

TRANSFORMING HOUSING

PROJECT UPDATE

WHAT IS TRANSFORMING HOUSING?

Welcome to the Transforming Housing (TH) Project Update.

TH is an action research project committed to supporting innovative affordable housing projects, advocating for housing policy reform and creating and nurturing collaborative relationships with industry and government partners and other affordable housing research.

TH has four main objectives that guide all activities. They are:

Policy reform, development and advocacy

Innovative project development, delivery support and evaluation

Industry capacity building

Action research and research capacity building and dissemination

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT TRANSFORMING HOUSING?

It is an exciting time to be working in affordable housing right now. There is a critical mass of research, discussion and political will surrounding the topic and TH is proud to be part of a groundswell of activity in metropolitan Melbourne.

This Project Update outlines some key events and research outputs associated with the TH project.

INTEGRATED AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESEARCH ACROSS THE HOUSING CONTINUUM

Transforming Housing takes a housing continuum approach to affordable housing, recognising that positive change requires strategies targeted at a broad spectrum of needs and levels of support. As such, TH collaborates on

projects ranging from interventions to prevent homelessness through to strategies to facilitate affordable homeownership for low to moderate income households. Key current projects are outlined below.

- Towards an Integrated Affordable Housing Strategy for Victoria
- Melbourne Vital Signs

- New urban levers to address the homelessness crisis

- Evaluation of public housing stock transfer to Aboriginal Housing Victoria

- Shared ownership by people with disability

- Housing affordability and health and well-being

- The Melbourne Housing Exposition

- Disability Housing Futures
- Disability Housing Models

Homelessness

Crisis Accommodation

Public Housing

Community Housing

Affordable Rental

Affordable Home Ownership

Market Rental

Market Home Ownership

Short term

Social Housing

Subsidised Market Housing

Market Housing

YOU'RE INVITED: COLLABORATIVE PLANNING RESEARCH WORKSHOP

Action research and research capacity building and dissemination

Transforming Housing is hosting a Collaborative Planning Research Workshop on the 10th of October, featuring Professor Judith Innes.

Professor Judith Innes is visiting from UC Berkeley for the University of Melbourne's Dean's Lecture Series. She has substantial

expertise in collaborative planning and action research projects including her time spent on the Board of Directors for the University Oakland Metropolitan Forum in the 1980s and 1990s.

The workshop aligns with TH's commitment to action research and is designed to improve collaborative planning research capacity.

The workshop will be a chance to collaborate with other researchers and practitioners engaged in research projects that involve diverse stakeholders.

[**Register for the workshop here**](#)

[**Register for the Dean's Lecture here**](#)



UP-COMING: WORKSHOP AND PROJECT LAUNCH

Policy reform, development and advocacy

Innovative project development, delivery support and evaluation

Industry capacity building

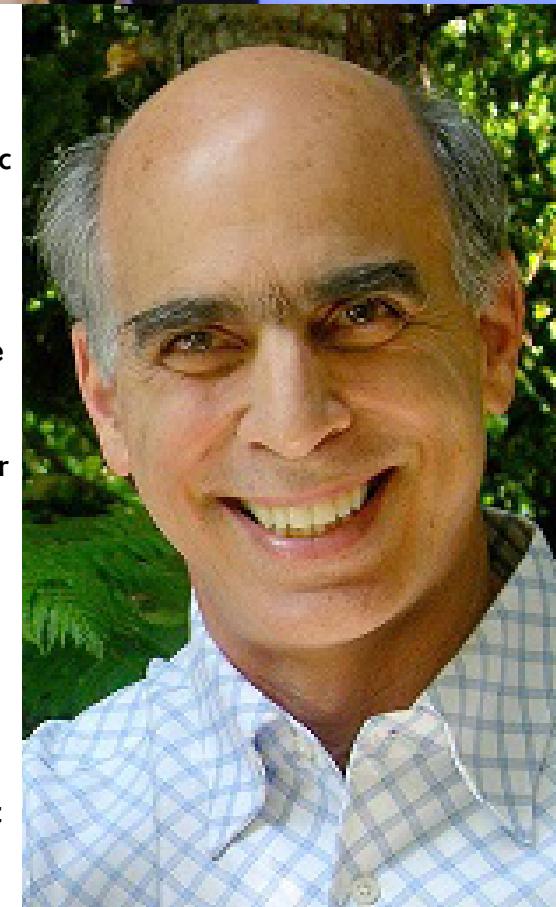
On December 7th Transforming Housing will be hosting two important events.

The first event will be a workshop to discuss an Integrated Affordable Housing Strategy for Victoria. The workshop will feature a presentation from Dr David Rosen, an expert in affordable housing, value capture analysis, capital markets and asset management. Topics will

include planning, finance, public housing, value capture and market leadership.

