



CALL for YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS

Young Planning Professionals' Workshop
Brussels, Belgium, 26 - 30 September 2022
organised as part of the 58th ISOCARP World Planning Congress

How to (Re)design a Healthy Neighbourhood

BACKGROUND

The Young Planning Professionals' Programme is a crucial component of ISOCARP's dedication to promote and enhance the planning profession and commitment to facilitate knowledge for better cities with the young generations, the future leaders of our profession. It was initiated in 1991 at the 26th ISOCARP Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico. Since then, it has become tradition to organise the workshops in the week preceding the annual world congress in order to provide unique opportunities to Young Planning Professionals (YPPs) to share their experiences in an attempt to resolve complex and multi-dimensional planning problems. The Programme has facilitated a unique creative spirit within the Society, and it has become a source of new ideas, innovation and rejuvenation not only for the Society but also for our partners; and has made a huge impact on participants' professional lives, in the name of the universal vision of promoting and enhancing the planning profession. It has also contributed towards making life-long friendships beyond borders, languages, cultures and professional backgrounds. According to this tradition, the Brussels YPP workshop on 'How to (Re)design a Healthy Neighbourhood' will be offered this year again between 26 and 30 September, during the 58th ISOCARP World Planning Congress, which will take place in Brussels, Belgium. The final presentation will be scheduled during one of the congress plenary sessions. The workshop will be hosted by the State Secretary of the Brussels-Capital Region for Urbanism and Heritage, European and International Relations, Pascal Smet and organised in collaboration with the [urban.brussels](#), [perspective.brussels](#) and [environment.brussels](#).

THEME OF THE WORKSHOP// HOW TO (RE)DESIGN A HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Building on the theme of the 58th ISOCARP World Planning Congress, the 2022 Young Planning Professionals Workshop is centred on the notion of “healthy cities for all” to foster the implementation of the United Nations New Urban Agenda as well as the European Territorial Agenda and related European Green Deal. As defined in the thematic call of the congress, the past decades witnessed a flow of challenges from climate or biodiversity agenda to inequalities and vulnerabilities of poverty, food sovereignty, migration and gender politics with profound impacts on the paradigm shift on the way we build our cities. The current pandemic has only deepened such vulnerabilities with an old but forgotten layer, health. Putting health at the forefront, at the same time, has culminated a transformative action while responding to complex issues of socio-spatial injustices, inequalities and climate resilience.

The World Health Organisation defines health as “a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”. The urban space in which we live directly influences our lives and has an impact on our health and well-being. Every day, the news reminds us of the vulnerability of our cities; though, the urban space still receives too little attention as an influencer on health. Respiratory pathologies or mental health disorder hit cities particularly hard. These health problems are closely linked to environmental factors such as the state of the milieu in which populations live (air, water and soil quality), the exposure to deleterious agents (toxic substances, noise...), the living environment (housing, land use, transport, public facilities and services, etc.) and the local actions and activities (employment, social support, etc.). The planning and design of urban space not only improves the quality of the environment, but it also encourages people to adopt healthy behaviour. By prioritising the well-being of people, nature and the built environment, cities can become more sustainable, liveable, resilient and healthy. New approaches can mitigate the increasing risks presented by volatile weather and other environmental threats, while improving the liveability and health of communities.

Within this scope, the questions to explore are: How can we create neighbourhoods where the health and well-being of the inhabitants are taken into account? What conditions and criteria should be considered and improved in terms of the environment, public space, mobility, services and facilities for the population and housing? How can environmental threats be reduced? How can we encourage social interactions and cohesion between inhabitants? How can urban planners and health sectors work together more effectively to achieve better outcomes for local people and build more resilient neighbourhoods? The workshop then is a call to present future imperatives for urban health and healthy urbanity by unfolding socio-spatial justice, health inequalities and climate resilience, and to advocate for transformative action addressing equitable, resilient, and inclusive cities through rethinking the public realm.

