

*We, as signatories, commit ourselves to implement these ten principles to enable the transition towards progressive thinking and action on economic and social innovation.*

*We embrace innovation strategies, civic learning, urban hacking, and we foster collaboration between like-minded stakeholders and cities to meet the challenges facing our society.*

# A Manifesto for City Innovation

## 1 Sustainable

We take an integrated approach to sustainability, working towards the UN's sustainable development goals, considering environmental stewardship alongside wider issues of peace and justice, equality, responsible production and consumption, and health and wellbeing in the way we work and approach work.

## 2 Social and Economic Progress

We support sustainable urban economic growth by investing in building the skills, infrastructure and policy frameworks needed for the 21st century, thanks to a thorough consideration of social and environmental externalities and the implementation of the 'polluter pays' principle.

## 3 People Power

We believe in the power of diverse people innovating by *doing, using, and interacting*. We encourage the bringing together of diverse people and their skills, thinking, and experiences, to support the efficient and shared use of all local available resources towards the building of a progressive, productive and vibrant city.

## 4 Inclusive / Participatory

We promote equitable and inclusive partnerships and decision-making, leading to genuine Public-Private-People partnerships in cities. We advocate the development of a commons approach to co-design and co-delivery regardless of age, gender, income, and capabilities.

## 5 Holistic

We approach cities and issues as ecosystems, and address complex urban issues by considering all dimensions and interdependencies, to build sustainable, resilient and inclusive cities for everyone.

## 6 Connected

We believe innovation emerges from the ideas and skills that come from social connections, and that shared codes and narratives provide the necessary cognitive and relational closeness for social capital to be realised.

## 7 Open Source

Wherever possible we advocate an open source philosophy, in which ideas and outputs are released to others to learn from, adapt, and distribute. We foster a Digital Commons Approach that adheres to open source principles and values open data, in order to stimulate innovation and develop shared solutions between cities and territories.

## 8 Learning

We advocate active learning in cities to develop people and organisations to their full potential, and in securing participation and co-development to help others in a community. Active citizenship provides a way of developing greater potential in cities and in developing greater potential and responsibility in citizens.

## 9 Maker Mindset

We encourage working with a maker mindset, which looks beyond designing/making behaviour to broader playing/curiosity/experimenting attitudes which, coupled with capability, enables ideas to be brought to life. We encourage the development of maker mindsets to develop ideas that can change the world (social innovation), and the building in of feedback loops to embrace and learn from mistakes.

## 10 Hacking

Recognising hacking as a force for good in cities, we encourage the use of hacking skills and broader disruption in cities to bring about change. The values that underlie a healthy city – such as collaboration, empowerment, participation, new ideas – are the same values that underlie technological advancements. Civic hacking or learning in a way that innovates and disrupts to increase urban potential and give back to citizens, requires hacking furniture such as sympathetic spaces and connections to fully brainstorm, activate, involve, transform etc.

