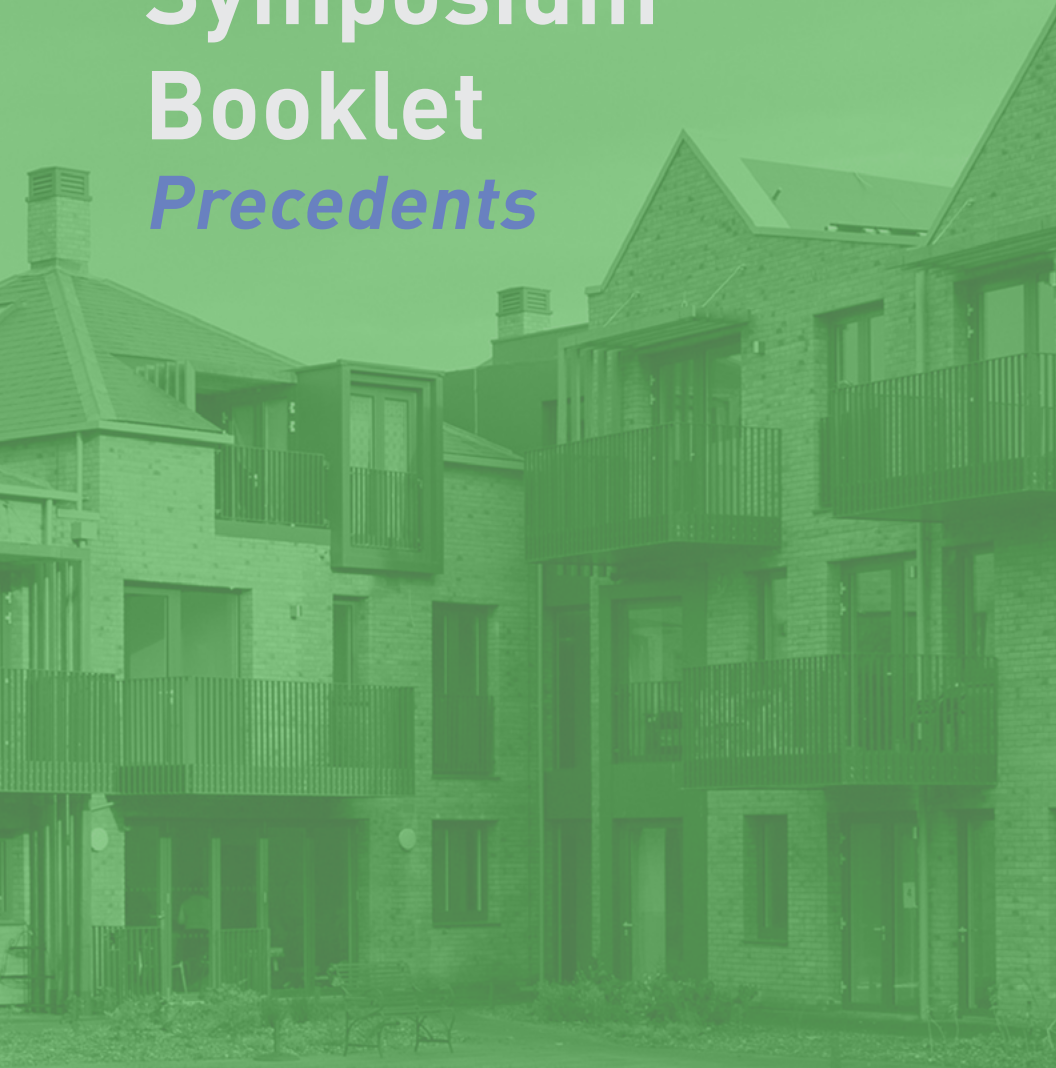

Cohousing Symposium Booklet *Precedents*



Precedents

Contemporary cohousing models.

Introduction

To complement the projects presented in the talks by John Mcminn, Grace Kim, Crystal Byrd Farmer, and Adrian Blackwell, are a list of relevant and inspiring built cohousing projects.

The following precedents are examples of cohousing that demonstrate the realm of collaborative living which is concerned with affordability, participatory design, community funding, and environmentally conscious designs.

Not represented in this list are examples of “cohousing” that operate as a rental model owned by for-profit corporations.

