



Helping you plan, design,
and strategize to create
cohesive & inclusive cities.

We are a nonprofit organization
based in Canada committed to
shaping healthier, more inclusive, and
resilient cities through meaningful
collaboration.

To accomplish this, we produce events, create engagement opportunities, carry out actionable research, and disseminate knowledge through our editorial platforms, focusing specifically on housing, environment, mobility, and wellbeing.

Our vision is to bring all sectors together to spark innovative and future-proof solutions.



WELLBEING

We celebrate and amplify the efforts and solutions from cities and communities across the world that are successfully transforming urban life by **placing wellbeing at the heart of their policy and planning.**

HOUSING

We seek to understand the complex nature of urban housing and its challenges, **exploring opportunities to innovate and ensure everyone has a place to call home.**

MOBILITY

We support the creation of mobility networks that **enable all people to move freely and safely** throughout cities and connect communities to core services and opportunities.

ENVIRONMENT

We advocate for **holistic approaches to climate change mitigation and adaptation in cities.** We create opportunities to scale up local efforts that develop resilience and enable sustainable futures for all.



CONVENE

We bring the right partners together to address challenges **with a transdisciplinary and systemic lens.**

We do this through:

- events
- tailored engagement
- enabling partnerships

INSPIRE POSITIVE CHANGE

We **amplify and leverage successful solutions** implemented by cities, organizations, and local communities.

We do this through:

- learning expeditions
- masterclasses
- in-depth dialogues

CREATE & SHARE KNOWLEDGE

We **share the wisdom of lived experience** and emerging lessons that enable others to shape better and more inclusive cities.

We do this through:

- applied research
- research translation
- editorial platforms

**We accomplish our
goals through a wide
range of formats and
services, tailored to
specific needs and
objectives.**

Each format can be adapted for various topics within our focus areas, and they can be combined to offer a comprehensive and holistic experience that meets individual needs.

We offer in-person, virtual, or hybrid services. These formats range from a one-off, 2-hour event to a series spanning over several weeks.

LEARNING EXPEDITION

Immersive experience bringing participants to a host city.

MASTERCLASS

Professional training program offering both novel conceptual frameworks and practical tools.

WORKSHOPS

Interactive and collaborative sessions to brainstorm solutions.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Exchanges between high-level, multi-sectoral experts.

BIG PICTURE

Our [editorial platform](#) exploring complex urban challenges through curated collections of op-eds.

THREESIXTYCITY

Our weekly [podcast](#) about the latest urban trends.

ANALYTICAL REPORTS

A comprehensive collection of information that leads to concrete recommendations.



We work with a wide array of collaborators.



MEMBERS



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Our members benefit from year-round access to our global network of urban experts, tailored creative content production, and visibility on our editorial platforms. We collaborate with them on a wide range of projects within our focus areas. If you are interested in becoming a member, please reach out and we will be happy to connect and collaborate!

Our Global Urban Innovators – startups & social enterprises operating for less than five years – benefit from membership options at a reduced rate.

We also work with sponsors, clients, and partners on short-term, specific projects.





**The following pages present
a mix of our past, current,
and future projects, events
and initiatives.**



Connected Communities: for a healthy and inclusive Montréal

This initiative aims to identify, explore, and promote the local and community-led housing, mobility, and food security solutions in Montréal that are proving to be successful at boosting residents' quality of life, bringing people together, and strengthening feelings of pride and belonging.

Through a multi-phased approach, NewCities will research inspiring solutions and explore the barriers and opportunities to achieve and reproduce them.

The initiative will culminate with an event and exhibition to highlight these solutions and spark exchanges within the community, followed by a report with recommendations to improve urban health and wellbeing.

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You can find more
information about this
project in our brochure!



Wellbeing Cities

Mieux vivre en ville

The Wellbeing Cities initiative celebrates cities around the world transforming urban life by placing wellbeing at the heart of their policy and planning. It offers a program packed with podcasts, webinars, and keynotes with experts and city leaders.

Since 2018, the Wellbeing Cities Award has recognized more than 40 cities on all five continents and gathered more than 1,500 global leaders and urban experts from all sectors online and in our host city, Montréal, to move the discussion of wellbeing forward.

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[2021 Edition](#) + [Program](#)

[2020 Edition](#)

[2019 Edition](#)



New Urban Champions

New Urban Champions showcases successful, but less frequently told, stories of collaboration, growth, and problem-solving happening in cities that deserve a greater share of the spotlight. By building a “cohort” of New Urban Champions, we create a space for meaningful discussions and partnerships, establishing a network of city movers and shakers that will serve as models for others.

The first edition in Columbus, Ohio, in 2018 brought together 30 people for an in-person event, including representatives from local governments, university administrators from the Americas & Europe, and private sector actors. In 2021, the second edition took a new digital form as we immersed ourselves in St. Louis, Missouri, telling the story of the city through the narratives of some of its most inspiring community leaders.

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[2021 Edition: St. Louis, MO](#)

[2018 Edition: Columbus, OH](#)

New Housing Solutions: Financing Innovative Approaches to Community Housing

New Housing Solutions emerged from the need to share knowledge and transfer capacity across sectors to promote the creation of affordable, healthy, and community-oriented housing in cities. We convened practitioners through in-person and virtual formats and uplifted important perspectives on our editorial platform, framing holistic discussions about new approaches to creating resilient and affordable housing.

This edition of *New Housing Solutions* will explore leading-edge approaches to multi-unit housing from the lens of housing type and design. Further, the initiative will investigate innovative financial approaches to ensuring sustainability, longevity, and replicability of these solutions. We will explore how community housing operators are building new financing partnerships and identify key strategies that are enabling them to bring state-of-the-art infrastructure and affordability to residents.

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All events, editorial, and research related to housing

Leading by Example: Towards Nature-Based Cities

Leading by Example: Towards Nature-Based Cities emerges as a second edition to the inaugural 2020 event held in Victoria, British Columbia on *Implementing the SDGs in Canada*, in partnership with the City of Victoria, the Victoria Foundation, and Women in Cities International.

Leading by Example will bring together people from all levels of the urban ecosystem for 2-days of immersive workshops, transdisciplinary dialogues, and interactive consulting sessions to advance the implementation of nature-based solutions as a means of achieving global climate targets. By drawing on successful examples of locally-led solutions worldwide, the event will address how to scale up nature-positive urban development and integrate wider biodiversity goals into the design of cities.

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[Event program](#)

↓ other Environmental work

[Higher Ground event](#)

Equity in Motion: Gender-Inclusive mobility

Equity in Motion is a research and stakeholder engagement project which champions the benefits of taking an intersectional gender-lens to the planning and design of active transportation. A lack of gender-specific data in transportation means that the differing travel patterns of women, as well as key safety and comfort considerations, are not currently reflected in the provision of mobility. Equity in Motion will tangibly support communities and local governments to identify actionable improvements to enable active transportation and ensure infrastructure makes these modes safer, more accessible, and more enjoyable for all.

Working in tandem with Canadian cities, NewCities will develop an active transportation inclusivity assessment tool, host a community-based Learning Expedition for local stakeholders to audit a public space, and share findings with our global network.

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information about this
project in our brochure!

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If you are interested in collaborating or hiring us to carry on strategic engagement, please reach out to tony.bilaver@newcities.org