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40 years of BSHF showcased on new website

A brand new website for everything BSHF including the World Habitat Awards has launched. The site aims to enable people, professionals and organisations from around the world to easily access ideas, solutions and share knowledge about housing.

The new website:

- is faster and works on different devices
- has more images
- has an interactive world map pinpointing the World Habitat Award projects
- has an improved application form for the World Habitat Awards which you can save and revisit
- is easier to search for housing projects and publications
- signposts you to other relevant content based on what you're looking at
- has FREE downloads of over 100 housing publications and research
- includes some French content
- has more features to help share content on social media and via email

Director of BSHF, David Ireland said: "BSHF established in 1976 so we have 40 years of research as well as 30 years of award winning housing projects. So this was the ideal time for us to refresh and redesign our website. We hope to build a worldwide community to enable people to identify and promote the most innovative housing ideas and best practice from around the world."

People can access all BSHF programmes, publications and everything related to the World Habitat Awards using the web address: www.bshf.org

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The Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF) is an independent research organisation that promotes sustainable development and innovation in housing through collaborative research and knowledge transfer. Established in 1976, BSHF works both in the UK and internationally to identify innovative housing solutions and to foster the exchange of information and good practice. BSHF is committed to promoting housing policy and practice that is people-centred and environmentally responsible. All research carried out has practical relevance and addresses a range of current housing issues worldwide.

The World Habitat Awards were established in 1985 by the Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF) as part of its contribution to the United Nations International Year of Shelter for the Homeless.

Projects are sought that:

- demonstrate practical, innovative and sustainable solutions to current housing issues faced by countries all around the world;
- can be transferred or adapted for use as appropriate;
- are already being implemented or are completed i.e. not at design or very early stages of development;
- view the term habitat from a broad perspective and bring other benefits as well, such as energy or water saving, income generation, social inclusion, community and individual empowerment, health benefits, capacity building or education.

The competition is open to any individual, organisation or government agency that has an innovative and sustainable housing solution in any country of the world. Awards of £10,000 and a trophy will be presented to each of the two winners of the 2016/17 World Habitat Awards at the UN-Habitat Governing Council in 2017.