Reimagining
the Civic Commons

Civic Commons Learning Journey: Copenhagen

June 17-21, 2018

Velkommen!

Welcome to Civic Commons Learning Journey: Copenhagen.

One of the best ways to learn, find new inspiration and open your eyes to new potential in your own city is to immerse yourself in another place and to talk with the mavericks who are bringing about change in their own communities. Civic Commons learning journeys offer exactly that.

We are so pleased to have you participate in this exploration of Copenhagen and Malmö.

Thanks to many local hosts, over the next few days, you'll have the opportunity to experience and absorb the public life and culture of Copenhagen that is supported by public places where everyone belongs. You will explore the city by bike and foot, and have frank conversations with local leaders on the work they are pursuing. Leaders from many sectors including local government, design, urban planning, biking, sustainability and food culture, alongside community residents will offer the context, successes and challenges they have faced in fostering civic engagement, socioeconomic mixing, environmental sustainability and value creation throughout the city. Together, we will consider how to build and sustain public assets that deliver more public value.

Our visit to Malmö will delve into the role of public place in creating the welcome, as nearly a third of the city's population is foreign born.

Along with learning, we will also take time to reflect and share what we experience may influence our work at home.

And throughout, you'll have a chance to appreciate local cuisine, reconnect with colleagues from other demonstration cities and perhaps even take a dip in the harbour!

Come with a curious mind. And leave inspired with new opportunities for your own work. No pretense allowed.

We look forward to learning together.

Bridget Marquis
Director, Civic Commons Learning Network

Jason Roberts
Founder, Better Block

Itinerary

Sunday, June 17: Velkommen to Copenhagen!

3:45 p.m.	**Meet in Lobby of Hotel Astoria**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V
4 - 6 p.m.	**Walking Tour of Copenhagen with Gehl**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V
7 p.m.	**Meet in Lobby of Hotel Astoria**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V
7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	**Dinner with Bicycle Chef Morten Kryger Wulff** *(Bring a towel and swimsuit)*	Bolgen Kalvebod Brygge 7 1560 København

Monday, June 18: Experience Public Life

8 - 8:30 a.m.	**Breakfast at Hotel Astoria**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V
8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	**Bike to Copenhagenize**	Sundkaj 7 2150 Nordhavn
9:15 - 10:15 a.m.	**Get to Know Copenhagen with Copenhagenize**	Sundkaj 7 2150 Nordhavn
10:15 a.m.- 12:45 p.m.	**Bike Tour by Copenhagenize** *Ending at Havnepromenade*	1058 Kobenhavn K
12:45 - 1:15 p.m.	**Bike to Reffen**	Refshalevej 167 1432 København
1:15 - 2:15 p.m.	**Lunch at Reffen**	Refshalevej 167 1432 København
2:15 - 3:15 p.m.	**Discussion with the People from CPH Street Food**	Refshalevej 167 1432 København
3:15 - 3:30 p.m.	**Play for All with Monstrum**	Refshalevej 167 1432 København
3:30 - 5 p.m.	**Inspiring Play for All Biking Tour** *Tower playground, Crooked houses and Pirate playground*	
5 - 5:30 p.m.	**Bike to Hotel Astoria**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V

Tuesday, June 19: Public Assets Delivering More Public Value

8 - 8:30 a.m.	**Breakfast at Hotel Astoria**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V
8:30 - 9:15 a.m.	**Bike to Støberiet**	Blågårds Plads 5, 2nd Floor, 2200 København N
9:15- 10:15 a.m.	**Creating Value Through Public Assets with Morten Kabell**	Blågårds Plads 5, 2nd Floor, 2200 København N

Itinerary

Tuesday, June 19: Public Assets Delivering More Public Value

10:15 - 11:45 a.m.	**People's Park: Redesign to Now**	Folkets Park Prins Jørgens Gade 2200 København
11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.	**Lunch at Your Leisure**	Café Auto Griffenfeldsgade 22 2200 København N Ramen To Biiru Griffenfeldsgade 28 2200 København N
1 - 1:15 p.m.	**Walk to Støberiet**	Blågårds Plads 5, 2nd Floor, 2200 København N
1:15 - 2:15 p.m.	**Cloudburst Parks with Eva Christensen and Sia Boesen**	Blågårds Plads 5, 2nd Floor, 2200 København N
2:15 - 2:45 p.m.	**Walking Tour of Hans Tavsens Park**	Hans Tavsens Gade 2200 København N
2:45 - 3:15 p.m.	**Bike to Superkilen**	Nørrebrogade 2209 2200 København
3:15 - 4:45 p.m.	**Walking Tour of Superkilen with SUPERFLEX**	Nørrebrogade 2209 2200 København
4:45 - 5 p.m.	**Discussion with Community Member Troels Gilsmann**	Tagensvej 129 2200 København
5 - 5:30 p.m.	**Bike to Hotel Astoria**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V

