



Welcome to the *International Collaborative Housing Conference* Stockholm, 5-9 May 2010

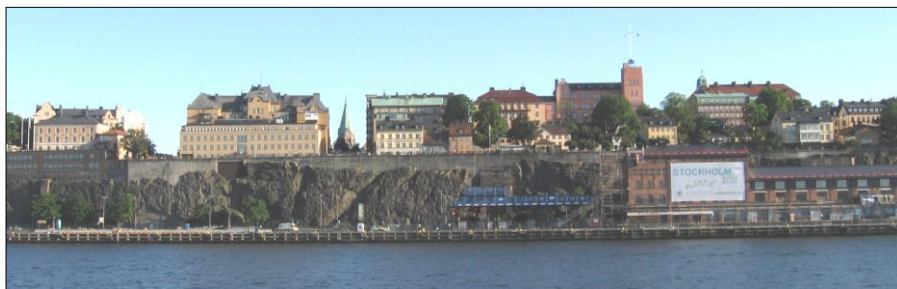


Urban & Regional Studies

The last 20 years have seen a growing interest in cohousing and other alternative forms of living in Sweden as well as internationally. The search for a sense of community remains an important driving force behind demands for cohousing. During the last ten years new aspects have been added, such as housing for the “second half of life” and planning for more sustainable lifestyles.

Collaborative housing networks in a number of countries have taken an interest in the Swedish cohousing model, which is characterized by a strong involvement by municipal housing companies and by political initiatives combined with efforts from independent non-government organizations. The fact that these companies offer rental housing means that cohousing is accessible also to single parents and retired people with limited incomes.

Against this background, the association *Kollektivhus NU* and the Division of Urban and Regional Studies of The Royal Institute of Technology (KTH) invite interested persons and organisations to an international conference on collaborative housing, to take place in Stockholm 5-9 May 2010. The conference will provide a forum for researchers, housing companies, politicians and activists to meet and discuss experiences of different models of collaborative living. The conference is intended to give an overview of current international praxis and knowledge and to strengthen existing international cooperation.



Venue & language

The conference will take place at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm. The conference language will be English (except for two workshops, which will be carried out in Swedish).

Registration, conference fee

The conference fee is Eur 200 when registering before 1 March 2010. After that date the fee will be Eur 275. The conference fee includes access to keynote lectures and workshops, snacks in coffee breaks, lunches and a conference package. After the conference, additional study visits to cohousing units in West and South Sweden will be offered to interested participants. The dinner Saturday night and the study tours are to be paid separately. Find a registration form at <http://www.kollektivhus.nu/eng/index.html>. Recommendations for accommodation will be sent out upon registration.



Documentation

The conference will be documented in a report to be disseminated electronically. It will consist of keynote lectures and conclusions from workshops.

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Program for the *International Collaborative Housing Conference*

Wednesday 5 May	Thursday 6 May	Time	Friday 7 May Moderator: Bertil Egerö	Saturday 8 May Moderator: Dick Urban Vestbro	Sunday 9 May Moderator: Kerstin Kärnekull
	8h Registration	8h	Registration	Registration	<i>Cohousing from Women's Perspective</i> , Inga-Lisa Sangregorio
	9h Gathering at KTH, Drottning Kristinas väg 30 for info on study tours + departure by bus	9-10.30 session	<i>Welcome: Barbro Westerholm</i> <i>Swedish housing</i> Göran Cars <i>History of communal housing</i> Dick Urban Vestbro	<i>Social change & housing demands</i> Dialogue: Eva Sandstedt & Bertil Egerö	<i>The New Everyday Life</i> Tarja Cronberg
	Study tour to cohousing in the Stockholm area	10.30-11	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break
		11-12.30 session	<i>Cohousing models today</i> Charles Durrett, USA	<i>Community living & welfare</i> Margrethe Kähler	Reports from workshops, 16 groups 5 min each
			<i>European models</i> Albrecht Göschel	<i>Housing for sustainable lifestyles</i> Dialogue: Kosha Joubert & Graham Meltzer	Summary Closing of conference
Lunch in the Färdknäppen cohousing unit	12.30–13.30	Lunch + mingle	Lunch + mingle	Departure, lunch on one's own	
Arrival	Study tour continues	13.30-16.30	8 parallel workshops (see separate program)	8 parallel workshops (see separate program)	
Registration, KTH, Drottning Kristinas väg 30		(incl. coffee break)			
Cohousing dinners in groups or free evening	Cohousing dinners in groups or free evening	16.30	Exhibitions, poster sessions	Exhibitions, poster sessions	
		19	Evening free	Dinner with cultural events Syster&Bror, KTH	

