Building the city we all want: Putting people in their place

Community Participation and Engagement

Public Seminar

International expert Gordon Dabinett from the University of Sheffield, Government Architect Ben Hewett, community collaborator John Baxter and a speaker TBA will inform and stimulate the debate and discussion around the role of community attitudes and how they are both shaped by urban development and renewal, and affect urban outcomes.

This public seminar will place the community participation and engagement process at the front and centre of debates on Adelaide’s urban future. It considers how policy makers, urban planners and designers, the development industry and politicians can engage with the community to generate an informed debate on equipping Adelaide for the 21st Century.

The seminar will also examine ways to consider alternatives for the future and why innovation in urban renewal and development is often resisted. We will discuss and debate how urban planners can deal with active citizens with a plethora of first-person perspectives and approaches to development situations, and how citizens can be a productive force in the pursuit of a collectively shared goal.

Master Class

By the end of the master class participants will be equipped to undertake successful engagement. This will include some practical ideas and case studies that can be further developed in their workplace. In an interactive workshop format the expert presenters will:

➢ share key aspects of place making, community renewal, and urban regeneration drawing on international and Australian practice
➢ showcase tools and processes for creating a place essence and vision through authentic engagement
➢ strengthen existing professional networks between housing, health, engagement and built environment professionals
➢ shape the conversation about the policy and institutional settings needed to support the delivery of community renewal activities creating strong, vibrant and sustainable communities
➢ promote the positive contribution community renewal activities make to local communities and society more broadly
➢ highlight the connections between well-being, home, place, economy and environment