

UCJRN Roundtable

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Emerging themes (summary)

Discussion table 1:

- Devolution of government to allow seamless collaboration between different social and geographic areas
- Recognising our dependence on the natural environment
- “stop stealing from nature for the city”
- Reinvigorating communities by increasing our connectedness with one another and the natural world
- Opportunities for communities’ cultural development collaboration and education through the years (?)

Discussion table 2:

- Long term vision
- Transitional reforms
- New systems
- Redistribution of wealth & income
- Liveability (Health, Access, Walking, Quality of life)
- Affordable housing (social, diverse, connected)
- Resilient communities (connected, engaged, fair, adaptive)
- Opportunities (local cooling from WSVD & biodiverse canopy greening)
- Economic development as an opportunity because of adaptive practice & new ideas/technologies
- Community engagement/participation
- Access to info

Discussion table 3:

- Social inclusion (everyone needs a voice, minimum wellbeing)
- Responsibility at the global level (carbon debt to the developing world, sustainable consumption and production)
- Cities can’t exist in isolation (city as an ecosystem, flow of resources (energy), sharing resources sustainably and justly)
- Built form that supports equity and low carbon living
- Transport
- Energy
- Housing supply
- Community safety
- Distribution of impact
- Framework to support climate justice (legal, economic, governance)

Discussion table 4:

- Vegetation
- Sustainable transport
- Food security
- Housing (affordable – to buy, run; affordable living)
- Land-use planning
- Distributed systems
- Diet (being and sustainability)

Discussion table 5:

- Relative justice
- Mutual social learning; multi-scale
- Role of leadership and champions in facilitating & leading justice and debate
- Institutions and their barriers enabling change
- Transformations
- From reaching the unreachable to delivering and deliberating real local changes
- Normalising new ways living, telling and wellbeing (policies, stories, science, people, places, politicians)
- Institutional barriers, leadership and learning

Discussion table 6:

- Human ecology
- Built and natural environments – sustainable, equitable, integrated, prosperous
- Human capacity, ability to adapt, accept need for urgent change
- Built on existing social networks, e.g. School, food, growers, sport
- Two-way interconnection between cities and regional communities
- Need to integrate across policy frameworks
- Human rights at the forefront of all city decisions, health and well-being for all
- Air, water, food, housing, freedom
- Grassroots work to build strong voices for political and systemic change
- Collaborative approach, not adversarial is the only way to achieve equity and resilience
- Leadership (FG/SG/LG, community)
- Crisis demands a response, common purpose
- Climate change is an opportunity to create a better life for all
- Access to basic personal needs – air, water, services, food
- Drought helps us to connect with environmental limits and change
- Rethinking vulnerability to incorporate peoples own conceptions, i.e. not impose categories