

Biographies of Trustees Standing for Election

Claire White

I support CLTs because: I believe community ownership of land and assets is the best way to create places where people love to live, work and spend their time. CLTs give ordinary people a say in what happens where they live and crucially can help to create the genuinely affordable, quality, homes that communities need.

Claire has worked at Cwmpas, a co-operative development agency (formally known as the Wales Co-operative Centre) covering the whole of Wales since 2013, supporting the delivery of financial and digital inclusion projects as well as community shares. Most recently, Claire has been supporting community groups to develop their own Community-led Housing, including CLTs, as an enabler and accredited advisor in the Communities Creating Homes team.

Claire has a background in programme monitoring and evaluation having worked in both the public and third sector including European funded business support programmes. Claire also volunteered as the Wales student representative for the Open University Students Association and sat as a student representative on the University's Senate where she studied Politics, Philosophy and Economics. She also has a BA in Creative Writing and History from Bath Spa University and completed a MA in Journalism Studies at Cardiff University.

For more details on Claire's background, please visit <https://www.linkedin.com/in/claire-white-28451756/>

Kym Shaen-Carter

I support CLTs because I believe that when communities are empowered to lead the development and long-term management of their area, better, more sustainable places are created which provide the facilities that the local community wants and needs to thrive. Crucially I have seen first-hand that when communities lead development it strengthens social connections and improves people's sense of belonging, mental health and well-being.

Kym is a Development Director and Chartered Commercial Surveyor at igloo Regeneration. In 2017, she won a British Property Rising Star Award for her work for igloo Community Builders. igloo are a sustainable regeneration and urban development company who create and manage places for People, Place and Planet.

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Claude Colin Glen

Colin has a passion for delivering affordable housing. As the previous vice chair of London's first community land trust, which provides genuinely affordable homes for Londoners, he was vice chair of London CLT at the inception of the board who were instrumental in delivering St Clements Affordable CLT Homes in Mile End.

He has been interested in CLTs for the past decade, having travelled to the United States and being hosted by the Champlain Housing Community Land Trust, the largest community land trust in the US. The trip provided him with an understanding of the housing model and enthused him to dedicate his time to work in support of CLTs here in the UK.

He is a construction professional and holds professional memberships with the Chartered Institution of Building as a Chartered Construction Manager, the Chartered Institution of Civil Engineering Surveyors as an Engineering Surveyor, and the Institution of Civil Engineers as an Incorporated Civil Engineer. His career spans over 20 years as part of teams delivering mega construction projects and iconic buildings, commercial office space, health care, residential property and stadia in London.

He is a founding director of Genesis Projects Incorporated (GPI Ltd). A Project Management consultancy which assists local communities with land and property development. GPI focuses on community projects, affordable housing, heritage buildings and residential development whilst allowing him to pursue his passion for CLTs.

Nicholas John Boys Smith

Nicholas is the founding Director of Create Streets, an independent research institute that encourages and supports the creation of more and better homes in mixed use “gentle density” places rather than complex multi-storey buildings or drive to cul-de-sacs. Many of Create Streets’ ideas are now embedded in national and local planning policy.

Nicholas was co-chair of the Government’s Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission whose influential report, Living with Beauty, recommended empowering communities and supporting CLTs. He is Chair of the Transition Board for the Government’s Office of Place as well as being a Commissioner at Historic England and a senior research fellow in urban design at the University of Buckingham. Nicholas has written extensively on development, planning and the links between design, wellbeing, value, sustainability and public support as well as leading or supporting many urban design and community co-design projects.