

3. About Community

Community is a social landlord registered with the Housing Corporation, an organisation set up by the government to fund and monitor social landlords. It is also a Charitable Industrial and Provident Society, registered with the Registrar of Friendly Societies.

There are four main departments in Community: Housing Services, One Support, Development and Finance. Each department is run by a team of permanent staff and supervised by an elected Board who give their services voluntarily. The Board meet regularly to decide on policies, objectives and targets and to review overall performance. Community currently has around 250 members of staff.

Finance and Development

Community is funded by government grants allocated by the Housing Corporation. It is also funded by money from commercial loans and by subsidy from Community's market rented accommodation. These funds are used to provide new housing, either by buying older properties and redeveloping them or by buying land and building new flats and houses. Community's day-to-day running costs, such as managing and maintaining its properties, are covered by the rents and service charges you pay.

Our Mission Statement is, 'To provide quality affordable housing and related services in a way which enhances the community'.

We do this by:

- building new homes at affordable rents & regenerating former local authority housing estates
- providing a management and maintenance service to around 4500 homes over 15 boroughs
- offering support services to residents and others with support needs
- running community projects, involving residents of all ages in recreational and educational activities
- developing and managing market-rented and shared ownership accommodation and using the income to subsidise community related activities

Members of Community

One Housing Group, 0200 2346 242: One Housing Group offers properties to people who are on a low income but want to buy their own home. They can buy from as little as 25% of a property, to as much as they can afford and pay rent for the remainder.

Community Action, 020 7428 4253: Community Action is Community's charity, set up to raise money to invest in communities and individuals. It works with local people and partner organisations to develop community initiatives.

The Canalside Partnership, 020 7254 7073: The Canalside Partnership is a joint initiative of Community and the Metropolitan Housing Trust, to regenerate two Hackney Council estates in Haggerston and Hoxton. Since the estates were transferred to Canalside, residents have benefited from refurbished homes and community projects.

Citystyle Living, 020 7428 4280: Citystyle Living provides accommodation for people to rent privately at market rents. The income from this is used to subsidise the development of affordable housing for those on low incomes.