Hashtags

Along the side of each project are values which guided the development and design process of the cohousing complex. Included are:

#Artist Space

#Shared
Circulation

#Urban Development

#Small Units

#Ownership Model

#Condominium

#Community
Organized

#Adaptive-
Reuse

#Low Cost

#Rural Development

#Self-Built

#Shared Design

#Affordability

#Pedestrian Street

#Self Governed

#Green Design

#Market-Rate
Secured

#Passive House

#Participatory
Design

#Co-Designed
and Co-Built

2013

R50 Baugruppen

Berlin, Germany

United
States

Europe

Canada

UK

Japan



Photo of R50 Baugruppen

Architects

Co-designed by architects ifau,
Jesko Fezer, and Heide & von Beckerath

#Community
Funded

Description

This 19 unit cohousing project was initiated by the architects and collectively funded. Designed through a participatory planning approach.

#Urban
Development

View This Project Here:

[ArchDaily](#)

[ifau Project Phases](#)

[Architect Project PDF](#)

[Heide & von Beckerath](#)

[Metropolis](#)

#Affordable

#Participatory
Design

2016

ChZero

Pisa, Italy

Europe



Photo of ChZero

Canada

UK

Japan



Photo of ChZero Terrace

Architects

Co-funded and designed by a group of architects and engineers, including ATIPProject

#Community
Organized

Description

Built by a group of architects and engineers. Four units per floor on the first three floors, with a shared roof terrace and common space.

#Green Design

View This Project Here:

[Dwell](#)

[Domus](#)

[ATIPProject](#)

[Case Study PDF](#)

#Ownership
Model

#Low Cost

2017

Co-living Complex Oosterwold

Almere, Netherlands

Europe



Photo of Oosterwold Exterior

United
States

Canada

UK

Japan



Photo of Oosterwold Unit Interior

Architects

Designed by bureau SLA and self-organized and funded.

#Self-Built

Description

Nine friends come together to build a cohousing development. A 100m long bar building leaves a large space for the community garden.

#Rural Development

View This Project Here:

[ArchDaily](#)

[Bureau SLA](#)

[ENKI Magazine](#)

#Community Organized

#Low Cost

2017

Scarwafa

Amsterdam, Netherlands

United States
Europe
Canada
UK
Japan



Photo of Scarwafa Cohousing

Architects

Designed by krft Architects and self-organized.

#Ownership
Model

Description

Three couples bought three lots next to one another and they built a cohousing complex together.

#Low Cost

View This Project Here:

[ArchDaily](#)

[KRFT](#)

#Shared De-
sign

#Community
Organized

2007

Silver Sage

Colorado, US

United
States

Europe



Photo of R50 Baugruppen

Canada

UK

Japan



Photo of R50 Baugruppen

Architects

Designed and planned by McCam-
mant and Durret Architects in col-
laboration with residents.

#Adaptive-
Reuse

Description

16 households are built around a
courtyard. A shared 5000sqft com-
mon house. This is a seniors com-
munity design with aging-in-place
principles, and the first cohousing
community in the country.

#Ownership
Model

View This Project Here:

[Silver Sage Cohousing](#)

[McCammant and Durret Architects](#)

#Market-Rate
Secured

#Affordability

2015

Mountain View

California, US

United
States

Europe

Canada

UK

Japan



Photo of Mountain View Gardens

Architects

Designed and planned by McCam-
mant and Durret Architects in col-
laboration with residents.

#Community
Organized

Description

This 19 unit complex is a cohous-
ing condominium residence. With
6000+ sq ft of indoor common
space and 4000+ sq ft of outdoor
garden space. Includes a repur-
posed 1898 farmhouse.

#Green Design

View This Project Here:

[Mountain View Cohousing](#)

[McCammant and Durret Architects](#)

#Adaptive-
Reuse

#Self Governed

2016

Vancouver

Vancouver, Canada

United
States

Europe

Canada

UK

Japan



Photo of Vancouver Cohousing "Street"

Architects

Designed by McCammant and Durrett Architects with a participatory design approach.

#Community
Organized

Description

These 29 privately owned houses share a 6500+ sq ft common house. The Vancouver cohousing complex was built in an old city neighbourhood.

#Ownership
Model

View This Project Here:

[Vancouver Cohousing](#)

[McCammant and Durrett Architects](#)

[Canadian Cohousing Network](#)

#Green Design

#Urban
Development

2018

Radiance Cohousing *Saskatoon, Canada*

United
States

Europe



Photo of Radiance Cohousing Interior

Canada

UK

Japan



Photo of Radiance Cohousing Exterior

Architects

Designed by BLDG Studio, this was a collaboratively designed and constructed cohousing complex.

#Community
Organized

Description

This cohousing complex has 9 units. It was designed to Passive House standards and includes many sharing features including a dedicated car-share.