Porte de Ninove, in this sense, is much more than a “gateway to the city”. It is the laboratory not only to imagine how the planning of public spaces, built and unbuilt, housing, open spaces can link with public health to address socio-spatial inequalities and bring positive change in the area, but also by inserting the notion of “positive health”, Porte de Ninove will bridge between the “patient”, the community at the forefront

and the needs. These needs are not only dealt by health professionals anymore, but also by other professionals such as social workers, health coaches, sports professionals, artists and urban planners - encompassing bodily functions, mental functions & perceptions, spiritual dimension, quality of life and living environment, social & societal participation, and daily functioning.

In 2016, Brussels Planning Agency was mandated by the Government to produce a Master Development Plan for the Porte de Ninove. This is located at the hinge between the west and the east of the city, where the Canal forms a bend and accommodates a lock. It is therefore a question of responding to several major challenges to revalorize a space located both on the edge of the urban epicenter and on the string of "Portes" which form the Petite Ceinture. Porte de Ninove is part of the Canal area, historically the former industrial districts of the region. Today, it is clearly part of a variety of new urban and socio-economic dynamic including ongoing urban renovation and urban planning projects in dense neighborhoods with precare populations and projects responding to accumulation of different deficits (amenities, greens spaces, employment, affordable housing, ...). There is also an opportunity given by the planning tools to redevelop this neighborhoods through new park and new amenities. The projects are still ongoing and creative input from the YPP is welcome!



As stated, the idea is to make the the residual triangle a real place of conviviality and attractiveness for all, while being part of both the identified local and supralocal needs and the infrastructural continuity of the Petite Ceinture. There are several projects, some of which are already very advanced. The development of facilities on the ground floor of the future towers of the Alides is a proposal acting as an important lever for the public authorities. Indeed, the plot is located along the Canal axis, which is being renovated and the urban environment improved through various measures. In this sense, the future m² to be developed as equipment fits into this network of projects already underway and provides a new identity to this central location that lacks a central space. Thus, the future equipment of the future towers should have a large size, at least 2,000 m², in order to be able to mark its entity along the canal and interact with the other facilities that are right around the plot: the park, the to-be renovated stadium, the MIMA museum etc. The redevelopment of the area also includes a mix of public and private housing. There are plans to further develop a large existing open park as part of a green network, the design of which has been entrusted to Brussels Environmental Agency. A participatory process made it possible to better define the axes of the project. Other achievements could see the light at the Porte de Ninove, which includes the future “Parc de la Sennette” and the improvement of the sports infrastructure “Vander Putten Stadium”.



REQUIRED TASKS AND EXPECTED RESULTS

Each participant (YPPs) will spend 4 full days working with the YPP group between 26 and 30 September. Within these dates, there may be a necessity of conducting meetings with local hosts and press. It is intended that the workshop will gather 12 International YPPs (together with nearly 8 young planners from Belgium), who are not older than 35 years and who offer a keen interest in the workshop and congress theme. The selected YPPs will have a chance to work with 2 ISOCARP experts and local coordinators.

The workshop results will be presented during the the [58th ISOCARP World Planning Congress](#) (3-6 October 2022). The presentation will take place during one of the congress plenaries (date to be announced soon). After the Young Planning Professionals' Workshop, all YPPs have to participate in the congress. Therefore, all participants should arrive on 26 September in the early afternoon at the latest and depart not earlier than 7 October in the morning - after the congress concludes. It is expected that the workshop will be concluded with:

- final presentation to congress audience during the ISOCARP World Planning Congress
- programme exhibition conducted during the congress
- final publication 'BUZZ ©YPP'

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

The call for WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS (YPPs) is open to YOUNG PLANNING PROFESSIONALS - professionals or Masters/Doctorate students in Planning, Urban Design, Policy Development, Geography, Architecture, Social and Political Sciences, or another related discipline. It is intended that the workshop will gather 12 International YPPs (together with nearly 8 young planners from Belgium), who are not older than 35 years and who offer a keen interest in the workshop and congress theme. YPPs with experience in urban design and planning, architecture, urban health, regeneration and resilience, spatial justice are especially encouraged to apply. The most effective composition of the team will be taken into account for the final selection.