The second function will be a launch event for the Melbourne Housing Exposition and the 'Towards an Integrated Affordable Housing Strategy for Victoria' research paper.

This will be an opportunity to hear more about an exciting project to showcase best-practice place making and housing in a Melbourne metropolitan area. It will also kick-start a conversation about integrated housing delivery in Melbourne.



Save the Date:

December 7 2016

1. Affordable Housing Workshop
2. Research Launch Event

Details coming soon to the [Transforming Housing Website](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 10 Collaborative Planning Research Workshop with Professor Judith Innes

Workshop to discuss the possibilities and pitfalls of collaborative planning with Prof. Judith Innes

Lab 14, 700 Swanston St Carlton
[Click here to register](#)

Oct 11 Dean's Lecture Series with Professor Judith Innes

Public lecture by Judith Innes on collaborative dialogues and cooperative efforts in planning and public policy

Theatre B117, Melbourne School of Design
[Click here to register](#)

Oct 17 - 20 Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador

Professor Carolyn Whitzman will lead the University of Melbourne delegation at the Habitat III Conference in Quito.

[Read more here](#)

Mid Nov Advisory Committee Meeting

Quarterly meeting to discuss progress and workshop the Towards an Integrated Housing Strategy for Victoria Report

Dec 7 Integrated Housing Affordability Strategy Industry Workshop

Industry workshop investigating the implications and opportunities arising from current and proposed State Government policy levers.

Dec 7 Integrated Housing Strategy and Housing Exposition Launch Event

Cocktail event to launch two major affordable housing projects: Towards an Integrated Housing Strategy for Victoria and the Melbourne Housing Exposition

Feb 10 - 14 Australasian Housing Researchers Conference

Conference showcasing housing research. Transforming Housing is involved in organising and presenting at this event.

[Register here](#)

TRANSFORMING HOUSING IN THE NEWS



September 5 2016 - The Conversation

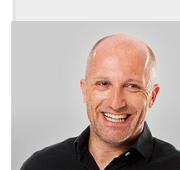
[Habitat III: the biggest conference you've probably never heard of](#)

Hayley Henderson, Alexei Trundle, Andre Stephan, Hesam Kamalipour, Melanie Lowe



August 25 2016 - The Conversation

[Why 100 years without slum housing in Australia is coming to an end](#)



A/Prof Rebecca Bentley

21 June 2016 - Drive with Rafael Epstein

[Housing affordability and the spiral of disadvantage](#)



A/Prof Rebecca Bentley

20 June 2016 - SBS

[Why the housing affordability crisis is making the poor even poorer](#)



A/Prof Rebecca Bentley

3 May 2016 - The Conversation

[Federal Budget 2016: Political experts react](#)



Prof. Carolyn Whitzman

21 April 2016 - The Conversation

[Where do record rental prices leave low-income earners?](#)

Prof. Carolyn Whitzman

UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON HOUSING AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Action research and research capacity building and dissemination

Policy reform, development and advocacy

The right to housing is going to be a big talking point at Habitat 3, the global summit taking place in Quito, Ecuador, from October 17-20, 2016.

This UN sponsored Global Summit on sustainable cities has been held every 20 years, and will be attracting close to 25,000 people to collectively work on a “New Urban Agenda” to guide urban planning and governance in the 21st century.

As part of the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the UN in 2015, a goal on making cities “safe, resilient and sustainable” has been included. The first target for that goal is “By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums.”

Two PhD students – Hesam Kamalipour and Hayley Henderson – are amongst the 12 people representing the University of Melbourne, a delegation which is led by Professor Carolyn Whitzman.

Hayley’s research focuses on urban governance, including how housing policy moves from definition to implementation in practice. Hesam’s research explores the morphologies and incremental transformation of informal settlements in a global context to investigate the ways in which environmental design professions can most effectively contribute to the transformation of informal housing.

The delegation will be live-blogging about the conference in [The Conversation](#)

MEET THE TEAM



A/Prof Clare Newton
Architecture



Dr Tom Alves
Urban Planning



Prof. Carolyn Whitzman
Urban Planning



Kate Raynor
Urban Planning



Dr Ilan Wiesel
Urban Geography



Dr Andy Krause
Property



Prof. David Ribar
Economic Disadvantage



Dr Georgia Warren-Myers
Property



A/Prof Rebecca Bentley **Dr Andrew Martel**
Population Health Construction



Sarah Backhouse
Architecture

BE INVOLVED

There are many ways to be involved with Transforming Housing. We will be issuing invitations to the Workshop in the coming weeks. If you have a project you’d like to discuss or a recommendation for an upcoming workshop then please get in contact.

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