

Community land trusts: best-practice permanently affordable homeownership and community governance

Professional short course, 23-24 March 2009

Community land trusts are a proven model of permanently affordable homeownership for low-median income households in the United States, balancing the dual aims of householder equity gain and affordability protection over time through a model of land stewardship. This short course is for people who want to learn about CLTs in the USA and their potential in Australia. It deals with the basic structure and function of community land trusts in the USA, addresses the transferability of CLTs to an Australian context and the integration of housing affordability and community resilience to challenges such as climate change and food insecurity. The course is a mix of presentation, audiovisual and discussion sessions. A helpful set of course materials and reference list is provided. Participants can also add their names to an Alert list for post-course updates of relevant research material.

Course content includes:

Day 1

- The CLT in context: shared equity homeownership in the USA
- Introduction to the Community Land Trust: the classic model and common variations
- Roots and rationale
- Growing the CLT movement

Day 2

- Organisational and operational choices in starting a CLT
- Designing a CLT's use restrictions: occupancy, subletting, improvements, & financing
- Designing a CLT's resale restrictions: eligibility and pricing
- Stewardship: post-purchase responsibilities of the CLT

About the convener

John Emmeus Davis is a partner and co-founder of Burlington Associates in Community Development LLC, a US national consulting cooperative specializing in the development of organizations, policies, and projects promoting permanently affordable, owner-occupied housing.

Community land trusts have been a programmatic focus since the founding of Burlington Associates in 1993. The firm's six partners have started or assisted over 80 CLTs in the United States and Canada. In October 2008, Davis was invited to England to consult with leaders of the fledgling CLT movement in that country.



Davis has taught housing policy and neighborhood planning at Tufts University, New Hampshire College, the University of Vermont, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is presently a visiting fellow at the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Cambridge, Massachusetts and a member of the governing board of the National CLT Academy, where he serves as the academic dean.

His numerous publications include *The Community Land Trust Handbook* (1984), *Contested Ground: Collective Action and the Urban Neighborhood* (1991), *The Affordable City: Toward a Third Sector Housing Policy* (1994), *Permanently Affordable Homeownership: Does the Community Land Trust Deliver on Its Promises?* (2003), *Shared Equity Homeownership: The Changing Landscape of Resale-restricted, Owner-occupied Housing* (2006), and *The City-CLT Partnership: Municipal Support for Community Land Trusts* (2008).

Venue and cost:

Crowne Plaza Hotel
30 Phillip St, Parramatta
9.00 – 5.00 pm
Mon 23 & Tues 24 March

10 minute walk to Parramatta Station (see map)
free Loop bus:
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Registration: \$650 full price
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