



Interested in joining our group?

If you might be interested in becoming part of Horizon we'd be really pleased to hear from you. Our initial group was gathered quite informally by people inviting interested friends to become involved. Now that we've become properly established and formally constituted with a public web and Facebook profile we are starting to attract enquiries from other people – some of whom one or more of us may know, and some of whom are new to all of us.

Early in 2020 we produced an initial Application and Waiting List document which you may have seen previously here on the website. Whilst the spirit of that document remains, we've taken it down for now and will gradually be updating it. This is because we are constantly learning more about how we want to do things.

One thing we have become much clearer about is that we see the 'getting to know one another process' as being very gradual. It'll be a big decision if you conclude that you'd like to join us and a big decision for us to decide to welcome anyone to become a Horizon member and fellow co-houser. Because we've only just started going through this process with real people, we don't have a mechanism set in stone. We have some ideas about how to develop helpful processes and we'll be keen to review them as we go along, including hearing from enquirers in due course about what turns out to be helpful/unhelpful from your perspective – whether or not you eventually end up joining us.

So we are clear that we don't want to rush either you or ourselves. We'd also like to reassure you that we are not swiftly going to sit down as existing members and 'vote you in or out'. You need to have time to become clear whether you'd like to join us, and we need time to get a sense of whether we feel you'd be right for Horizon.

In the first instance, please get in touch with us through the contact page of our website. You will be invited to have a chat with two of our members, Cress and Ted. And if you want to explore more seriously, we'll then invite you to join our next business meeting. We'll start by each saying a bit about ourselves and why we want to be cohousers and then give you a chance to do the same. Then we'd like you to observe us all as we go through the ongoing business so that you get a sense of where Horizon is at, and how we do things. And then we'll finish with some time for you to ask us stuff and for us all to have a bit of a general chat with you.

After that, if you're still keen, you can become involved with us in much of what is going on before reaching a point when you and we each make a decision about formally becoming a fellow co-houser.

Please do get in touch. It's always exciting when somebody new appears on our Horizon!