Wednesday, June 20: Operationalizing Ambition

8 - 8:30 a.m.	**Breakfast at Hotel Astoria**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V
8:30 - 9 a.m.	**Bike to Administration Building**	Islands Brygge 37
9a.m. - 10 a.m.	**Co-Create Copenhagen with Monica Belling Magnussen**	Islands Brygge 37
10:15 - 11 a.m.	**Sharing Copenhagen with Jacob Hartmann**	Islands Brygge 37
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	**Experiencing the City in Slow Motion with Tina Saaby**	Islands Brygge 37
12 - 12:30 p.m.	**Bike to Torvehallerne**	Frederiksborggade 21 1360 København

Wednesday, June 20: Operationalizing Ambition

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	**Lunch at Your Leisure at Torvehallerne**	Frederiksborggade 21 1360 København
1:30 - 2 p.m.	**Bike to Gehl**	Vesterbrogada 24, 5th Floor, 1620 København V
2 - 5 p.m.	**Bringing It Home: Working Session with Gehl**	Vesterbrogada 24, 5th Floor, 1620 København V
5 - 5:15 p.m.	**Bike to Hotel Astoria**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V
8:15 p.m.	**Meet in Lobby of Hotel Astoria**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V
8:30 - 8:45 p.m.	**Walk to Dinner**	Sankt Peders Stræde 34 1453 København K
8:45 - 10:45 p.m.	**Closing Dinner with Discussion at Vaekst**	Sankt Peders Stræde 34 1453 København K
10:45 - 11 p.m.	**Walk to Hotel Astoria**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V

Thursday, June 21: Malmö, Creating the Welcome

7:30 - 8 a.m.	**Breakfast at Hotel Astoria**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V
8 - 9 a.m.	**Transport to Malmö**	
9 - 9:45 a.m.	**Overview of Malmö with Christer Larsson**	Malmö stad (City Hall) August Palms Plats 1
9:45 - 10 a.m.	**Transport to Norra Grängesbergsgatan**	Annelundsgatan 55c SE-214 44 Malmö
10 - 10:45 a.m.	**From Shady Street to Street Party: Norra Grängesbergsgatan Street Party**	Annelundsgatan 55c SE-214 44 Malmö
10:45 - 11:20 a.m.	**Transport to Media Evolution City**	Stora Varvsgatan 6 SE-211 19 Malmö
11:20 a.m. - 12 p.m.	**Creating the Welcome: A Place Anyone and Everyone Can Call Home**	Stora Varvsgatan 6 SE-211 19 Malmö
12 - 1:45 p.m.	**Lunch at Media Evolution City**	Stora Varvsgatan 6 SE-211 19 Malmö

Itinerary

Thursday, June 21: Malmö, Creating the Welcome

1:45 - 2 p.m.	**Transport to Malmö Library**	Kung Oscars väg 11 211 33 Malmö
2 - 3 p.m.	**Explore Malmö Library & Fairytale Playground**	Kung Oscars väg 11 211 33 Malmö
3 - 4 p.m.	**Transport to Hotel Astoria**	Banegårdspladsen 4 1570 København V

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Important Information

What to Wear

There is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing. The dress code is business casual, with more of an emphasis on "casual." We will be active. We will be outside. We will be bicycling. Dress in layers with comfortable shoes. Include a raincoat and swimsuit.

Currency

The exchange rate for currency is one Danish Krone equals .16 U.S. dollar.

Don't Forget

To bring your passport
To pack your adapter
To update your mobile phone plan

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Social Media

When you share insights and images on social media from our explorations, please tag @CivicCommonsUS and @TheBetterBlock and use #CivicCommonsUS.

Our Local Hosts

Copenhagen

Gehl • gehlpeople.com

Gehl is an urban research and design consulting firm based in Copenhagen. It was founded in 2000 by Professor Jan Gehl and urban designer Helle Søholt as a continuation of Gehl's research within the area over the past four decades. The firm specializes in improving the quality-of-urban-life by re-orienting city design toward the pedestrian and cyclist.

Names to Know:

Camilla van Deurs, Partner, Director and Team Lead Design Architect
Jeff Risom, Partner, Managing Director, U.S.

Bicycle Chef • cykelkokken.dk

Morten Kryger Wulff is the Bicycle Chef. He roles around Copenhagen on his two-wheeled kitchen, creating experiences with food for guests from all over. We will be joining him for dinner on the pier.

Name to Know:

Morten Kryger Wulff, Bicycle Chef

Copenhagenize • copenhagenize.eu

Copenhagenize Design Co. works on planning cities, districts and neighborhoods, integrating simplicity, logic and human nature into mobility networks. Armed with best-practice street design refined over a hundred years, Copenhagenize specializes in applying an anthropological and human-centered approach to bicycle planning.

