

Bios for Beyond Housing Applications of the CLT Model

- **Heather Benham, [Athens Land Trust](#) (US)**
 - Heather Benham joined Athens Land Trust in 2002 as a summer intern, and after graduating from UGA in 2003 with her joint Masters of Historic Preservation and Juris Doctorate, she was hired on as ALT's first full-time employee. Since that time she has filled many roles: Project Coordinator, overseeing construction on ALT's affordable housing program; Housing Director, building relationships with families while helping them achieve their dreams of homeownership; and Director of Operations, growing ALT's community agriculture program while managing the organization's operations. Now she serves as Executive Director, working closely with members of the community, other organizations, and local officials to further ALT's mission. ALT's impact has grown significantly during her tenure: the organization has grown from three employees to 31, and the annual operating budget has grown from \$60,000 to over \$2.5 million.
- **Britt Jurgensen, [Homebaked CLT](#) (UK)**
 - I live just off Oakfield Rd and have been involved with Homebaked since the early days - 2011, when I arrived with the plan to make a home, to meet people and find a way to belong where I live. I am a founding member of the bakery cooperative and supported the early years of the development. I've worked within Homebaked CLT as an artist, directed the Anfield Home Tour, co-created the Thing on the Rec, hosted fantastic local artists and helped to keep creative processes part of our DNA. I also worked for the CLT for many years as the engagement person, co-developing the community-led design work we have been doing. I feel very proud that we have gotten this far and want to ensure that we have full community ownership of the land, making sure we continue to create the place we want to live in with all the security, comfort and love we need and deserve.
- **Tom Murphy, [Homebaked CLT](#) (UK)**
 - I was born and raised in Anfield, and proud to still call it home. I joined the CLT Board back in Autumn 2018 as I wanted to get more involved in improving my community. I believe that local people are best placed to make things happen in their communities. I describe myself as a 'Jack of all trades... master of none' - but I do offer 12 years of knowledge and experience from working within Liverpool's Voluntary Community Social Enterprise Sector. By day, I'm the Business Development Manager at Kensington Fields Community Association and by night my CLT role includes a recent appointment as Company Secretary, which I'm getting to

grips with. I enjoy being a member of the Core Design Team, ensuring the voices of local residents are heard at Board level & I also generally try to get stuck in wherever help is needed.

- **Aaron Miripol, [Urban Land Conservancy \(US\)](#)**
 - Aaron Miripol has 30 years' experience running community development and affordable housing companies. He has overseen more than \$1 billion in direct economic development, including over 3,000 permanently affordable homes. Aaron joined ULC in 2007 and leads this unique real estate company in partnering with a wide range of organizations in the Denver metro area on the strategic acquisition and development of land and buildings to preserve and enhance their ability to create sustainable benefits in underserved communities. To date ULC has invested in 34 properties totaling \$100 million in investments, which leverages over \$700 million in development. Over 10,000 people and (more than 80% are low income households) and 2000 jobs are served by ULC's real estate.
 - Prior to his work at ULC, Aaron was the Executive Director of Thistle Community Housing, providing oversight on one of the fastest growing non-profit housing providers in Colorado. Before moving to Colorado, Aaron worked in Baltimore running two inner city nonprofit community development corporations, Southwest Visions and The Loading Dock. He was a Goldsmith Scholar in International Studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem, has his BA in History & International Studies from Macalester College in St. Paul, and a Masters in Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.
- **Mariangela Veronesi, [World Habitat \(UK\)](#) - moderator**
 - Mariangela started working at World Habitat in January 2013, on the World Habitat Awards and the International Peer Exchanges. In June 2014 she became a Technical Assistant in community-led upgrading processes for informal settlements in Manila, Philippines with the Technical Assistant Movement for People and the Environment, Inc. (TAMPEI). This work was performed in collaboration with the DPU, the Community Architects Network (CAN) and the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR).
 - Returning to World Habitat in July 2015 as Programme Manager for the World Habitat Awards, since February 2018 Mariangela has been leading the newly created Global Community-led Housing Programme. She is an Associate for Architecture Sans Frontières-UK, a non-profit organisation aiming to make community and international development issues integral to the built environment sector. Mariangela is also involved in queer urbanism and LGBTQ+ housing issues.

- Mariangela completed her MSc in Environment and Sustainable Development at the Development Planning Unit (DPU), UCL, where she specialised in community management of environmental issues in informal settlements. In 2012, she was involved in environmental research projects in Ghana and Benin around food security and planning. Previous to studying at the DPU, she gained a BSc in Economics and International Development at the University of Bath, and worked in Washington D.C., USA and in Mumbai, India in international development consultancy. During this period, she deepened her understanding of urban and planning issues in the Global South.