Exhibitions

Participants are invited to bring exhibitions and other material for poster sessions. Instructions for exhibitions and poster sessions will be sent out in the beginning of February.

Study tours

A detailed program for the study tours will be sent out in the beginning of February.

Workshops distributed by theme and days

Friday 7 May

(Plenaries: history; contemporary models)

1. *Multiple ways to collaborative housing: concepts from around the world*
2. *Shared meals – the hub of living together*
3. *Gender and cohousing*
4. *From "wishful thinking" to moving in, the steering and planning process*
5. *Design of common spaces; technical issues*
6. *Self-administration in tenant projects*
7. *Cohousing for seniors*
8. [Upplåtelseformer och ekonomi](#) (in Swedish)

Saturday 8 May

(Plenaries: social change; welfare; sustainability)

9. *Demands for collaborative housing in the future*
10. *Strategies for mobilisation and recruitment*
11. *Saving by sharing, how to promote sustainable lifestyles*
12. *Social environment and health*
13. *Initiatives from below – the role of civil society*
14. *Children and youth in cohousing*
15. *Conflicts and antidotes*
16. [Fler kollektivhus genom samverkan mellan boende/bostadsföretag/kommun](#) (in Swedish)

Each workshop will be administered by one moderator and one secretary, to be appointed well in advance. The moderator and secretary will be responsible for the delimitation of the theme, for structuring the workshop and for making a written report from the workshop to be completed before the end of the

conference (to be included in the final conference report). The workshop conclusions should also be summarized in a five-minute presentation in the final session of the conference. Guidelines for workshops are expected to be sent out in February 2010.



Keynote speakers at the International Collaborative Housing Conference

Barbro Westerholm

is a medical doctor, Professor and a Member of the Swedish Parliament for the Liberal Party. She has been the Director of The National Board of Health and Welfare, chair of the Swedish Association of Pensioners and chair of the government committee on housing for the elderly. Nowadays she is the chair of Liberal Seniors and a member of the Parliament Committee on Health and Welfare. At the conference Westerholm will greet the delegates welcome and speak about the housing situation for the elderly in Sweden today.



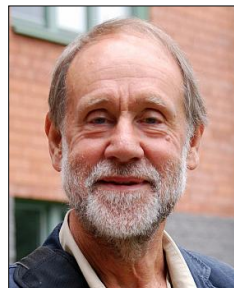
Göran Cars

is a Professor and Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Environment at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm. His research comprises housing policy, governance, planning processes and citizen participation in town planning. He has participated in several EU funded research projects. At present he is running an educational program on sustainable urban development in China. At the conference Cars will greet the delegates welcome and give an overview of Swedish housing policy.



Dick Urban Vestbro

is an architect and Prof Emeritus of Built Environment Analysis at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm. His research comprises collaborative housing, house and urban typologies, and slum upgrading in poor cities in developing countries. He has written several books and many papers on collaborative housing. He is the chairman of the Swedish association *Cohousing NOW*. At the conference Vestbro will speak about the history of collaborative housing.



Charles Durrett

is an architect living in California. In the 1980s he launched the 'cohousing' concept together with his wife Kathryn McCamant after their studies of Scandinavian cohousing units (resulting in the book *'Cohousing'* 1988). Together with his wife he has designed more than 50 cohousing units, and also served as a consultant to others involved in collaborative housing. In recent years he has taken an interest in housing for the elderly and published the book *'Senior Cohousing'*. At the conference Durrett will talk about various models of collaborative housing.



