

Barton Community Retrofit Cooperative

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Barton Context

- Poor housing stock – especially 1950s prefabs
- Local concerns about rising energy prices
- New housing developments on edge of estate promising high standards of efficiency and renewable energy



Community Wealth Building

- Use wealth that already exists in a community for regenerative purposes
- “Plugging the leaky bucket”
- Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) define five elements:
 - **Progressive procurement** of goods and services
 - Socially productive use of **land and property**
 - **Plural ownership** of the economy
 - Making **financial power** work for local places
 - **Fair employment** and just labour markets

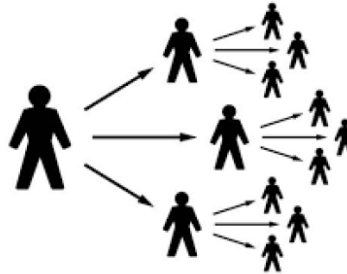


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Proposal to set up a Barton Retrofit Cooperative business to:

- Provide retrofit services
- Train and upskill local people
- Provide energy saving services for local residents

At May 2022 we're at a very early stage of development - but things are beginning to take off!



How to get involved

We are looking for:

- Builders and Barton residents interested in training as retrofitters
- Barton residents interested in training and working as community home energy advisors
- People with expertise in retrofit and/or expertise in energy saving advice for households to support us in a voluntary capacity

Interested in supporting the project or getting directly involved?

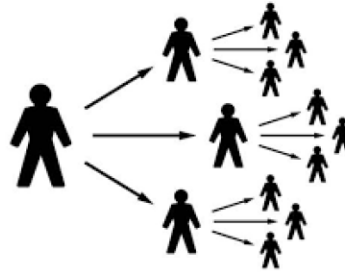
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Challenges and opportunities

- Challenges:
 - Recruitment of builders
 - Resources for deep retrofit
 - Risk appetites and perceptions of community enterprise
- Opportunities:
 - Potential to deliver better quality results
 - Retrofit contracts for Social Housing stock
 - Scope to fund through other Barton developments
 - Wealth of energy-saving expertise and enthusiasm in Oxfordshire

Home energy outreach

- Profit from the retrofit will support local, community outreach, energy advice and resources for self-help approaches
- This will draw on the expertise of retrofit teams but mainly be delivered through local home energy advocates
- Addressing rising energy costs and cost of living crisis
- Starting with two week pilot in August 2022
- Currently Engaging with homes that are willing to be part of the pilot
- Using media and social media to build capacity and engagement
- Also will be working with Home energy outreach support workers who will be paid the living wage .



The Owned by Oxford team

The Owned by Oxford team are employed across three organisations and work across the City.

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