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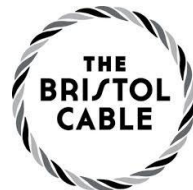
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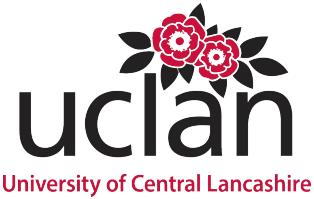
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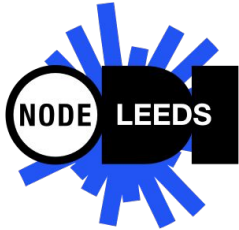


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...with members and partners from many sectors



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What we've learned
about our industry:

Traditional
commercial models
are collapsing

There is democratic
deficit & issues of
representation &
relevance have been
exacerbated

Access to info is
changing & so is our
relationship with
our communities

There is disconnect
between what
matters to local
people & news
coverage

The news industry
faces challenges of
trust, relevance
and value

We set up the Bureau
Local to stand with
local reporters

This is our industry
to protect, ours to
find solutions for

Can reporters work together to
improve local information? To
tell important stories that
shed a light on local issues?

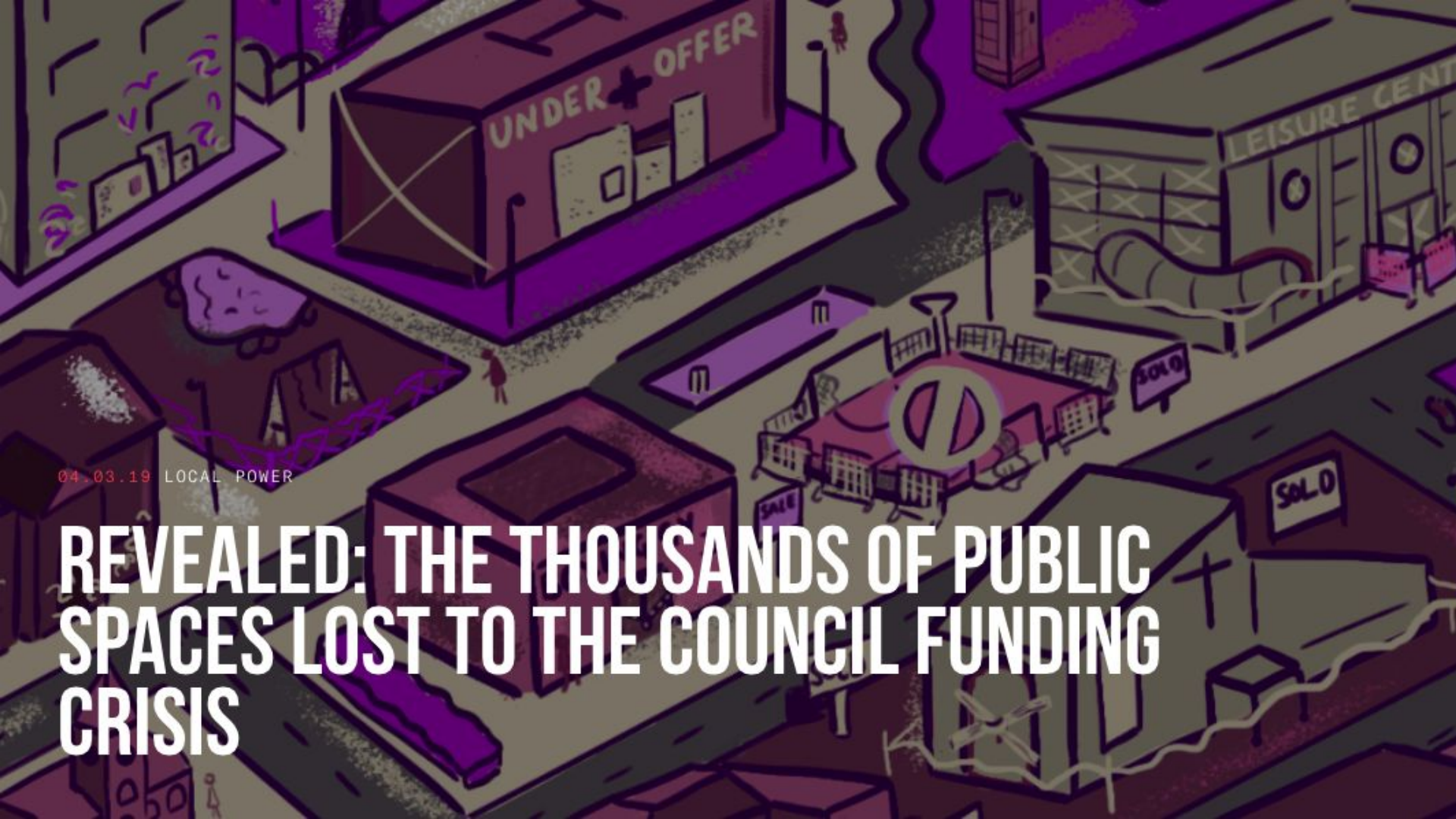
Can ~~reporters~~ ^{people} work together to improve local information? To tell important stories that shed a light on local issues?