Names to Know:

James Thoem, Partner/Urban Planner
Morten Kabell, Chief Operating Officer

Reffen • reffen.dk/en

From the folks at Copenhagen Street Food, Copenhagen's new up-coming urban neighborhood, Refshaleøen, will soon get a new playground for creative minds and street food enthusiasts near the waterfront. The new project has been given the working title "Reffen," which is the nickname of the island. The ambition is to create a melting pot with a food market, creative workshops and start-ups, cultural experiences and innovative projects.

Names to Know:

Maja Tini Jensen, PR and Marketing for Copenhagen Street Food
Dan Huste, Creative Director for Copenhagen Street Food

MONSTRUM • monstrum.dk

MONSTRUM creates thematic playgrounds that fascinate and inspire both adults and children. Based on visual arts and design, MONSTRUM makes playgrounds that can not only be climbed, ripped down or swung on, but can start the game by being an area where there is space for imagination. All its playgrounds are handmade from wood at its workshop in Denmark. Skilled craftsmen and designers work closely together throughout the process to ensure that the playgrounds and equipment are fun, safe and unique.

Names to Know:

Marie Astrup, Sales/Marketing Director
Ole Barslund Nielsen, Partner & CEO

CPH City & Port Development • byoghavn.dk/english

CPH City & Port Development is an urban development company, jointly owned by the City of Copenhagen (95 percent) and the Danish state (5 percent), that was founded in October 2007. The purpose of the partnership is primarily to develop areas in Ørestad and Copenhagen Port and also to manage port operations in the port. CPH City & Port Development's vision is to create vibrant neighbourhoods of international class, which are attractive quarters in which to live and work, and are also exciting to visit.

Name to Know:

Morten Kabell, Former Mayor of Technical and Environmental Affairs, City of Copenhagen and Former Board Member, CPH City & Port Development

Folkets Park • bit.ly/2wbpkwz

Folkets park (Danish for "People's Park") is a small park in Nørrebro in Copenhagen, situated between Griffenfeldsgade and Stengade. The park was established by local residents in 1971, who also converted a disused building in the park into a community center, Folkets Hus. After intermittent attempts to clear the park, the City of Copenhagen accepted it as a park in 2008 and performed some renovation.

Names to Know:

Joan Raun, Spektrum Arkitekter
Dina Ingerslev Heldt, Former City Staff
Sigurd Jakobsen, Community Member

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Copenhagen

Hans Tavsens Park • sla.dk/en/projects/hanstavsenspark/

The Soul of Nørrebro is an integrated urban design and climate adaptation project for Hans Tavsens Park and Korsgade in Nørrebro. The project combines city nature, local community and smart cloudburst solutions, building upon the area's existing qualities and unique local spirit. Hydrological, biological and social circuits will work together in a strong symbiosis that does not only climate proof inner Nørrebro, but also has a positive effect of the entire city of Copenhagen.

Names to Know:

Eva Christensen, Copenhagen Municipality, Project Manager, Climate Adaptation
Sia Boesen, Copenhagen Municipality, Project Manager, Green Social Networks

Superkilen • superkilen.dk

Superkilen is an urban open space in Nørrebro located in the Quarter of Mimersgade designed by SUPERFLEX in collaboration with architectural firms Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG) and Topotek1. The Red Square designates the modern, urban life with café, music and sports, The Black Market is the classic square with fountain and benches and The Green Park is a park for picnics, sports and walking the dog. As part of the design process, SUPERFLEX asked local residents to nominate specific urban objects encountered in either their country of national origin or in their travels abroad. In total, over 100 different objects from more than 50 different countries are installed in Superkilen.

Names to Know:

Cristina Casals Soler, Research & Coordination, SUPERFLEX
Troels Gilsmann, Community Member

Co-Create Copenhagen • bit.ly/2KhNW8R

'Co-create Copenhagen' is a vision to create 'A Liveable City,' 'A Bold City' and 'A Responsible City' together with the Copenhageners and everybody who uses the city. This will require more than traditional planning. It will require a radical rethink of the nature of urban development. The process must be less controlled – it must unleash Copenhageners' creativity so that everybody works together to build the city we want.

Name to Know:

Monica Belling Magnussen, Project Manager, Meet Copenhagen City

Sharing Copenhagen • kk.dk/artikel/sharing-copenhagen

Sharing Copenhagen forms a framework for green partnerships between the City of Copenhagen and the city's many environmental stakeholders. Copenhagen will be one of the world's greenest, most resource-efficient and attractive cities to live in - but it can only achieve that ambition through cooperation with the city's citizens, companies and organizations. The pool supports the launch of small partners, testing and implementation of new ideas, projects and prototypes. In 2017, Sharing Copenhagen primarily focused on urban nature projects that develop and inspire the use of the harbor as a social urban area.

