

PGR-led Interdisciplinary Forum on Innovative Approaches to Housing

Virtual event | 25 May 2021

The event is free to attend and will take place online. To sign up to attend/participate please fill in the following Google form:

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If you have any questions or issues signing up please get in touch with Philippa Hughes at phughes4@sheffield.ac.uk

This forum will showcase research from post-graduate and early career researchers on innovative approaches to planning, building, and living in housing. The event aims to enable attendees to form connections with other early career researchers whose work is related to innovative and alternative responses to housing problems. There is also the potential for this network to be maintained going forward, with additional events and activities likely to be planned for the future.

The forum will provide:

- A programme of presentations on new and emerging research areas that are relevant to the audience's field of study but that expand their understanding and knowledge of the field in new directions.
- An opportunity for PGRs and other ECRs to present their work to an engaged and supportive audience.
- A networking opportunity. In as much as possible online to provide spaces for meeting others during the day.
- A discussion regarding the formation and maintenance of a PGR/ECR network going forward.
- A session of short presentations by practitioners highlighting innovative housing development projects in England.

We are seeking postgraduate research students or early career researchers for both participation and presentation as part of the day's discussion on housing innovations past, present and future, and across multiple spatial and political contexts. Potential research themes include the following, though we welcome contributions from beyond these areas:

- Environmentally sustainable building and living, materials and practices
- Tenant and resident collectivisation and community self-organisation
- Housing justice and land justice
- Collaborative housing
- Architecture and participatory design
- Support for self-builders, including informal self-build
- New approaches to density, upscaling and extension

- New housing finance: Rent tenures, investment, ethical housing financing and mortgaging.
- Participatory planning and planning for better housing and neighbourhoods
- Communes, Communal living and intentional communities
- Emerging housing campaigning, activism, and politics.
- The role that research plays in supporting sustainable change.

Participants will have the opportunity on the day to introduce their work in small group settings.

We are also seeking participants who would like to present their research to the forum. We encourage presentations at any stage of the research process and on any topic, not necessarily the author's key current project. Presentations will generally be around 15 minutes each but if you would like to present in another style we can discuss this. If you indicate that you are interested in presenting when you register we will be in touch with more details.