

## **Housing Futures: Community-led alternatives for Greater Manchester**

*Housing Futures* is a research partnership which seeks to advance understanding about the current and future potential of community-led housing to contribute to a more equitable, inclusive and democratic housing landscape in Greater Manchester. It forms part of the MISTRA Urban Futures-funded *Realising Just Cities* programme at the Urban Institute, University of Sheffield.

### **Who we are**

*Housing Futures* brings together academics, housing sector professionals, and members of the Greater Manchester co-operative and housing movement to co-produce knowledge and action about a range of community-led models, from co-operatives and cohousing to community land trusts. We work through a research steering group which is supported by a wider reference group of informed advisors.

### **Our approach**

We aim to integrate practical experiences in Greater Manchester, across the UK, and internationally, with existing academic knowledge in order to understand the many benefits, as well as the challenges, involved in realising community-led models for housing. We will produce a set of proposals tailored specifically to the Greater Manchester context about the kinds of approaches that may be most appropriate for meeting the needs of particular groups; particular areas; and for achieving 'affordability plus' outcomes: such as improving health and well-being, or enhancing local democracy. Through learning exchanges, networking events, and public debates, we are building a Greater Manchester Community-led Housing Network made up of individuals and organisations interested in taking action in response to our findings. Our partnership is funded until December 2018.

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