Name to Know:

Jacob Hartmann, Project Manager, Sharing Copenhagen

City of Copenhagen • international.kk.dk/aboutcopenhagen

The City of Copenhagen has an intermediate government system with a divided administrative management. The Lord Mayor and the chairmen of the standing committees (the mayors) share responsibility for the senior management of the City: Each of them is head of the administration in charge of the tasks falling under their various committees. The committees can make final decisions within their areas, which reduces the number of cases that must be submitted to the City Council. The municipal government is divided into seven administrative departments: Employment and Integration, Culture and Leisure, Health and Care, Finance, Child and Youth, Social Services and Technical and Environmental Administration.

Name to Know:

Tina Saaby, Copenhagen City Architect

Torvehallerne • torvehallernekbh.dk

It is not a supermarket – it is a super market. At Torvehallerne, you'll find over 60 stands selling everything from fresh fish and meat to gourmet chocolate and exotic spices, as well as small places where you can have a quick bite to eat.

Vaekst • cofoco.dk/restauranter/vaekst

Look forward to a Nordic menu, characterized by fresh vegetables and herbs in the company of a piece of meat - served in the city's most beautiful greenhouse.

Our Local Hosts

Malmö

Malmö City Hall • malmo.se

Malmö, the capital and largest city of the county of Scåne in Sweden, was one of the earliest industrialized towns. It struggled, however, with adapting to post-industrialism. The Oresund Bridge, which crosses the border between Denmark and Sweden, opened in 2000. Since then, the city has advanced in architecture, attracted biotech and IT companies and increased its population with students with Malmö University. In recent years, Malmö has focused on creating a welcome for refugees. Sweden has received more refugees per capita than any other European nation.

Name to Know:
Christer Larsson, Architect, Director of City Planning

Norra Grängesbergsgatan Street Party • ngbg.se

This street typically has a bad reputation, but through the work of the folks behind the Norra Grängesbergsgatan Street Party, that's starting to change. A community organization has been organizing the street party, which brings a diverse group of people together.

Name to Know:
Iain Dace

Media Evolution Library • mediaevolutioncity.se

Media Evolution City is the hub for the media industries in Malmö. The main purpose of the house is to create the conditions for growth and development for the media industries through bringing them together. The concept is based on knowledge exchange and a "united we are strong" culture where sharing is caring.

Center for Public Entrepreneurship • publiktentreprenorskap.se

The Center for Public Entrepreneurship is a resource center for people and organizations that have a community-developing idea. It supports community entrepreneurial initiatives throughout Skåne by offering mentoring and counseling on funding, organization, social mobilization, communication and access to cross-sectoral networks.

Name to Know:
Nils Phillips

Malmö Multicultural Center • malmomulticultural.se

Malmö Multicultural Center supports social innovation to harvest positivity and spread knowledge on multiculturalism as a valuable resource – and solution. It looks onto Malmö as a city capable of playing a global role as a successful and leading example on utilizing multiculturalism and activating the dormant positive energy within its social dynamics.

Name to Know:

Ashraf Haddad, Founder and educator

National Integration Evaluation Mechanism • forintegration.eu

The National Integration Evaluation Mechanism (NIEM) is a six-years long transnational project which aims to prepare key actors in the integration field in 15 EU Member States to better face the current challenges and improve the integration outcomes of beneficiaries of international protection. Conflict situations tend to last longer and it takes currently on average 17 years, before refugees fleeing civil wars may eventually have a chance to return to their home country. Hence, the long-term integration of newly arrived beneficiaries of international protection is without alternative and presents an immediate challenge for European societies.

Name to Know:

Sayaka Osanami Törngren, Malmö University/NIEM

Open Skåne • openskane.se

Open Skåne aims to strengthen social cohesion in Skåne County. It believes that where differences interact, new perspectives and new opportunities are created. Open Skåne is a process for social and cultural openness through personal meetings, conversations and dialogues, think tanks and conferences, artistic expressions and debates.

Name to Know:

Rebecca Lillian, Project Manager

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Malmö

Van Alen Institute • vanalen.org

The Van Alen Institute believes design can transform cities, landscapes and regions to improve people's lives. The Institute collaborates with communities, scholars, policymakers and professionals on local and global initiatives that rigorously investigate the most pressing social, cultural and ecological challenges of tomorrow.

Name to Know:

Jerome Chou, Senior Manager, International Projects

YallaTrappan • yallatrappan.se

Yalla Trappan is a labor integrating social company and women's cooperative at Rosengård, Malmö.