This is our industry to
protect, ours to find
solutions for.

But journalists alone cannot
save our industry.

Here's what we've
learned over the 2
years...

1/ make the
available, accessible;
fight for
transparency



04.03.19 LOCAL POWER

REVEALED: THE THOUSANDS OF PUBLIC SPACES LOST TO THE COUNCIL FUNDING CRISIS

SOLD FROM UNDER YOU

Libraries, playing fields and community centres are being lost to the local council funding crisis.

See what your council has sold.

Council / Postcode



[Read about the project.](#)

Between 2014 and 2018, **Cornwall Council** sold

349 spaces for more than **£25,608,398**

This council provided everything requested.



Results for 'Cornwall' in

all years

See a neighbouring council

Cornwall

FILTER

SORT

Sale Price

Descending

NAME

Falmouth School

SALE PRICE

£3,100,000

SOLD TO

Westcountry Land (Union Corner) Ltd.

DATE OF DISPOSAL

22/12/2016

DISPOSAL TYPE

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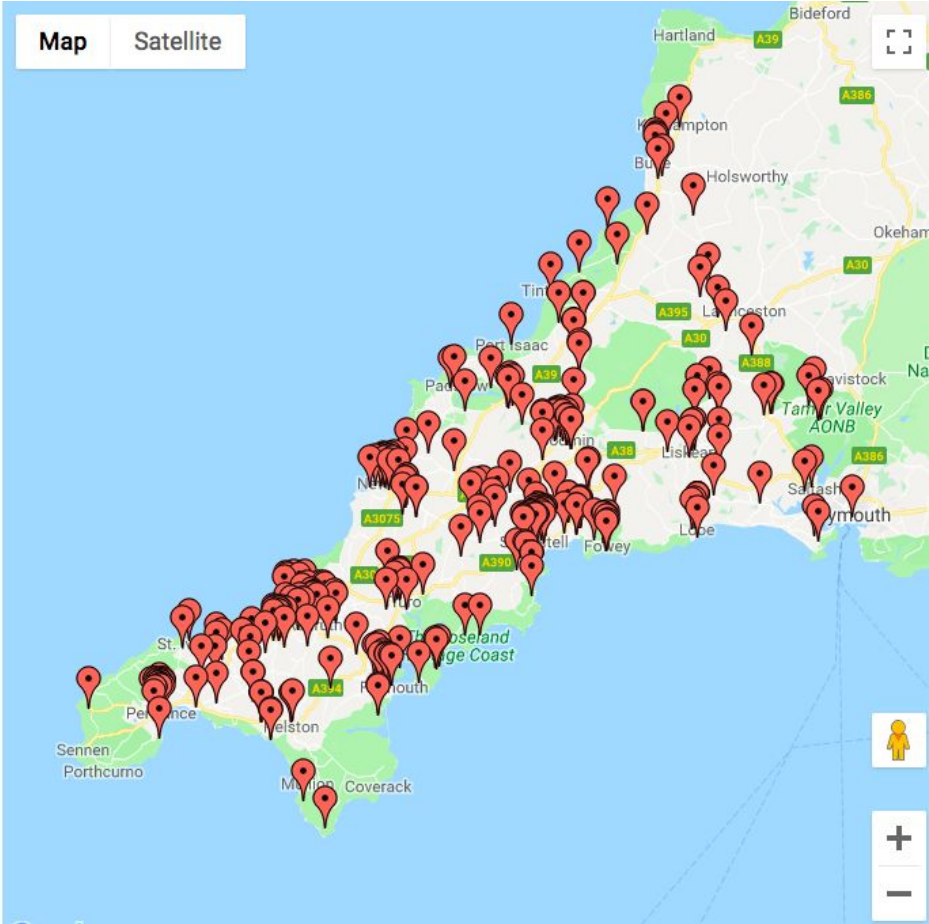
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NAME

