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Active tourism winner

A small Tinerfeñan company has swept aside much larger fish to take one of the biggest awards in the national tourism arena.

El Cardón is based in northwest Tenerife but works all over the Canaries and especially in Tenerife itself. They are known for fomenting active tourism with a sustainable edge and trying to boost the local economies of the areas they are active in at the same time.

It's an operational method that has seen them climb to success time and again, to the extent that their company is included alongside huge tourism draws such as Loro Parque in a book published by the Universities of Las Palmas and La Laguna, which is now used as a text book in tourism schools nationally and internationally.

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↑ The routes cover the many diverse landscapes of the island

LIVING IN THE FUTURE

Co-housing: ageing together happily

As we get older, future prospects can play on some people's minds, especially those who live abroad, perhaps have no children or are far away from them, and have always led an independent life.

Some are horrified at the thought of one day being alone or no longer being able to live independently and having to go into a home. This is a fear that many people have, and to which there has been an answer in Denmark since 1964: co-housing. This means that people live in communal facilities which are run across generations or as senior citizens' housing models, and which are based on sustainability principles. Successful housing schemes of this kind are also available in Germany and are now being introduced into the Canary Islands and Spain. The principle was recently explained by architect Cristina



↑ Co-housing means that everyone has a private area but there are also spacious common rooms and above all a functioning supportive community

Gamboa, who designed a building with 28 apartments in Barcelona for the La Borda Cooperative and who spoke about her experiences at a conference in Las Palmas.

In the Catalanian capital there are currently two completed projects of this kind and five in the development phase. However, for the last couple of years, two ini-

tiatives have been on the go for senior housing projects in Gran Canaria and Tenerife. Teresa is co-initiator of said Tinerpen initiative and has been heavily involved in the founding of the Canaries co-housing association. "I am a retired psychologist, have two grown children and grandchildren and have experienced for myself what it means to have an older family member to look after. I don't want to expect my children to do that. But above all, I am an emancipated woman who has led a self-determined life. It would kill me if someone told me when I had to get up and take a shower just because I was too old to live alone". Together with her husband, she wants to push the project forward in Tenerife and even move in herself.

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