Name to Know:

Ferdrik Björk, Researcher, Malmö University

Malmö Library • malmo.se/bibliotek

Malmö City Library first opened on December 12, 1905 then in Hotel Tunneln. The Castle, as it has become known as, was originally built for Malmö Museum, and was designed by the architects John Smedberg and Fredrik Sundbärg. Today, it consists of three buildings. "The Calendar of Light" was designed by the Danish architect Henning Larsen and was inaugurated in 1997. The Castle was restored and re-inaugurated in 1999. These two main buildings are linked by a building called "The Cylinder."

Name to Know:

Carola Beijer, Operations Controller

Fairytale Playground • bit.ly/2rBIiGN

Twenty-one of Malmö's playgrounds are themed parks with unique, custom-built attractions that follow a certain theme. The construction of the Malmö parks followed a city redevelopment plan in the mid-1990s. Instead of replacing existing playgrounds with standard equipment, Malmö City Council made a policy decision to begin building themed playgrounds with custom designs. This new playground paradigm provides children and families with a richer experience for both imaginative and physical play.

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Participant Biographies

Ajara Alghali • Detroit

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Ajara Alghali is an avid daydreamer. As the Program Manager of Live6 Alliance, Ajara uses her personal experience as an artist to curate programming reflective of neighborhood history and its unique characteristics. Born and raised in Detroit, she attended Wayne State University for both her undergraduate and graduate degrees. Ajara demonstrates leadership and ambition for developing strategies that increase sustainability of community-based programs. She has proven success in strategic program planning, training outcomes and contract goals. When Ajara is not creating dynamic programs, she's traveling, teaching and performing West African dance, or being active on various community boards.

Colin Amos

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Colin Amos is a project manager with the Better Block. After graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in Environmental Science and Urban Planning and Design, he joined the Better Block in December 2016. Colin has managed several Better Block projects, including the Kenmore Better Block and the Barberton Better Block. As an avid cyclist, Colin is passionate about working to create multimodal streets and places for people rather than cars. In his free time, he enjoys traveling and rock climbing.

Alexa Bush • Detroit

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Alexa Bush is the Design Director of the East Region in Detroit's Planning & Development Department, managing neighborhood planning, community development and landscape infrastructure projects. She is also project lead for the Livernois/

McNichols Plan, which includes Detroit's Reimagining the Civic Commons Initiative. Alexa is a licensed landscape architect and came to the City from SmithGroupJJR, where she served as a project manager and designer, gaining diverse experience in urban design and large-scale planning in communities across the U.S. Alexa graduated summa cum laude in Visual and Environmental Studies from Harvard University and earned her MLA at the University of Virginia.

Michelle DiFiore • Akron

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Michelle is a civil engineer and is currently the Environmental Division Manager for the City of Akron. She is part of the new Mayor's Office of Integrated Development, heading up infrastructure and public space activities. Michelle is the Project Manager for the design phase of the Ohio Canal Interceptor Tunnel, a 6,200-foot-long, 27-foot finished inside diameter tunnel, which will control combined sewer overflows into the Ohio Canal and Little Cuyahoga River. The tunnel is currently under construction in downtown Akron, scheduled to complete next year.

Jamie Gauthier • Philadelphia

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Jamie Gauthier joined the Fairmount Park Conservancy in January 2017 as Senior Director of Public Partnerships, and was named Executive Director in September of 2017. She brings with her a depth of experience related to community development, grassroots engagement, economic development and nonprofit administration, and will work to expand the Conservancy's reach and engagement in neighborhoods across Philadelphia.

Participant Biographies

Tonnetta Graham • Philadelphia

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Tonnetta Graham is a Philadelphia native who is a Founder and current President of the Strawberry Mansion Community Development Corporation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to neighborhood preservation and planning. Her additional service efforts include board affiliations with the Strawberry Mansion Neighborhood Action Center, East Park Leadership Coalition and the Audubon/Outward Bound Discovery Center. She also serves as a Citizen's Tool Kit contributor and as an Instructor for the Philadelphia Citizen's Planning Institute. Tonnetta has a BS in Human Resources from Indiana University of PA and her MS in Higher Education and Organizational Leadership from Drexel University with additional certifications in Volunteer Management and Citizen Planning.

James Hardy • Akron

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James serves as Deputy Mayor for Integrated Development and Chief of Staff for the City of Akron. He previously served as Assistant Director of Community Health for Summit County, and Special Assistant to the President at Kent State University. He holds a bachelor's in Political Science/Criminal Justice, and a Master's in Public Health.

Cecily King • Detroit

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Cecily King is the executive director of Live6 Alliance. Prior to joining Live6, Cecily served as development director for the City of Detroit's Housing and Revitalization Department. In this role, she oversaw more than $200 million of multifamily and mixed-use projects across the city. Cecily has worked on real estate projects for private developers, large institutional clients

and universities around the country. She holds her Master's in Real Estate Development from Columbia University as well as degrees from Princeton University and Lehigh University. She serves on several boards and committees including the Association of Black Princeton Alumni.