Land at Old Callywith Road Bodmin

SALE PRICE

£1,378,000



The Bolton News

theboltonnews.co.uk

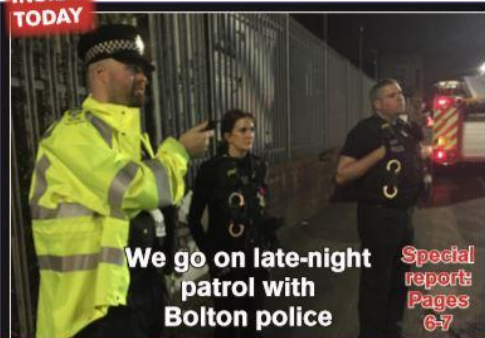
Monday, March 4, 2019

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Today's weather:
Light rain showers, breezy
Max 10C, min 3C



INSIDE
TODAY



We go on late-night
patrol with
Bolton police

Special
report:
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Seeing
red:
It all
boils
over for
Whites
in Wales

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COUNCIL ASSETS SALE MAKES MILLIONS

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- Other authorities fund redundancies
- Bolton says it re-injects cash into projects

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 15 2018

'Madness to oppose a Brexit that sets us free'

Johnson signals desire to break from EU's rules

ROB PARSONS

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in better news than most

BORIS JOHNSON has warned it would be "mad" to end up with a Brexit settlement that does not allow the UK to enjoy the "economic freedoms" of leaving the European Union.

Signalling the need to diverge from EU rules after leaving the bloc, the Foreign Secretary insisted yesterday that the UK should not remain locked into alignment with Brussels.



BORIS JOHNSON: Signalled hard line approach to Brexit that would get rid of EU regulations.

tal impact assessment to monitor two life cycles of the deal and build special swimming pools for the vulnerable and at-risk children this year, new analysis has revealed.

Analysis by the Bureau of Investigative Journalism shared with The Yorkshire Post has shown Sheffield Council has the

HORSING AROUND

War Horse, the play about Albert and his beloved horse Joey which is sent to the front in the First World War, just the Saturday Theatre in Bradford until March 10. Thomas Donnell, who plays Albert, is seen leading in front of the giant War Horse puppet. The play was turned into a film in 2012 by Steven Spielberg.

PICTURE: SIMON HALLAM



Region's council child services face crisis

COUNCILS ACROSS Yorkshire are collectively set to overspend by more than £4m on services for vulnerable and at-risk children this year, new analysis has revealed.

Analysis by the Bureau of Investigative Journalism shared with The Yorkshire Post has shown Sheffield Council has the worst projected overspend for 2018 at £1.1m – the second highest in the entire country behind Somerset with £1.0m.

Sheffield Council today said it is facing "unprecedented levels of demand" for children's services, with increasing numbers entering care.

