

# International ideas competition: *Neighbourhoods for Generations*

**Landsbyggefonden (The National Building Fund) has launched an open ideas competition and calls on ambitious, innovative, and creative ideas to develop *Neighbourhoods for Generations*.**

Find the full competition brief [here](#).

## **What challenges need to be addressed?**

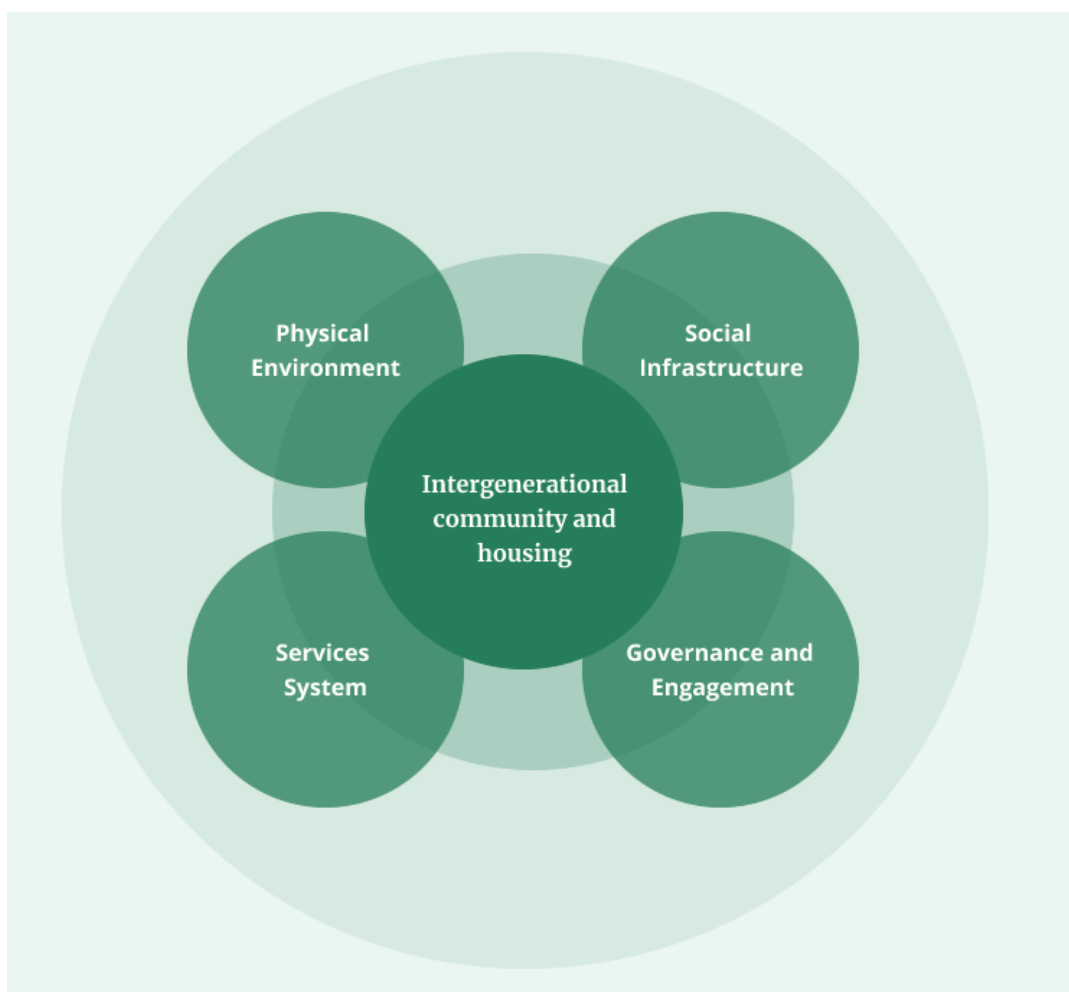
The world around us is changing faster than ever before. Longer lifespans, fewer births, an aging population, smaller households, and more people moving to the city, are all drivers that characterize the demographic changes that Europe is facing.

Cities and neighbourhoods are facing multiple, converging challenges including a lack of affordable housing, an increase in social segregation, poor access to health and social services, and worsening rates of mental health.

In order to achieve more socially sustainable places for people of all ages, we need to rethink the way we plan, organize, live and interact in our cities. Affordable housing is an inevitable part of the development as decent and affordable housing is one of the most important prerequisites for creating a good life.

## **What is a 'Neighbourhood for Generations'?**

A Neighbourhood for Generations unites urban design and social infrastructure. The vision is that the neighbourhoods of the future are characterized by intergenerational communities and housing. The Neighbourhoods for Generations concept recognises the role of different people, young and old, providing the space and occasions for meaningful interaction and mutual support as a natural part of daily life.



As illustrated in the model above, creating an intergenerational neighbourhood is an ongoing, long-term, process, where innovation is required at all levels to challenge how we shape societies today.

### **People of all professions can participate**

We call on people of all professions, backgrounds and seniority to submit their ideas that can contribute to the development of the Neighbourhoods for Generations concept. From academic groups and departments, to urban strategy and design firms, housing start ups, developers and property management, public service providers and social support services – we encourage submissions from all relevant sectors.

### **Cases to be inspired by**

Two existing non-profit housing areas in Denmark have been selected as cases. 1) Axelborg and 2) Høje Gladsaxe. The cases are to be viewed as inspiration and to give

concrete examples on non-profit housing areas in terms of size, location, residents groups, as well as to highlight current challenges and potentials that non-profit housing are facing today.

### **Winning ideas will be exhibited to the rest of the World**

Each of the winners will be awarded up to DKK 500,000 to further develop and exhibit their ideas to the world.

The winning ideas will be developed in close cooperation with the secretariat, consisting of the housing associations, the Danish National Building Fund, and Gehl. The ideas will be exhibited at the UIA World Congress of Architects and the Danish Non-Profit Housing Sector's 'Almene Boligdage' – all part of [Copenhagen's World Capital of Architecture 2023](#), a major forum for discussing the future of our cities.

### **An international jury will decide the winners**

The Jury consists of strong interdisciplinary profiles from the Nordic countries within urban planning, design thinking, social sustainability, citizen engagement, affordable housing, collaboration and partnerships, community building and more:

- **Christian Pagh (head of jury)**, Director and Chief Curator of Oslo Architecture Triennale
- **Hanna Harris**, Chief Design Officer, City of Helsinki
- **Mikkel Warming**, Head of Development, 3B
- **Gro Sandkjær Hanssen**, Senior researcher at OsloMet and Professor II in Urban and Regional Planning, NMBU
- **Finn Williams**, City Architect of Malmö
- **Steffen Møller Borgbjerg**, Director, ALBO
- **Natalie Mossin**, Head of Institute, The Royal Danish Academy – Institute of Architecture and Technology
- **Jan Gehl**, Professor, Architect MAA, Founding Partner of Gehl

### **Full competition brief**

The full competition brief is available on our website:

[www.neighbourhoodsforgenerations.com](http://www.neighbourhoodsforgenerations.com).

Follow *Neighbourhoods for Generations* on [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#) where more information will be unveiled.

**About The National Building Fund**

The National Building Fund can be considered as the Danish non-profit housing's solitary savings account. The National Building Fund supports large-scale renovations, social development plans and activities in challenged housing areas, and rent regulations in the existing housing stock.

Learn more about the non-profit housing model [here](#).