Mads Kjaer • Copenhagen

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Native to Copenhagen, Mads looks forward to showing you his city. As an architect and urbanist, he is passionate about the intersection between the built environment and social science. He is currently finishing his Master's degree in Urbanism and Societal Change at the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, after having worked at offices such as BIG and Gehl.

Kyle Kutuchief • Akron

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In Akron, the birthplace of Knight Newspapers and the foundation, Kyle Kutuchief leads Knight's strategy focused on downtown and its surrounding neighborhoods through investments in talent, opportunity and engagement. Akron is also part of Reimagining the Civic Commons, a Knight-supported national initiative that seeks to counteract economic and social fragmentation by revitalizing and connecting public spaces. Kyle earned his Bachelor of Arts in political science from The Ohio State University and a Master of Public Administration from The University of Akron.

Participant Biographies

Chris Ludle • Akron

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Chris Ludle is the Deputy Service Director, which oversees the Engineering Bureau, Public Works, the Sewer Bureau and the Water Bureau. After 12 years in the private sector, he began with the City of Akron in 2004. In 2007, he joined the Sewer Maintenance Division and was later promoted to supervisor. Chris was appointed acting Highway Superintendent in the Public Works Bureau in 2014.

Bridget Marquis

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Bridget is the project manager for Reimagining the Civic Commons, a national initiative supported by The JPB Foundation, the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, The Kresge Foundation and The Rockefeller Foundation that seeks to counter economic and social fragmentation in our cities by revitalizing and connecting public places such as parks, trails, libraries and community centers to bring together people from different backgrounds. In this role, she acts as director for the national Civic Commons Learning Network, that provides coordinated learning, impact assessment and storytelling across the five demonstration cities.

Caitlin Murphy • Detroit

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Caitlin Murphy serves as the Civic Commons Coordinator on behalf of Live6. She is actively involved with local initiatives that promote economic justice and social equity. She is a fellow with Humanity in Action and EJAM and is a self-proclaimed lifelong learner. She earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan's Penny Stamps School of Art and Design and Master's Degree in Community Development from the University of Detroit Mercy.

Krista Nightengale

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Krista Nightengale is the Managing Director of the Better Block, an international, urban design nonprofit that educates, equips and empowers communities and their leaders to reshape and reactivate built environments to promote the growth of healthy and vibrant neighborhoods. At the Better Block, Krista works to help with its growth, spread its story and make the world a little better by working with communities to demonstrate how wonderful walkable/bikeable districts are, and what it means to build for love not fear. Krista is on the DCFA board, TEDxSMU steering committee, a member of the DPD Advisory Board, former AIA Dallas board and a graduate of Leadership Texas.

Ceara O'Leary • Detroit

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Ceara O'Leary, AIA, is a Senior Designer and Project Director at the Detroit Collaborative Design Center, where she leads collaborative community design and planning projects that support neighborhood revitalization efforts citywide. Ceara joined the DCDC in January 2012 as an Enterprise Rose Architectural Fellow. She is also an adjunct professor and the Associate Director of the Master of Community Development program at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Architecture. Previously, Ceara worked with bcWORKSHOP and the Gulf Coast Community Design Studio. Ceara graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with Master's degrees in Architecture and City & Regional Planning.

Participant Biographies

Howard Parr • Akron

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Howard Parr has more than 30 years of professional experience in the arts and entertainment industry. He has served as Executive Director of the Akron Civic Theatre since September 2007, having served as its Director of Development and Planning from 1998 – 2004, during which the theater completed a $22.5 million expansion and restoration project. In addition to his work with The Civic, Howard provides booking assistance to the City of Akron's Lock Three Park and to the University of Akron's EJ Thomas Hall.

Dan Pitera • Detroit

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Dan Pitera, FAIA is the Executive Director of the Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC) at the Detroit Mercy School of Architecture, which received the National AIA's 2017 Whitney M. Young Jr. Award and was included in the 2017 Curry Stone Social Design Circle. DCDC's design engagement process was included in the Smithsonian's Cooper Hewitt Design Museum's exhibition: *By The People*, and the DCDC's Roaming Table has been added to the Smithsonian Institute's permanent collection. Dan was a 2004-2005 Harvard University Loeb Fellow. He has co-authored the book, *Syncopating the Urban Landscape*, and co-edited the book, *Activist Architecture*. He likes "fallout shelter" yellow.

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Daniel M. Rice is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition (OECC). OECC is the regional nonprofit organization working for the conservation,

development and interpretation of the natural, historical and recreational resources along the Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway from Cleveland to New Philadelphia, Ohio. Since 1994, Dan has worked with over 150 community partnerships and raised over $50 million in development funds for the development of the 101-mile multi-use Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail and the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area and received numerous regional and national awards.

