

Commonweal Housing - Opportunity for Partnership

Aims and Objectives

Commonweal Housing exists to find housing solutions to social injustices. We are looking for project delivery partners to deliver new housing projects with a focus on testing, learning and evaluation. We provide the properties, and we want new partners to run the projects for their service users.

We are looking for organisations that understand a social injustice, have an innovative housing idea they believe can make a difference, and want to work with us to test, evaluate and share that learning. Ideally, the idea will work, allowing for the pilot to be scaled up and influence practice elsewhere.

We provide the property, investment, independent evaluation and strategic support. Our partners bring the expertise, own the problem and own the solution – and deliver a new housing project for their service users. Together, we create evidence that helps improve housing practice far beyond a single project.

Why partner with Commonweal?

Commonweal is more than a property provider or grant funder. We are an action learning charity that helps expert organisations test innovative housing solutions and generate evidence that can change systems.

Every partnership is built around three ambitions:

- **Deliver** an innovative housing project that improves outcomes. We purchase the property the project needs, and we lease them to our partners to deliver the housing projects for their service users
- **Learn** through robust, independent evaluation and action learning. We commission and pay for independent evaluation of all our pilot projects. We want to help partners test a housing solution
- **Influence** by ensuring successful approaches continue beyond the life of the pilot through scaling, replication and changes to policy and practice. We want to share and champion the learning from our projects alongside partners

We believe the greatest value of a pilot project is not simply the service it delivers, but the learning it creates and the change that learning enables across the wider sector.

What and who we are looking for

We are looking for organisations that already understand the problem and injustice they want to solve and have an innovative housing solution they want to test.

Our partners bring the expertise, insight and ambition. They own the problem and own the proposed solution. Commonweal provides the property, investment, evaluation and strategic support needed to test that solution and build an evidence base for wider change.

We are looking for organisations that share our three ambitions: to deliver an outstanding pilot, generate meaningful learning and create lasting impact beyond the life of the project.

What we expect from project partners

- **Deliver**
A commitment to delivering an excellent housing project and continuously improving it throughout the pilot. Partners will have autonomy and trust to manage the properties and provide support to tenants as they see fit.
- **Learn**
A commitment to openness, independent evaluation and honest reflection. Partners should share information, data and learning openly so that the evidence generated is robust, credible and valuable to the wider sector.
- **Influence**
A commitment to ensuring successful ideas do not end when the pilot finishes. This may involve embedding and scaling the model within your own organisation, supporting replication by others, or contributing to changes in policy and practice. We want partners who will actively share learning and help others adopt successful approaches where appropriate.

Closing message

Our ambition is not simply to help organisations deliver successful projects. We work with partners to create evidence that influences how housing services are designed and delivered in the future. Success is measured not only by the impact of an individual pilot, but by the lasting change it creates across the wider sector.

If this sounds like something your organisation could deliver in partnership with Commonweal, we want to hear from you.

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