

Lesson 4 guide – Using the ‘Housing beyond borders’ online map

This resource uses the ‘Housing beyond borders’ map available at

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/society-politics-law/geography/housing-beyond-borders>

The ‘Housing beyond borders’ interactive map has been created by the geographer Colin Lorne from the Open University. It enables people to study the global ownership of Manchester property by linking two maps: one that shows a selection of privately owned property in Manchester, and another that shows the location of their ownership around the world.

Colin Lorne explains that the map helps us to understand ‘the transformation of homes into assets as new international financial actors turn to housing in search of new opportunities to turn a profit.’

The map draws on research by Richard Goulding, Adam Leaver and Jon Silver who have collected data

on housing construction and property ownership in Manchester and Salford.

The map enables you to explore the data interactively. The location icons on the Manchester map each represent a housing development, and you can find out more about each by clicking on it. Clicking on the world map icons will show you which properties in Manchester are owned by organisations or individuals residing in each country.

Colin Lorne suggests that you consider the following questions once you’ve had chance to explore the data:

- 1 Is there a pattern as to where investors are based overseas?
- 2 Is there a pattern as to where homes are located in Manchester and Salford?