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Jason Roberts is an artist, civic activist and urban designer whose life's work has been dedicated to the creation of healthy, vibrant and sustainable neighborhoods. In 2010, Jason organized a series of Better Block projects, taking blighted blocks with vacant properties in Dallas and converting them into temporary, walkable districts. The project has become an open-sourced international movement occurring everywhere from Melbourne, Australia to Tehran, Iran, and has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *Dwell Magazine*. Jason has received a Champions of Change award from the U.S. White House, showcased in the 2012 Venice Biennale and was listed in Planetizen's Top 100 Most Influential Urbanists.

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Brittany Schmoekel has spent her career with the City of Akron, first as the Community Event Coordinator and most recently as the Recreation Bureau Manager. As the Recreation Bureau manager, she works with a great team of people and makes quality of life her profession. She has five divisions and 11 community centers throughout the city. Brittany is passionate about working collaboratively to make recreational services the vibrant thread that connects all areas of the city.

Participant Biographies

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Chris Spahr is the Executive Director of the Centennial Parkside Community Development Corporation, a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization emphasizing equitable redevelopment in the East Parkside neighborhood of West Philadelphia. In his work, Chris supports residents striving to preserve, promote and revitalize their neighborhood. His organization does this through partnerships with businesses, institutions and programs that engage residents, increase opportunity and grow a diverse, thriving community. Chris lives in West Philadelphia with his wife and daughter.

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Kira Strong joined the Rebuilding Community Infrastructure team of the City of Philadelphia as the Deputy Director of Design and Construction in 2016. Kira brings community transformation experience to this role, and has served on several boards, including the Community Design Collaborative and the Philadelphia Association of Community Development, and has been honored as a 40 Under 40 by *The Philadelphia Business Journal* and a Rising Star Award recipient from the Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations. She holds an undergraduate degree from Hampshire College and a Master's degree in urban planning from Temple University.

Kirstin Toth • Akron

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Kirstin S. Toth is senior vice president at GAR Foundation, a foundation awarding more than $6 million annually in greater Akron. Kirstin serves on several community boards including Summit Education Initiative, ConxusNEO, the Fund for Our Economic Future and the Early Childhood Resource Center. She is an active member of the national Grantmakers for Education and the Early Childhood Funders Collaborative. Prior to joining the Foundation, Kirstin worked in public sector economic development, and in banking. She holds a Master of Public Administration from Cleveland State University, and is pursuing her Ph.D. from Kent State University.

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Nicole is the Executive Director of Rebuild, a City of Philadelphia initiative to improve parks, rec centers and libraries. Her prior experience includes managing capital projects and the capital budget for the City of Philadelphia; serving as the Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Budget for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; developing multi-year financial plans for Public Financial Management; and working on budgetary planning and analysis and equitable school budgets for the School District of Philadelphia. Nicole has an architecture degree from the Rhode Island School of design and a Master of Government Administration from the University of Pennsylvania.

