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THE TETLEY GALLERY LEEDS, HUNSLET RD, LEEDS LS10 1JQ

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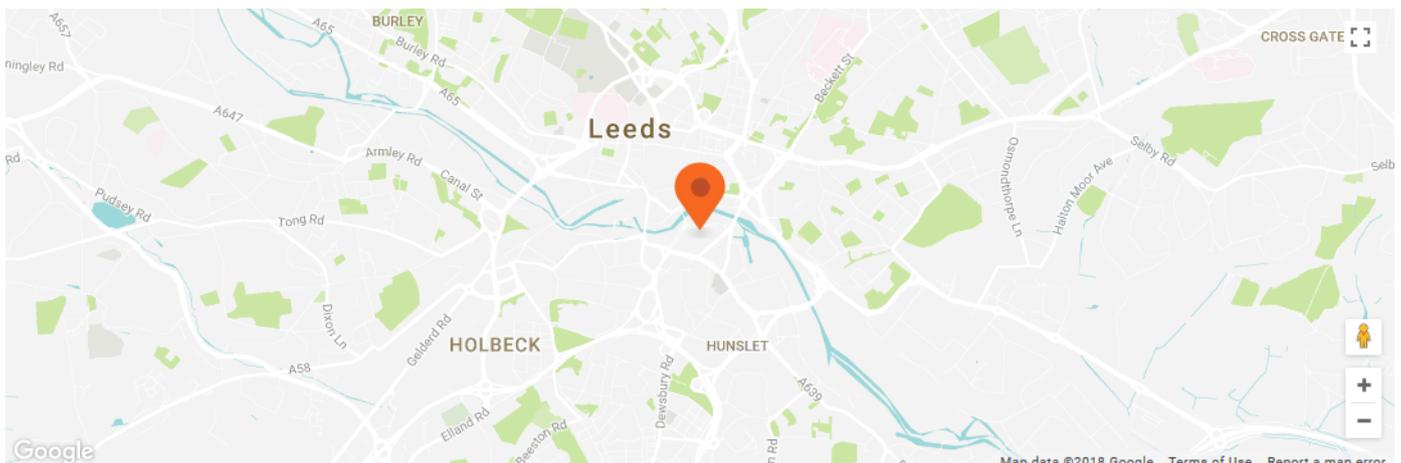
Five cities across England have worked over the last 18 months to develop ground-breaking initiatives to help cities realise a vision of healthy, prosperous and sustainable living. Work on the Urban Living Partnership projects commenced between June and September 2016, with this first phase of each project lasting 18 months.

We are inviting project partners and other interested groups and individuals to join us in Leeds to showcase the results.

This will be an interactive event where participants will interact with, and be able to comment on, the research outputs from the different cities. There will be a final plenary focusing on next steps and future opportunities.

Please register your interest through: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rcuk-urban-living-partnership-end-of-project-showcase-tickets-42121333041> or search Eventbrite for "RCUK Urban Living Partnership". An interactive map and directions will also be found there.

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Urban Living Birmingham

From Citizen to Co-innovator, from City Council to Facilitator: Integrating Urban Systems to Provide Better Outcomes for People (BOP) aimed to catalyse change in city governance by developing strategies to transform citizen and citizen groups into 'co-creators and co-innovators of urban services' and turning the City Council into services facilitator, rather than provider.

Using citizens' ideas in the process increased chances of breaking cycles of passive policies and securing a greater buy in from the public. However, a range of obstacles were identified in the end-user engagement, including citizen frustration with complex systems of governance or the lack of technical expertise and funding. Some of these barriers may be overcome by showing the impact of citizen proposals, securing small micro-grants to overcome financial constraints or using social media. Open data platforms were found to be crucial for encouraging the creation of apps (e.g. Fix My Street, Good Gym) to engage with citizens in a more direct way.

The on-going research, including use of an arts-based methodology, is transforming the ways in which policy-makers engage with citizens. The project has identified that end-user innovation as it is applied to public services also includes end-user innovation that is undertaken by groups of citizens.

