



Citi-sense WP5:

Participation and Empowerment

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Articles and Publications.

Democracy in Motion: Evaluating the Practice and Impact of Deliberative Civic Engagement.

Although the field of deliberative civic engagement is growing rapidly around the world, our knowledge and understanding of its practice and impacts remain highly fragmented. Democracy in Motion represents the first comprehensive attempt to assess the practice and impact of deliberative civic engagement.

http://www.amazon.com/Democracy-Motion-Evaluating-Deliberative-Engagement/dp/0199899282/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1353967435&s=books&sr=1-1

Sustainable Cities: Where are the People?

The social dimensions of sustainability are largely overlooked in debates, policy and practice around sustainable urbanism. Environmental issues dominate thinking, and ecological and technological solutions dominate practice. This article argues it is time to put people back into the picture and develop a broader understanding of what sustainability means for cities. In the past decade, the idea of sustainable cities has generated a proliferation of international initiatives, policies, networks and conferences, to drive new ideas and approaches to urban planning and development.

<http://urbantimes.co/2012/03/sustainable-cities-where-are-the-people/>

Why scaling up sustainable urban growth is critical for the planet.

In 2010, we quietly crossed a global threshold: The majority of the world went from living in rural areas to living in cities. As with foreign direct investment flows and the rise of atmospheric carbon-dioxide concentrations, this shift is a reminder that we live among imperceptible but significant megatrends. By 2050, it is estimated that 70 percent of all people will live in cities, and the infrastructure needs to accommodate them and sustain this growth are massive, requiring a delicate balance of social, environmental, and economic considerations.

<http://www.greenbiz.com/blog/2012/11/26/scaling-sustainable-urban-growth>

Las Smartcities ya tienen su página.

Varios foros se han hecho eco de la aparición de un portal específico para las ciudades inteligentes y nosotros no queríamos dejar pasar tampoco la oportunidad de difundir este acontecimiento en nuestro blog. Las Smartcities ya tienen una página web específica, eSMARTcity.es donde encontraremos todo tipo de noticias e información sobre las ciudades inteligentes. Y

<http://www.esmartcity.es/noticiasDetalle.aspx?id=5174&c=6&idm=10&pat=10>

Open-air computers. Cities are turning into vast data factories.

In 1995 George Gilder, an American writer, declared that “cities are leftover baggage from the industrial era.” Electronic communications would become so easy and universal that people and businesses would have no need to be near one another. Humanity, Mr Gilder thought, was “headed for the death of cities”.

<http://www.economist.com/news/special-report/21564998-cities-are-turning-vast-data-factories-open-air-computers>



How Open Data Can Revolutionize Environmental Reporting.

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For environmental journalists around the world, a lack of access to data on issues from oceans to sanitation can make it hard to report accurately on projects and policies. But technology may be changing the game.

<http://www.pbs.org/mediashift/2012/11/how-open-data-can-revolutionize-environmental-reporting333.html>

Dynamics and methodologies.

Tools for Community Planning, Part 1: Three Stories.

At OpenPlans, we want to see more citizen-led neighborhood planning. We believe that online tools can help people connect, gather data and organize for positive local change.

We're always on the lookout for opportunities to build new tools for community planning. When we identify a problem and a tool that can help fix it, we build that tool as an open source software project — for example, Shareabouts, which helps people crowdsource information like dangerous intersections or stations where more bike parking is needed. We want to build tools that serve real needs, through careful discovery of problems and people's existing approach. When you spend most of your time in front of a computer (like we do), it's essential to go out and talk to people on the ground.

<http://openplans.org/2012/10/tools-for-community-planning-part-1-three-stories/>

Guía de participación ciudadana: "¿Cómo trabajar la participación en las aulas? Guía práctica".

Esta herramienta de trabajo se ha desarrollado desde el Plan Joven Municipal del Ayuntamiento de Vitoria-Gasteiz y puede ser de mucha utilidad en el trabajo docente y educativo, tanto de la educación formal como de la no formal en el ámbito del Tiempo Libre.

La herramienta sirve para trabajar la participación ciudadana. Somos conscientes de la importancia que la participación ciudadana tiene en nuestra sociedad y estamos convencidos de que se debe trabajar desde edades tempranas. Las posibilidades que se tienen para trabajar este tema en los centros escolares son muchas, ya que a participar se aprende participando, y es por todo esto por lo que ponemos en tus manos esta guía.

<http://www.vitoria-gasteiz.org/wb021/http/contenidosEstaticos/adjuntos/es/75/13/47513.pdf>

World Café Europe.

Our vision is a Europe where citizens actively engage to find concrete solutions for the key social issues of their time. We are an emerging group of engaged individuals from all over Europe who are committed to contribute to the on-going development of the WORLD CAFÉ by providing forums to try out new approaches in real-life environments. All of our efforts are designed to foster a new culture of conversation among organizations, businesses and people from all walks of life.

<http://www.worldcafe.eu/frontend/index.php>



Experiences.

The Access Initiative.

The Access Initiative is the world's largest network of civil society organizations dedicated to ensuring that local communities have the rights and abilities to gain access to information and to participate in decisions that affect their lives and their environment.

<http://www.accessinitiative.org/>

CityMart. Marketplace for cities.

Citymart.com connects cities and solution providers to improve the lives of citizens around the world.

<http://citymart.com/Default.aspx>

Más de 900 vitorianos plantarán un árbol en el 'bosque ciudadano'.

Vitoria cuenta ya con más de 900 ciudadanos dispuestos a contribuir en el programa 'Las raíces del Mañana: 250.000 árboles + ciudadanos para cerrar el Anillo Verde' plantando un árbol en 'El Bosque Ciudadano' y a dejar así su huella en la Capital Verde Europea.

<http://www.elmundo.es/elmundo/2012/12/01/paisvasco/1354390724.html>

<http://www.elcorreo.com/alava/v/20121203/alava/hijos-bosque-ciudadano-20121203.html>

Edmonton Opens Doors Wide for Citizen Feedback.

Why do governments create open data portals and make information available to the public? Among many reasons, they hope that public will use the information to find ways to improve the quality of life in their community. With this lofty goal in mind, Edmonton, Canada recently made more government performance data available, and created a forum to discuss it, by launching "The Citizen Dashboard."

<http://www.socrata.com/edmonton-citizen-engagement/>

<https://data.edmonton.ca/dashboard>

Congresses, Seminars, Courses, etc.

CeDEM13 Conference for E-Democracy and Open Government. 22-23 May 2013, Danube University Krems, Austria.

The CeDEM represents a continuation and development of the E-democracy conference initiated in 2007. The Centre for E-Governance at the Danube University Krems has been organising conferences on e-democracy and public administration since 2007. The CeDEM was first presented in 2011, and in the meantime also boasts a spin-off in Asia, held for the first time in November 2012. On the basis of the open discussion held with participants, track chairs and PC-members, the CeDEM13 will focus on e-democracy and open government in the context of human rights and freedom in a digital society. We invite individuals from academic and applied backgrounds as well as business, public authorities, NGO, NPOs and education institutions to submit their papers, reflections as well as workshop proposals to the topics addressed in the tracks below. We welcome interdisciplinary approaches to the emerging conference topics.

<http://www.donau-uni.ac.at/en/departament/gpa/telematik/edemocracy-conference/edem/vid/18671/index.php?URL=/en/departament/gpa/telematik/edemocracy-conference/18671>