

Native Chartered Architects

Experience of working with communities

James Newton is cofounder of YorSpace, a Community Led Housing group in York that aim to build low cost, cooperatively owned, environmentally sustainable, community focussed homes. Having formed in 2014 James has been part of the team that has led on all community engagement to date through public meetings, press, TV and radio as well as developing relationships and collaborating with other local community groups in York. James has directly engaged with City of York Council elected members and officers as YorSpace have looked at several sites since 2014. James is Director of the YorSpace Community Benefit Society and has engaged with solicitors and other Cohousing groups on legal structures and mutual home ownership tenure. James has been involved in all funding applications that have yielded in excess of £100 000 between 2016 and 2018.

Involvement in community led or self-build developments (especially housing projects)

Native Architects have supported YorSpace throughout the time that James has been developing the project - and have looked at 5 sites between 2014 and 2016. Native continue to support YorSpace through the development of Lowfield Green, which will be York's first cohousing project, with active resident design workshops providing creative, technical and planning guidance. Native have a long history of working with Community groups in developing new build community centres having delivered Welburn, Hushwaite & Westerdale Village Hall all since 2006.

Areas where they work	All Areas		
Services they can provide	Community Development Architectural Design Planning	Services they can offer through other providers	N/A
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