

Rapid research project:

Community led High Streets and Intergenerational Housing

By the intergenerational housing network

About us:

The Intergenerational Housing Network is a non-constituted group of organisations promoting intergenerational housing to tackle loneliness and isolation, hosted by United for All Ages. <https://www.unitedforallages.com/news>

Our research is supported by the [University of East London](#) and [Matter Architecture](#)

Context:

Intergenerational housing is intentionally designed to support people from all ages and backgrounds to create their own communities. It revolves around shared spaces for intergenerational activities. Our research work sets out how this can be achieved: www.matterarchitecture.uk/intergen

Recently there has been much attention on revitalising High Streets and how vacant retail units might be turned to community-based uses. Repurposing these to include intergenerational activities is a logical step.

We think there is now an opportunity to combine such spaces with housing, to create a unique form of town centre intergenerational housing. We're conducting this rapid research to understand the potential and barriers to change.

Research question:

Can intergenerational housing above and behind the High Street be a positive catalyst to revitalise town centres?

We're especially interested in local authorities that identify with this concept and what additional measures are needed to implement it. We would appreciate your insights via the form below - follow the link to a short questionnaire that should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

<https://forms.gle/AmTTVDnFeMm5A2zE8>

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