Candidates complying with the above criteria have to submit the compiling the set of documents below through the [Online Application Form](#):

- Clear statement of intent explaining why you want to apply (maximum 1 page)
- Curriculum Vitae pointing out the relevant experience (please use the [ISOCARP Template](#))
- Recommendation Letter (drafted/signed by an ISOCARP member, employer or university professor)
- A portrait photograph (5x5 cm, in 300 dpi)
- A clear scan of your passport (photo page)
- A confirmation of abstract submission for the 58th ISOCARP World Planning Congress - please see the [Congress Website](#).

Please upload the documents as follows:

Family Name_Statement / Family Name_CV / Family Name_Recommendation / Family Name_Photo / Family Name_Passport /Family Name_Abstract

CONTRIBUTION AND EXPENSES

The cost of modest accommodation in shared rooms for the entire duration of the workshop and congress, as well as boarding (lunches and dinners) and local transportation for the entire duration of the workshop will be covered by the LOC within the agreed dates (information on the hotels will be out soon). During the weekend (1 and 2 October), YPPs will need to compensate lunch and dinner themselves. Transportation from airport to hotel and vice versa will be arranged by participants themselves. ISOCARP can neither be able to provide any assistance with respect to international travel expenses nor waive the congress fee for workshop participants.

Kindly note that each YPP Workshop participant needs to be registered to the congress and has to pay the (reduced) congress fee - that gives entrance to both the Young Planning Professionals' Programme as well as to the main Congress. ISOCARP cannot waive the congress fee for the participants. (Please see the registration fees from the Congress Website).

Additional benefits for all Young Planning Professionals include entrance to the YPPs workshop and congress (lunches, dinners and accommodation included), free local public transport for the field trips, receipt of the congress portfolio (see registration Congress) and attendance to Congress Events including Congress Dinner and other social events such as Mobile workshops. Participants are welcome to stay in Brussels longer than 6 October and to participate in other congress activities. However, their expenses for additional time spent in Belgium beyond the time required for the workshop and congress have to be borne by themselves. All YPPs have to take care of their own health and travel insurance.

Issue of Call	27 June 2022
Deadline - Reception of applications (Coordinators and Participants)	20 July 2022
Communication of selection results (Coordinators)	25 July 2022
Selection and Communication of results (Participants)	31 July 2022
Travel arrangements and Procedures	26 August 2022 at the latest
Arrival to Brussels	26 September 2022 noon the latest
Congress	3-6 October 2022
Departure	7 October 2022

ANNEX

PROVISIONAL TIMELINE FOR WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

DAY	SCOPE
September 26 Mday	Arrival and Welcome & Opening Ceremony [Introductory seminars on Host city / country / community and Workshop] Welcome Reception
Day 1 September 27 Tday	Site visit Studio work & Discussion <i>Scope of 1st day:</i> How is the city perceived? Brainstorming, discussion on observations, discussion on SWOTs, strategic priorities, formulation of the design / planning problems and spatial development strategy
Day 2 September 28 Wday	Seminar Session I (Invited Guests & Experts and/or Coordinators) Studio work, Pin-up & Discussion <i>Scope of 2nd day:</i> How is the city envisioned? Strategic objectives, Strategic solutions [from macro to micro scale] and developing key projects of intervention
Day 3 September 29 Tday	Seminar Session II (Invited Guests & Experts and/or Coordinators) Studio work, Pin-up & Discussion <i>Scope of 3rd day:</i> Develop a strategy and action plan - Strategic solutions & design proposals, while exploring different means of visual representation and presentations
Day 4 September 30 Fday	Studio work <i>Scope of 4th day:</i> Pilots and policy recommendation - Refinement of the proposed solutions, neighbourhood wide actions, determine strategic sites for pilots, defining the specific proposals and implementation methods, while exploring different means of visual representation and presentations & printing of posters
Day 5/6 October 1-2 Sday	Free day <i>Polishing presentations, rehearsal [Preparation of exhibition]</i>
October 3-8 2022	58TH ISOCARP WORLD PLANNING CONGRESS Presentation at the Plenary

QUESTIONS

Any questions during these procedures and regarding the topic, on-site logistics and travel arrangement should be sent to
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