

From Monastery to Housing Community

Adaptive Reuse and Community Building De Kluis, Lier (Belgium)



***A Religious
Heritage Site
at Risk***

Historic spaces and heritage features were carefully retained and integrated into everyday residential life. Shared facilities foster social interaction and strengthen community cohesion. The project supports intergenerational living, mutual care and long-term social resilience.



***Reconnecting
Heritage
and City***



***Living Together
Across Generations***

The protected Dominican monastery offered a unique opportunity to combine heritage conservation with a new collective housing model. Through a community-led adaptive reuse process, the 19th-century building was transformed into a cohousing community comprising twelve dwellings, shared facilities and a climate-adaptive cloister garden.



***Shared Spaces
Foster Community***

De Kluis demonstrates how adaptive reuse can secure the future of religious heritage by combining conservation, collective ownership and sustainability within a single integrated transformation strategy.



***Preserving Identity
Through Use***



***A Garden
for Nature and People***