Other financially-stretched councils in Yorkshire expected to be millions over budget this year for children's services include Bradford, Rotherham and Calderdale.

Nationally, nine out of 10 councils will spend more money than they bring in by the end of March this year – with over half planning further cuts.

The National Children's Bureau today said councils have been given "woefully inadequate budgets" by the Government to deal with the challenges they are facing.

These findings come as a survey of councils by the Local Government Information Unit reveals that 30 per cent say finding money to pay for children's social care is their biggest immediate concern – up from seven per cent last year.

But the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government insisted the Government is helping to deliver "higher quality services" in the children's social care sector.

Full story: Page 5.

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needs participation
from all players

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TWO LEADING COMMUNITY JOURNALISTS TO SHARE ROLE ORGANISING BUREAU LOCAL NETWORK

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#councilbudgethack



#voterpower



A man in a brown jacket and a woman in a black jacket are walking past a stone wall. A sign on the wall reads 'POLLING STATION'. The man is looking at the sign, and the woman is looking away. In the background, there are other people, including a woman in a purple headscarf and a white coat.

**POLLING
STATION**

06.06.17 THE BUREAU LOCAL

REVEALED: HOW NEW VOTERS COULD DENT THERESA MAY'S ELECTION MAJORITY

3/ understand the
power systems & work
with the power of
people

#makethemcount

A man with a beard and dark hair is sitting on a bench, leaning against a wall. He is wearing a red and orange patterned jacket and dark pants. The background is a simple, grey-toned sketch of a wall and a bench. The overall style is that of a rough, hand-drawn illustration.

23.99.15 HOMELESSNESS

DYING HOMELESS: COUNTING THE DEATHS ON UK STREETS



**“A national scandal”: 800 people
died homeless since Oct 2017**

449

people have died homeless since we began counting in October 2017. Here are their stories...

CHRIS MCGREGOR

Died in York, on October 2, 2017, aged 46.

Chris died on the street in York on 2 October. The 46-year-old was sleeping in the doorway of a shoe shop. Messages of sadness were expressed by people who knew him. One woman wrote: "Tragic, only speaking to him on Sunday. Can't believe this."

As reported by York Mix

UNKNOWN

Died in Brighton, in October, 2017, aged 39.

Sourced from a local charity

UNKNOWN

Died in Brighton, in October, 2017, aged 60.

Died while in long term

JAMES ABBOTT

Died in Croydon, on October 4, 2017, aged 51.

James reportedly committed suicide in a hotel in Croydon, the day before his stay in temporary accommodation was due to run out. A report from Lambeth Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) said: "He [Mr Abbott] said his primary need was accommodation and if this was provided he would not have an inclination to end his life."

As reported by the Croydon Advertiser

PAUL LARNER



ANONYMOUS

Died in London, on October 6, 2017, aged 57.

This man had been accessing homelessness support services before he died.

Sourced from the Croydon Advertiser

ALAN CAMPBELL



Died in Leeds, on October 20, 2017.

Alan often frequented the Dark Arches near Leeds train station, according to local news reports. Haydn Jessop, from Leeds Homeless Partnership, was reported as saying: "Alan was known as 'gentle giant' - that was his nickname. 'He

SHAUN MCLENAGHAN

Died in London, on October 8, 2017, aged 37.

Passed away in hospital after being in for two weeks. Cause: Organ Failure.

ANONYMOUS

Died in London, on October 26, 2017, aged 34.

This man had been accessing homelessness support services before he died.

Sourced from the Croydon Advertiser

"GEORDIE"

Died in Leeds, in October, 2017.

Geordie died the week before

ANONYMOUS

Died in London, on October 8, 2017, aged 41.

This man had been accessing homelessness support services before he died.

Sourced from the Croydon Advertiser

SAULIUS KANTAKEVICIUS

Died in Tottenham, on October 27, 2017, aged 47.

Nothing more is known about Saulius or his death.

