



# THE FUTURE FACES OF CO-LIVING

By 2030, there will be 1.2 billion more of us, 70% of us will be living in cities, and 1/3 of us will be living communally. The question is, could you co-live?

**THE FUTURIST: JAMIEE WILLIAMS, PROJECT  
LEAD ON SHARED LIVING AT SPACE10**

Space10 is the future living lab of IKEA, its mission to research and design ways for a better, more sustainable life. ‘One trend we’re looking into is urbanisation,’ says Jamiee, an architect. ‘It’s led to unaffordable housing and, paradoxically, increasing loneliness as more of us lead isolated lives away from traditional family patterns. Last year, we launched an online survey with design agency Anton & Irene – OneSharedHouse2030 – inviting people to have their say on if and how they would like to co-live. Our aim is to better inform design decisions when creating the shared living spaces of tomorrow. So far, over 13,000 people from 171 countries have taken part. Our concept of home is changing – away from the idea of ownership, to seeing it as a service, like many digital platforms have allowed us to do with music, media and cars.’

It’s time for a wake up call. Co-living can be a real solution to the housing and financial crises we’re facing in cities



**THE DESIGNER: IRENE PEREYRA, CO-FOUNDER  
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‘Communal living has moved on from communes and sharing meals,’ says Irene, who grew up in a Dutch co-living project and made a documentary, OneSharedHouse, about it. ‘It can be just sharing facilities like utilities. What’s nice is that everyone who answered our survey would be willing to share at least one thing. The results also suggest that today’s co-living options don’t meet people’s needs – things like shared ownership and being able to furnish private spaces. The design of our private spaces is shifting. Have private kitchens become defunct, for example? And we need to broaden the demographic scope of our thinking – it’s not only affluent millennials that benefit from co-living, it’s people like my mum, a low-income single parent who didn’t want to raise her child in isolation on the city’s outskirts. There is no one configuration.’