

Living together – Cohousing Ideas

In May 2010, the first ever International Conference on Collaborative Housing took place in Stockholm, Sweden, attracting 150 participants from no less than 20 countries.

It brought together specialists and laymen, all with important experiences to share on what was variously called cohousing, collaborative housing, collective housing – to mention a few.

These Proceedings of the Conference is a comprehensive documentation of the growing interest in housing with shared spaces and resident collaboration around meals and other common facilities found today in Europe, North America, Australia, Japan and many other countries.

The conference included study visits to cohousing developments in the Stockholm area, eleven keynote addresses and sixteen well prepared workshops on various themes from the role played by common meals and design aspects, via gender issues, ageing and the roles of housing companies and civil society, to assessments of demands for cohousing in the future.

The Proceedings contain all the plenary papers, three specially written additional papers and elaborate reports from the sixteen conference workshops. With 180 illustrations spread over close to 240 pages, it is the most comprehensive book available today about housing with shared spaces and facilities for resident collaboration. It is an excellent source of material for researchers, housing companies, politicians, activists and non-government organisations interested in how to solve challenges linked to the ageing of societies and other transformations in household structures, how to relate to the problems of urban anonymity and isolation, or how to bring to life the potential of neighbourly cooperation and the search for less unsustainable lifestyles.

The Conference was a joint arrangement by the Swedish association **Kollektivhus NU** and the **Division of Urban and Regional Studies** of The Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm.

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