Sourced from a local charity

UNKNOWN

Died in Bristol, in October, 2017.

As reported by the Bristol Post

JOHN SMITH

Died in Romsgate, on October 15, 2017, aged 35.

John has been sleeping rough the days before he died. He passed away at a friend's address after smoking crack cocaine, according to an inquest. He leaves behind a young baby.

As reported by East Online

ROBERT BARTLETT

Died in Brighton, on October 29, 2017, aged 30.

Robert, who was sleeping rough died of a suspected overdose. He was found underneath an archway in Madeira Drive at 8.50am on 29 October 2017. According to a local man who knew him, the deceased had been battling mental health problems and drug addiction.

As reported by a local charity

VADIMS SALTIS

Died in King's Lynn, on October 17, 2017, aged 23.

Vadims was living in temporary accommodation. An inquest heard that his friends and family feared he had mental health issues. He was found dead in a cemetery after committing suicide.

As reported by Lynn News


TOMASZ SULIGA

Died in Blackburn, on October 31, 2017, aged 42.

Forty-two year old Tomasz was found dead under a railway bridge in Blackburn. According to news reports he had been drinking heavily before his death. Born in Poland he had been sleeping rough for some time. A coroner's report noted fatal levels of blood alcohol.

As reported by the Lancashire Telegraph

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audiences in new
ways



16.10.17 THE BUREAU LOCAL

REVEALED: THOUSANDS OF VULNERABLE WOMEN TURNED AWAY AS REFUGE FUNDING IS CUT

Survivors and support workers tell the Bureau of a
refuge system at breaking point



Tuesday,
October 17,
2017
75p

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Nowhere to go

► Cash-strapped
refugees forced
to turn more
people away

► Plea for more
help for victims of
domestic violence

Full story: Pages 8-9

NEWS

Domestic abuse refuge funding cuts: 'Women are dying because they don't get access to safe beds'

Council spending on domestic violence refuges has fallen by up to 75 per cent across Lancashire since 2010, leaving Cally charity Solace Women's Aid trying to do more with less. Chief exec Mary Mason tells investigations journalist **Emma Youle** about the pressures faced by her charity - and what happens when women can't get help



Mary Mason, CEO of Solace Women's Aid, said only one of three women in need is given a refuge bed. Photo: PAUL RANDECK

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SPECIAL REPORT

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Councils slash funds to shelter women at risk

Authorities insist refugees not affected

CHIEF EXEC
OF SOLACE WOMEN'S
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'I spent weeks sleeping on the floors of friends'

CASE STUDY

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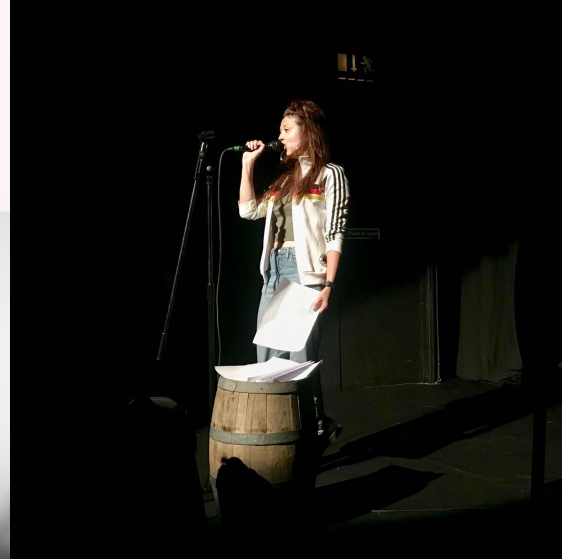
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BLACK PICTURE: Spending on refuges for women and children receiving domestic violence has fallen. Photo: PAUL RANDECK

REFUGE WOMAN

By Cash Carraway



Choose what to investigate. Our criteria:

- a) stories that are local and national - they must show a systemic problem and also have an impact locally
- b) provide data or other evidence that can be sliced across the country
- c) are best done with a community or network

Dig!