Bristol Urban Integrated Diagnostics

Urban Integrated Diagnostics (Urban ID) (www.urband-id.co.uk) is a partnership project between the universities of Bristol and the West of England with Bristol City Council, South Gloucestershire Council and numerous business, environmental and community groups in the city-region. It has created and piloted a new Integrated Diagnostic Framework that brings cross-disciplinary integration of socio-technical thinking, co-production, learning journeys, resilience and systems to the analysis and diagnosis of key urban living challenges. The Urban ID method combines multiple citizen viewpoints to reduce community fragmentation and conflicts and thereby identify solutions that might deliver a more resilient, healthy, prosperous and sustainable city. A principal finding is that city-regions need to create lasting, impartial and trusted mechanisms for learning how the rapidly changing urban system-of-systems actually works and for exploring how it can be better adapted to deliver benefits to all citizens. A workshop session will explore the key elements Urban ID framework in the context of a typical urban living challenge.

Leeds- Transformational Route mapping for Urban Environments (TRUE)

The Leeds TRUE Project – Transformational Routemapping for Urban Environments – set out to assess how complexity and a lack of capacity contribute to urban policy failures, and how the multi-stakeholder teams can better manage complexity to deliver improved city solutions. We began with a proven process, The Routemap, which has helped ensure infrastructure project success. Through a wide collaboration across academics, local government, third sector and private organisations, we developed the TRUE prototype, an online tool with three stages: assessment, diagnosis, and planning. The tool uses a set of questions to assess the complexity of the situation and the capability and capacity of the team to address the complexity. It then diagnoses gaps requiring attention and provides resources to help bridge those gaps, resulting in a project and team-specific list of improvement areas. Planning tools then assist the team in identifying actions and potential solutions, from which they develop enhancement and action plans. These plans can then be used to ensure the team progresses through the project with improved effectiveness and greater likelihood of success.

Newcastle City Futures

Newcastle City Futures, led by Newcastle University, is the Urban Living Partnership pilot for Newcastle and Gateshead and links research to a range of public, private and voluntary organisations on long term trends, and facilitates innovate project delivery. Alongside NCF, Newcastle City Council has created a new governance model with the formation of the City Futures Development Group, a special purpose local authority committee that brings researchers and policy makers, alongside industry and the community sector to address the long term needs of the city. NCF has partnered over 170 organisations, facilitated over 50 new innovative project ideas as consortia of interests, and levered approximately £2.5m into the region.

Among the projects developed over the last 18 months are: *Metro Futures*, creating a digital engagement platform to allowed over 24,000 members of the public to help design the new fleet of metro trains to achieve inclusive mobility; *Future Homes*, to create digitally enabled sustainable homes for an ageing society; *Future High Street*, allowing the application of blue and green infrastructure and digital retailing in city centre shopping areas; and *the Big Draw Future Cities* weekend, that encouraged over 500 children to design their own future city using digital skills.

York City Environment Observatory (YCEO)

The aim of the York City Environment Observatory (YCEO) is to support evidence-based decision-making on how we design, manage, use and interact with our total environment to maximise health & wellbeing. This total environment includes natural, built, cultural and social environments. The YCEO project is led by the University of York and City of York Council. It also involves a number of collaborating organisations and partners. During this pilot phase, we have established a framework that supports evidence-based decision-making. The first part of this framework is working with stakeholders to identify and understand links between the total environment and health & wellbeing. During this pilot phase we have engaged with hundreds of York residents to understand what environmental themes are most important to them. The second part of this framework focusses on making information that is crucial to evidence-based decision-making available. During this pilot phase we have achieved this through the creation and continuing growth of the YCEO York Open Data site. The final part of this framework is the design of a tool that uses innovative data-analysis technologies to draw on the available information to produce a user-friendly output that facilitates evidence-based decision-making (e.g. as a website, mobile device app, or report etc.). During the pilot phase we have developed the structure of this tool. Moving into the future, we are keen to use this framework and tool to maximise health & wellbeing by supporting decision-making across a range of scales and users.