#Passive House

View This Project Here:

[Radiance Cohousing](#)

[Dwell](#)

#Co-Designed
and Co-Built

[Radiance Cohousing Information PDF](#)

[Passive House Buildings](#)

#Participatory
Design

2013

LILAC Cohousing

London, UK

United
States

Europe

Canada

UK

Japan



Photo of LILAC Communal Pond

Architects

Using a participatory design approach, this community was built with the help of Architecture firm White Design.

#Adaptive-Reuse

Description

With 20 environmentally conscious units, this Leeds development is built around shared common space, including a common house and outdoor space.

#Community Organized

View This Project Here:

[LILAC \(Low Impact Living Affordable Community\)](#)

#Eco Village

[The Guardian](#)

[Pollard Thomas Edwards](#)

[White Design](#)

#Affordability

2016

OWCH Group

London, UK

United
States

Europe

Canada

UK

Japan



Photo of OWCH Communal Garden

Architects

Pollard Thomas Edwards was the architect who worked with the Hannover Housing organization.

#Aging-in-place

Description

With 25 private residences, Older Women's Co-housing is organized around a series of communal outdoor spaces. Designed for older women the complex is fitted with aging-in-place infrastructures.

#Community
Organized

View This Project Here:

[Dezeen](#)

[Older Women's Co-Housing](#)

#Urban
Development

[Pollard Thomas Edwards](#)

["A room of one's own?" Jakarta Post](#)

#Women's Only
Space

2018

Marmalade Lane

London, UK

United
States

Europe



Photo of Marmalade Lane Street Front

Canada

UK

Japan



Photo of Marmalade Lane Center

Architects

Designed by Mole Architects and equity-financed by Trivselhus UK.

#Community
Organized

Description

Named Marmalade Lane for the car-free street down the center of the development. The complex has 42 homes, a mix of two to five bedroom terraced houses.

#Urban
Development

View This Project Here:

[ArchDaily](#)

[Mole Architects](#)

[Marmalade Lane](#)

[Architonic](#)

#Community
Designed

#Pedestrian Street

2003

Kankan Mori

Tokyo, Japan

United
States

Europe

Canada

UK

Japan



Photo of Kankan Mori Cohousing

Architects

Construction managed and spatially designed by Ikuko Koyabe Architects.

#Adaptive-Reuse

Description

The housing collaborative takes up two floors of a twelve-story repurposed school building. Contains 26 apartments and 166m² of common space.

#Urban Development

View This Project Here:

[JSTOR](#)

[Collective House](#)

#Community Organized

#Ownership Model

2009

Yokohama

Yokohama-Shi, Japan

United
States

Europe

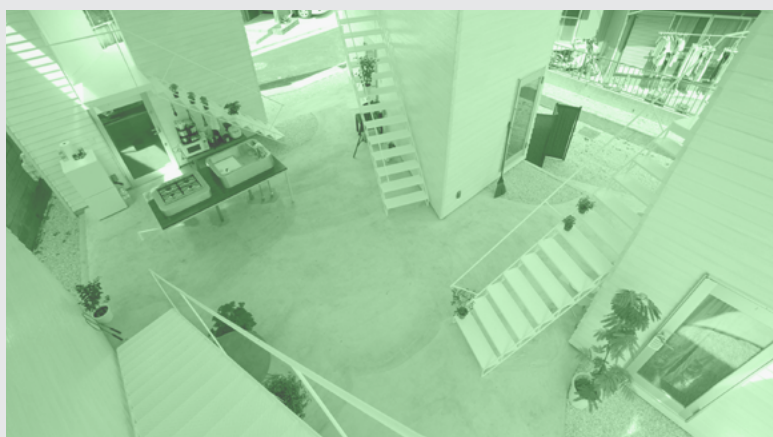


Photo of Yokohama Apartments

Canada

UK

Japan



Photo of Yokohama Apartments

Architects

Designed by Erika Nakagawa Architects.

#Small Units

Description

A 4 unit wooden structure in an unusual site is an artists cohousing complex. The interior courtyard serves as a studio and gallery space for the residents.

#Shared
Circulation

View This Project Here:

[ArchDaily](#)

[Erika Nakagawa](#)

#Urban Development

#Artist Space

2015

Cooperative garden

Tokyo, Japan

United States
Europe
Canada
UK
Japan



Photo of Cooperative Garden

Architects

Designed by Erika Nakagawa Architects.

#Shared
Circulation

Description

This 10 unit structure is designed over 10 floors with a large communal staircase. As a high-rise condominium, each unit has access to outside space via a deck.

#Condominium

View This Project Here:

[Erika Nakagawa Models](#)

[Eirka Nakagawa](#)

#Urban Development

#Ownership Model

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