Build evidence at scale.

Collaborate across industry,
knowledge and experience

a) those affected by the issue b) those with knowledge on the issue c) those that can change the issue and d) those who want to report with us or contribute knowledge or a skill.

Make local information open and accessible (reporting recipes)

Collaborators must agree to:

- a) the embargo date set out by the Bureau Local
- b) credit the Bureau Local in their work
- c) share their findings with other collaborators
- d) adhere to our data/evidence guidance

Reporting recipes give:

- a) context behind the investigation
- b) a guide to understanding the data/evidence
- c) our key findings
- d) questions and leads to follow locally
- e) other resources of use.

Connect the dots to reveal systemic issues at scale and drive change

Stories - all of the copy on our site is licensed under Creative Commons and can be used and cited by any person or publication.

Open resources - our reporting recipes, data, methodologies and code are all are open to the public.

Local partners/publications - we share the work of our local collaborators, although we are not legally responsible for their output.



Open Resources

Select an investigation ▼

Bureau Local is committed to transparency. We ask it of organisations we investigate, and of ourselves as well. On this page you will find the workings behind our investigations and guides for taking our stories further. We hope this makes the investigative process accessible to local reporters as well as the public.

Types of resources on this page:

Data - evidence behind our investigations

Reporting recipe - how-to guides for using our data and developing the story

Code - our technological tools to interrogate or visualise data

Resource - investigation folder or additional documents

You can also access all our Open Resources in our Google Drive folder [here](#) and on the code-hosting platform, GitHub, [here](#).

This page is a new addition to our site. Please give us feedback [here](#).

Local Power



RESOURCE

Council Finances investigation folder

Bureau story: Is Surrey the next council in crisis?

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Das Netzwerk für investigative lokale
Recherchen

Aktuelles Projekt

Wem gehört die Stadt?

Hamburg, Düsseldorf, Berlin oder Minden – Wohnen ist zur Existenzfrage geworden. Zusammen mit lokalen Medien fragen wir die Bürger und Bürgerinnen, wer die Eigentümer ihrer Wohnung sind. Um den Markt transparenter zu machen und konkrete Debatten anzustoßen. Sie können mitmachen. Bisher kooperieren wir mit:

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Pilot 2018: Who owns Hamburg w/ local partner

WEM GEHÖRT HAMBURG?

Die Mieten in Hamburg gehen durch die Decke. Investoren fahren hohe Renditen ein. Der Immobilienmarkt aber ist intransparent. Wir wollen das ändern und den Hamburger Wohnungsmarkt transparenter machen. Und zwar gemeinsam mit Ihnen, den Mieterinnen und Mietern Hamburgs. Je mehr mitmachen, desto aussagekräftiger ist am Ende die Auswertung.

Teilen Sie uns mit, wer der Eigentümer Ihrer Wohnung ist – oder wir finden es gemeinsam heraus. Als erstes Dankeschön bekommen Sie eine Übersicht mit den Eigentumsverhältnissen in Ihrer Nachbarschaft.

Jetzt mitmachen!

[Warum betrifft mich diese Recherche?](#)

