Co-operative and Mutual Housing
Director General – Building Societies Association, England

A graduate of both Nottingham and Sheffield Universities with degrees in Economics, Adrian Coles joined the Building Societies Association in 1979 as an Economist. After various appointments he became Director-General in 1993. Between 1993 and 1996 he was also Director General of the Council of Mortgage Lenders and recently chaired the Commission on Co-operative and Mutual Housing which produced the report ‘**Bringing Democracy Home**’ on the UK housing co-operative sector [www.ccmh.coop]



Nicholas Gazzard

Vice President–International Co-operative Alliance Housing Sector Organisation
Executive Director – Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada

Nicholas Gazzard has been involved with co-operative housing for 30 years in a variety of management capacities. Currently Executive Director of the CHF Canada he also chairs an investment company for co-operatives and other forms of community housing. Nicholas was former executive director of COHO Management one of the largest co-op housing management companies in Canada.



Eva Bauer

Austrian Federation of Limited Profit Housing Associations

Eva Bauer graduated in Studies of Sociology and Economics at the University of Vienna. She is a fellow researcher at “Institut für Stadtforschung” in Vienna, Assistant Professor at the University of Innsbruck, since 1992: Advisor for Housing Economies at Österreichischer Verband gemeinnütziger Bauvereinigungen (Austrian Federation of Limited-Profit Housing Associations); and since 2005: Lecturer at Research institute for Cooperation and Cooperatives (RICCS), Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration.



Luciano Caffini

President – ANCAB, National Association of Housing Co-operatives, Italy
President – Co-operatives Section, CECODHAS Housing Europe

Luciano Caffini graduated in 1975 in Economics and Commerce at the Bocconi University of Milan, he works in Rome and Milan. He is President of Legacoop Abitanti (Legacoop Inhabitants), Foundation Abitare la Città, Foundation Cooperhousing Legacoop and a member of Legacoop European Committee and the board of Co-operatives Europe.



Franz-Bernd Große-Wilde MRICS

Chief Executive, Spar- und Bauverein eG Dortmund, Berlin, Germany

Franz-Bernd Große-Wilde joined the management board of Spar- und Bauverein eG Dortmund in January 2010. The company is a member of the GdW Bundesverband der Wohnungs- und Immobilienwirtschaft eV Berlin and he is a board member of ICA Housing.



Mårten Lilja

Organising Manager – Riksbyggen, Sweden

Mårten Lilja was born in Stockholm 1960 and attended Stockholm University. At Riksbyggen he is engaged in issues around housing policies, legislative issues and organizing activities concerning elected representatives within Riksbyggen. Previous employments: State secretary in the ministry for sustainable development 2005-2006, Information manager HSB (Housing Cooperative Organization) 1992-2004.



Stephen Hill, MA, MRICS, CEnv

Director C₂O futureplanners, England

Stephen Hill is an independent public interest practitioner, with forty years of public and private sector experience of housing, planning and delivering mixed-use development, urban extensions, new settlements, and community-led neighbourhood regeneration. He is currently RICS' representative on the CLG Housing Policy Sounding Board, and Housing Construction Roundtable, through which he has been coordinating a self-organised housing sector group working with CLG on new policy development. For over 20 years, he has championed land tenure and tax reform, and Community Land Trusts and citizen led housing solutions.

Friday 8 October 2010

Co-operative responses to the climate change challenge

When it comes to climate change, small actions can make an accumulative difference. Housing co-operatives are developing new approaches in response to the climate change challenge.

The programme for today looks at the nature of the climate change challenge and some exemplar responses of the co-operative housing sector to it. The aim of today's symposium is to show that, by working together, housing co-operatives and their members can make a difference.

10:00 Welcome by the Chair

Nicholas Gazzard

Vice-President
ICA Housing Sector Organisation
Chief Executive
Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada

10:15 The climate change challenge and the International Co-operative Alliance's response to it

Bob Burlton

Principal, **ACT!** (Co-operatives Addressing the Climate Threat)
former Chair, Co-operative Financial Services (England)

Questions and discussion

11:00 Six exemplar climate change initiatives

Initiative 1: Reducing carbon emissions by 50% by 2023

Linn Matic

Senior Advisor Housing Policy
HSB Riksförbund - National Association of Housing Co-operatives (Sweden)

11.30 Tea and Coffee Riverside Room

11.45 Initiative 2: Reducing carbon emissions by 60% - Sanford Housing Co-operative Ltd, winner of Inside Housing Magazine's "most sustainable affordable housing regeneration project" award 2008

Jim Noble

Chair, Sanford Housing Co-operative, New Cross, London (England)

12.15 Initiative 3: A Carbon Neutral co-operative housing federation

Thom Armstrong

Executive Director, Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia (Canada)

