

Trending City

URBAN SNAPSHOT 02

Welcome to Trending City's Urban Snapshot #2! It's been a few months since the last update and so much has been happening across the globe. We're excited to bring you some fresh ideas and great examples in architecture, design and culture. For more information visit us at Trending City HQ - www.trendingcity.org



FROM THE EDITOR

I'm really excited be editor of TC Urban Snapshot #2. Since the beginning of TC I've been constantly overwhelmed by the amazing ideas surfacing from across the globe and I always look forward to sharing them with the hope that they inspire.

TC has evolved into a truly global platform. We now have contributors from just about every continent to bring you the creative, unique and sometimes quirky ideas that are shaping our cities.

What has been so amazing about the site is its ability to unveil common contemporary urban themes. As we see a movement away from hard-engineering urban solutions, we're also seeing cities become more collaborative, communal and liveable places. People are leaving their cars for bikes, expressing themselves through public art and bringing back a sense of vibrancy to public spaces through pop-ups and events.

It's a wonderfully exciting time to be a part of these new urban movements. Get in touch, get involved... we'd love to hear from you!

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FROM THE GALLERY

PUBLIC PIANO VANCOUVER

A public piano was installed in a small park in Vancouver. An initiative of CityStudio Vancouver, the project involved students re-imagining the park and testing the space with a simple activation idea. Read more here.



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BICYCLE COUNTER MALMÖ

The local authority has actively worked to increase cycling and its visibility in the city. Cycle counters produce helpful info for the city administration and are a pride point for residents who proudly proclaim that Malmö is a cycle city. Read more here.



Image courtesy of Jennifer Lenhart.

IBM'S URBAN ADVERTISING PARIS

This branding is part of an initiative by IBM to promote its People for Smarter Cities website, a great platform encourages us to share ideas for making our cities better places to live, work and play. Read more here.



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SILODAM AMSTERDAM

This 10 storey building, known as the Housing Silo, is located on the IJ River in the western part of Amsterdam Harbour. A mixed community in one structure, the design offers different experiences on each level with a shared roof terrace. Check out the story here.



Image courtesy of MVRDV.

FROM THE BLOGS

TIMES PAST FOR NEW TIMES: NEWCASTLE'S ACTIVATION OF FORGOTTEN SPACES

by Tom Boyle

Hot off the heels of Sydney's premier digital art festival, Vivid Sydney, comes a new light festival with a distinctively local twist. Celebrating its heritage as Australia's second oldest city, the Victorian facades of Watt St, Newcastle, lit up on Friday night with images of times past, paying homage to the city's unique place in the nation's history. Read more here.



Image courtesy of Tom Boyle.

CYCLING SUPERHIGHWAYS TAKE OFF

by Tom Payne

Cycling superhighways are nothing new. Even LA, one of the most congested, car-dominated cities in the world had schemes to implement this idea all the way back in the 1890s. The idea is simple. A Cycling Superhighway is a cycle path wide enough and safe enough for everyone, regardless of age, gender, physical ability or cycling skills, to be able wherever they want and whenever they want. Different to the Dutch-style segregated lanes that are popping up in inner areas of NYC, London and Sydney, Superhighways act to transport high capacities of people moving at different speeds, into the inner city. More here.



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FINDING OLD USES FOR NEW INFRASTRUCTURE

by Jesse Darling

Infrastructure is a vital component within the urban fabric. Cities are constantly investing, retrofitting and building infrastructure. So what happens when a piece of infrastructure is no longer needed?

The most recent project to modify these outdated pieces of infrastructure is coming out of Amsterdam. Sophie Valla Architects saved several decaying gas stations from being demolished. Seeing the potential for these spaces as communal gathering places, the design firm thought it was vital to save them. Read the full story here.



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CURWOODS: A SPACE WHERE ART AND LAW INTERSECT!

by John O'Callaghan

Curwoods Laywers, located in the heart of Sydney's CBD, specialise in insurance and commercial law. But you would be wrong in assuming a corporate sterile environment void of creativity.

Over the past 40 years, Curwoods has been ahead of the pack, fostering creativity from within and promoting it as a point of difference. It's a part of their culture. Full story here.



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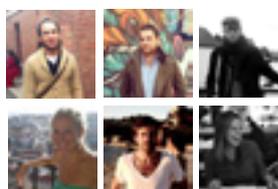
MAHA KUMBH MELA

by Alvaro Maz

This pop-up city is made manifest at the confluence of the Yamuna, Ganges and Saraswati rivers and creates space for markets, religious music, meditation and games. The city of tents is organised around a system of roads and bridges with specific routes making circulation quite fluid, putting to shame most of India's traffic-jammed roads where rules are rarely followed. Check out the rest of the story here.

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