Albrecht Göschel

has a background in architecture and social policy. He is teaching at the Humboldt University in Berlin and at the Internationalen Centrum für Kultur und Management in Salzburg. Since 2007 he is the Chair of the *Forum für gemeinschaftliches Leben*, a society working for community in housing, especially such that bridge the gap between generations. The Forum initiates new communities and protects the interest of existing housing communities. At the conference Göschel will speak about German models of collaborative housing.



Eva Sandstedt

is a Professor of Sociology at the Institute of Housing and Urban Research at the Uppsala University. Her research focuses on the relationship between household structure, urban planning and social change, including risk and environmental issues such as the sick building syndrome. Earlier she studied single person households and their housing situation. Today she studies housing for the 'second half of life'. At the conference Sandstedt will talk on future housing demands in the context of demographic and social change in dialogue with Bertil Egerö (photo: Sara Igglund).



Bertil Egerö

is an Associate Professor in Sociology at the University of Lund with special interest in the relation between demographic dynamics and development. He has many years worked as advisor to the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency on related issues, as well as on development impacts of HIV/Aids in African countries. Egerö lives in the collective housing unit Slottet in Lund and is an activist in Cohousing NOW. At the conference Egerö will talk on future housing demands in the context of demographic and social change in dialogue with Eva Sandstedt.



Margrethe Kähler

is a lawyer and the Director of the Danish Ældre Sagen, an association working for active and meaningful life also for elderly people. With its 460,000 members in 214 local committees Ældre Sagen has become a powerful actor in Danish society. In year 2004 Kähler published the book *Bofællesskab - fra drøm til virkelighed* ('Cohousing from dream to reality'), giving practical advice about legal, economic, social and other issues related to collaborative housing. At the conference Kähler will talk about collaborative housing and welfare.



Kosha Joubert

has an MSc in Organisational Learning and Development. She grew up in South Africa, but has lived in intentional communities in Germany for the past 20 years, currently in the Ecovillage of Sieben Linden. She is the President of the *Global Ecovillage Network – Europe*. She is co-author of the curriculum for the Eco-village Design Education (www.gaiameducation.org) and co-editor of *Beyond You and Me. Inspirations and Wisdom for Building Community*. At the conference Joubert will speak about housing for sustainable lifestyles in the form of a dialogue with Graham Meltzer.



Graham Meltzer

is an architect, researcher and photographer living in the famous eco-village Findhorn in Scotland. He is of Australian origin and worked earlier as a Lecturer at the Queensland University of Technology. His PhD thesis, '*Cohousing: Toward Social and Environmental Sustainability*', was based on a study of cohousing in five countries. His book, '*Sustainable Community: learning from the cohousing model*', focuses on the relationship between community and sustainability. At the conference Meltzer will speak about housing for sustainable lifestyles in the form of a dialogue with Kosha Joubert.



Tarja Cronberg

is a Professor, a former party leader of the Green Party of Finland and an ex-minister in the Finnish government. She has a PhD in Building Function Analysis (Lund) and another in Business Administration (Copenhagen). She was an active member of a Nordic research group that contributed to launching the new model of collaborative housing in Sweden in the 1980s. She has been the Director of the Copenhagen Peace Research Institute and an associated researcher at the Finish Institute of Foreign Policy. At the conference Cronberg will talk about *The new everyday life*.



Inga-Lisa Sangregorio

is an author, an active participant in the Swedish public debate and a driving force in the successful feminist network Group 8. She is a member of the group *Living in Community*, which in 1982 published a book that contributed to the development of 50 new cohousing units in Sweden in the 1980s. More recently she wrote the booklet *Collaborative Housing in Sweden*, presenting the principles of Swedish collaborative housing and giving examples of how ideas have turned out in practice. At the conference Sangregorio will talk about *Collaborative Housing from a Women's Perspective*.