12:45 Lunch Riverside Room



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14.00 Initiative 4: Zero Carbon in design and use: an exemplar project – the Pines Calyx Centre, St Margaret's Bay, Dover and the extension of zero carbon design to community housing projects

Alistair Gould

Chair, **Chairman**, The Bay Trust, St Margaret's Bay, Dover (England)

14:30 Initiative 5: The Borneo Initiative – implementing sustainable forestry through certification

Wim Ellenbroek

Programme Director, The Borneo Initiative, Breukelen (The Netherlands)

15.00 Initiative 6: LILAC Mutual Home Ownership Society, Leeds – proposals for Ecohousing straw bale homes owned by a Mutual Home Ownership Society

Dr Paul Chatterton

Dr Tash Gordon

Founder Members, LILAC (England)

15.30 Tea and Coffee
Riverside Room

15.45 Closing Keynote speech
The United Nations International Year of Co-operatives 2012

Dame Pauline Green

President
International Co-operative Alliance
Geneva, Switzerland.

Questions and discussion

16.15 Closing remarks and announcement of the next ICA Housing symposium, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2011

16.20 Wine Reception
Riverside Room

17.00 Close



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Speaker Profiles



Bob Burlton

Principal, ACT! –Co-operatives Addressing the Climate Threat, England

Bob Burlton has played a leading role in the transformation and renaissance of the co-operative sector in recent years, in the UK and internationally and has become increasingly involved in campaigning against the climate threat. He is former Chief Executive of the Oxford & Swindon Co-operative, Chair of Co-operatives^{UK}, the Co-operative Group and Co-operative Financial Services and was President of Co-operative Congress in 1999.



Linn Matic

Senior Advisor Housing Policy – HSB Riksförbund - National Association of Housing Co-operatives, Sweden

Linn Matic has worked for HSB since May 2010 and her main tasks are opinion-shaping activities concerning housing policy and housing construction/development. Before coming to HSB, Linn worked for the organisation jagvillhabostad.nu (Iwanhousing.now), a youth organisation/think tank for housing for young people. She has studied urban planning and human geography.



Jim Noble

Chair – Sanford Housing Co-operative Limited, England

Jim Noble was born in the Yorkshire Dales to energy conscious (read: tight fisted) parents. He is chair of the fully mutual Sanford Housing Co-operative in London. Jim was part of the Carbon 60 team and has been re-elected chair since its completion so something must have gone right somewhere.



Thom Armstrong

Executive Director – Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia, Canada

Thom Armstrong has worked in the Canadian co-op housing sector since 1983. He is presently the executive director of the Co-operative Housing Federation of British Columbia (CHF BC) and its affiliated companies, headquartered in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. CHF BC represents 237 non-profit housing co-ops with 12,500 co-op homes in the province.



Alistair Gould

Chairman, The Bay Trust, England

Alistair is a Chartered Surveyor and Chartered Environmentalist working in the field of low carbon design through projects reflecting the core principles of 'cradle-to-cradle' sustainability, community benefit and collaborative partnerships between professions. The Bay Trust is an environmental educational charity focused on exploring new (and old) models for sustainable living.



Wim Ellenbroek

Programme Director, The Borneo Initiative, Breukelen, Netherlands

Wim Ellenbroek has been involved in The Borneo Initiative since its inception. Appointed Programme Director on 1 March 2010 he manages the organisation in the Netherlands and Indonesia. Graduating as a development economist in Wageningen, Wim has worked for various organisations abroad notably on projects focusing on the development of the local population in buffer zones in wildlife areas and for the past seven years he has worked as project coordinator for the World Wide Fund for Nature.



Dr Paul Chatterton/Dr Tash Gordon

Founder Members – LILAC, England

Paul Chatterton teaches in the School of Geography at the University of Leeds. His main interests are campaigning skills/techniques and urban social movements; urban development and how city centres are being privatised and corporatised; and alternative models for development, looking at the potential for self-management. Tash Gordon is a medical doctor who, through Kiptik, has worked in autonomous health systems in Latin America. She now works as a GP in Leeds. LILAC [**Low Impact Living Affordable Community**] is a pioneering project which aims to build a community of 20 homes and a common house to high ecological standards using cohousing design principles.



Dame Pauline Green

President – International Co-operative Alliance Geneva, Switzerland

Formerly Chief Executive of Co-operatives UK and prior to that, MEP for North London and Leader of the European Parliament, Dame Pauline Green became the first woman President of the International Co-operative Alliance in its 115 year history in November 2009. Pauline argued that the time is right for radical change in the priorities of the ICA, and called on members to rally to help her achieve the sort of global body that the size and reach of the movement deserves.

Exhibitors

Amica Dall

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