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Datenschutz

Cooperation

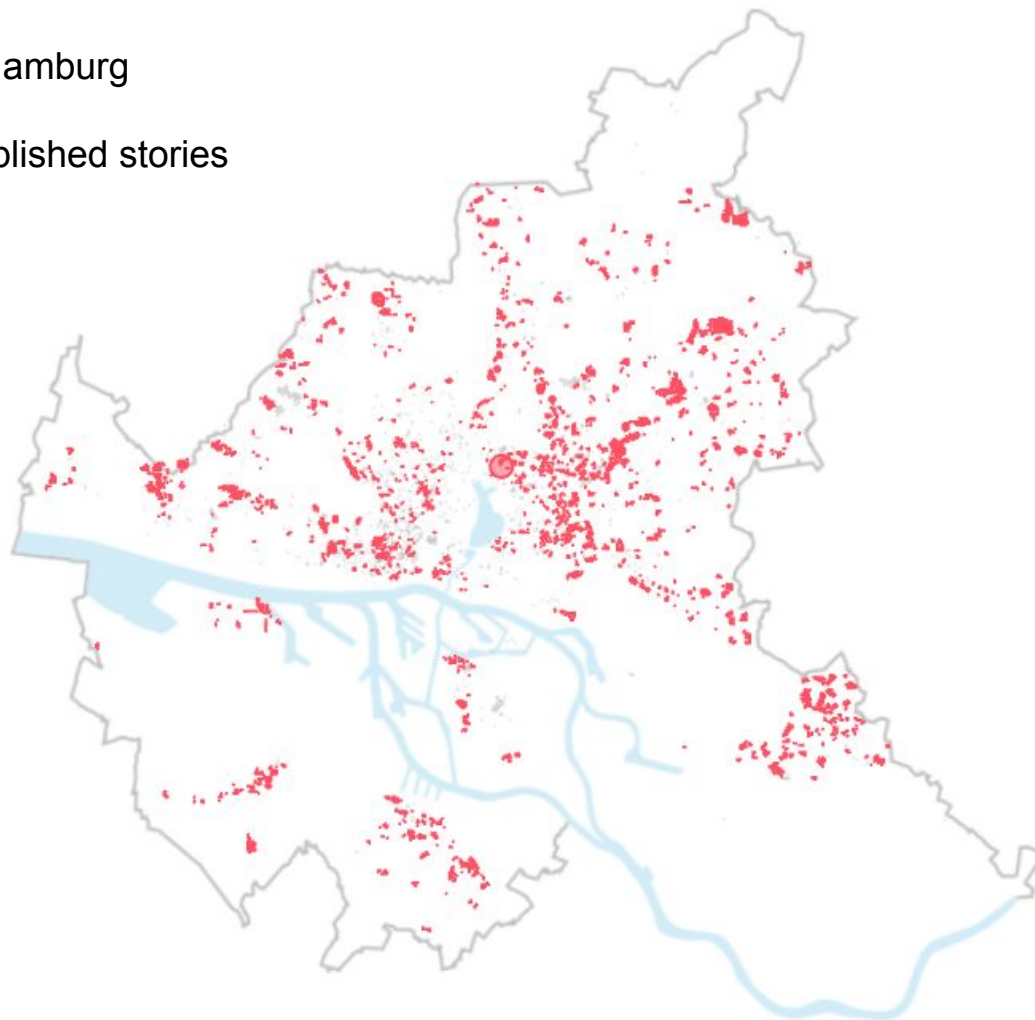
- CrowdNewsroom: Citizens participate
- Structured investigation w/ local partners (eg FOI requests)
- Sharing expert voices
- Sharing collected information about the market

Getting the Community involved



150000 apartments in Hamburg

More than 30 locally published stories



Who owns the city? A multi-local project

- 6 projects with local media partners so far (Hamburg, Berlin, Düsseldorf, Heidenheim, Minden, Lüneburg)
- more than 5000 participants
- more cities and cooperations
- European dimension (eg housing market)

Collaborative Publication



An aerial photograph of a city neighborhood, likely Hamburg, showing a dense grid of residential buildings with red-tiled roofs, interspersed with green trees and some industrial buildings. Overlaid on the image are five colorful speech bubbles, each containing a question about city ownership. The bubbles are pink, yellow, red, teal, and blue.

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HAMBURG?**

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DÜSSELDORF?**

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MINDEN?**

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LÜNEBURG?**

Das Netzwerk von CORRECTIV.Lokal



CORRECTIV.Lokal

- Set up October 2018
- Building the network w/ journalists and experts
- 6 local network groups
- Data-driven projects (news-related)
- Investigative topics (multi-local approach)
- CrowdNewsroom (citizens as part of the newsroom)

Thank you!

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