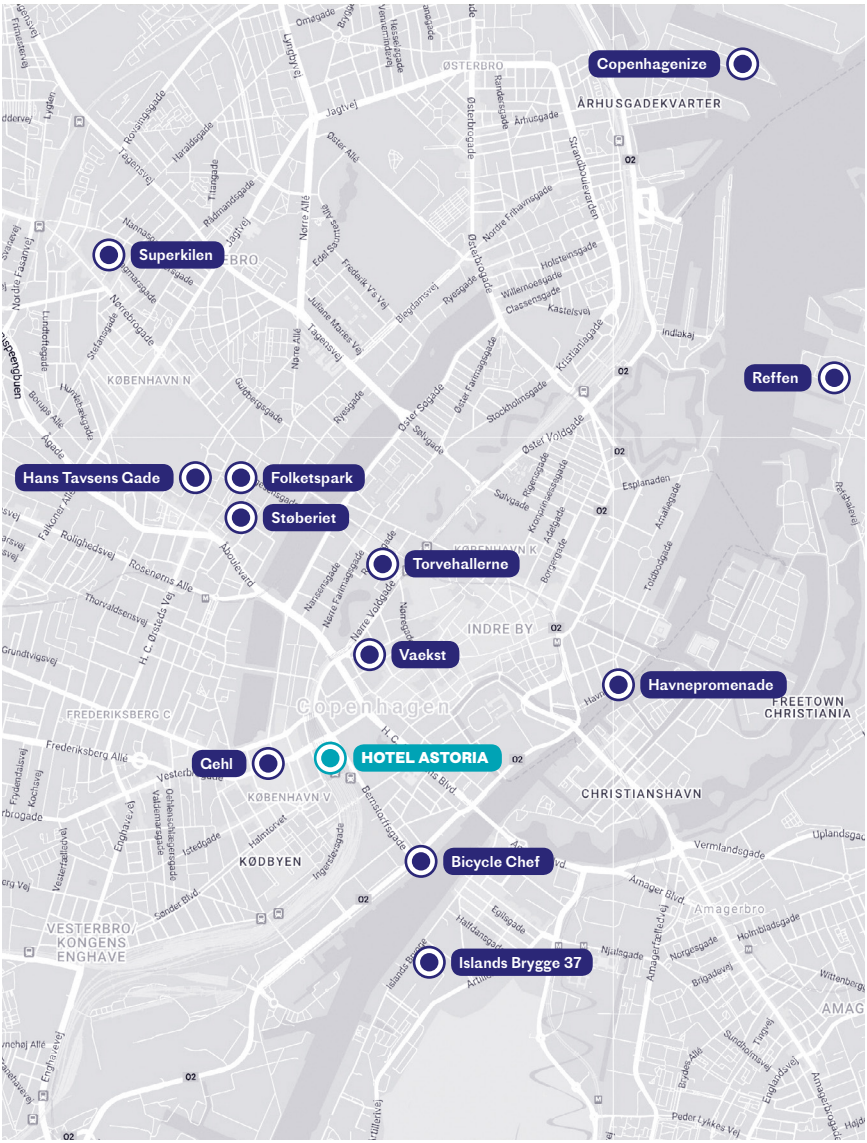
Maps & Directions

Directions from Copenhagen Kastrup International Airport (CPH) to Hotel Astoria (Banegaardspladsen 4, Copenhagen) by Train

- Take a free shuttle bus to terminal 3 to the train station. Note this is not the metro.
- You will need a 3 zone ticket ($6). Tickets for the train can be purchased at machines in the baggage claim area or machines near the DSB ticket sales counter inside Terminal 3. These machines accept major credit cards.
- Take the 029 train toward Østerport Street. It runs every 10 minutes during the day, and will get you to Copenhagen Central Station in about 13 minutes. During the night, the trains run 1-3 times an hour.
- Deboard the train at Copenhagen Central Station (København H).
- Follow signs for Vesterbrogade exit. The hotel will be about 50 steps to your left.

Hotel Area - Nearby Sites

Copenhagen Learning Journey - Citywide Site Visits



Free-time Explorations

Recommendations from some of our hosts for a perfect Copenhagen day or evening

Morten Kabell of Copenhagenize says:

"Visit Tivoli Gardens, the amusement park that inspired Walt Disney to create Disneyland. However, this park is in the middle of the city, on the old rampart - filled with cosiness, flowers and a laid-back feeling.

"Or take a stroll at Christianshavns Canals. Do like the locals: sit with a beer, enjoy the sun, quarrel with the seagulls, and be part of the quite bohemian neighbourhood with its picturesque buildings.

"It's late June, so when the weather is good, buy a bottle of rosé and share it with a friend on Dronning Louises Bro as the hip people of Nørrebro district do, or at the harbour park at Islands Brygge. Enjoy the people watching and the sunset - and perhaps take a swim in the harbour bath. Then you're a real Copenhagener!"

Eva Christensen of Copenhagen Municipality says:

"To start with, go for a shawarma menu at Dürüm Symphony at Nørrebrogade 104. Then go for a walk at Assistens Cemetery. Let the history and hundreds-of-years-old city nature fill your souls, go to the oldest part of the cemetery and make existential conversations at Søren Kirkegaard's earthly remains.

"Then stroll to the beer bar Kølsters 12 haner at Rantzausgade 56 to drink a well-brewed beer from one of Denmark's countless micro breweries.

"If the waves go high, finish at a pub like Cafe Osborne at Elmegade 23 (but then you must be prepared for smoke). Why? Just to taste what Nørrebro can offer, and because it would be a great night."

Jeff Risom of Gehl says:

"Go to Amager Beach for a stroll and dinner. It is a rare asset to have a large beach like Amager so close to the city center. Take the metro or bike to Øresunds metro station and walk all around the promenade to the kite surfing and kayak motels. The neighborhood is undergoing extensive regeneration with changing demographics and also offers one of the most diverse forms of public life in the City. I live there, too, and am biased."

Jason Roberts of Better Block says:

"I'd recommend taking the train to the Louisiana Modern Museum of Art, which is approximately 30 miles to the North. Set on the North Sea, with a view of Sweden, the grounds are beautifully landscaped, with a well-curated selection of modern art. The walk from the train station to the museum is about 1km, which gives you a small taste of residential life in the area as well."

Marie Astrup of Monstrum says:

"Denmark is famous for its very short summer. Luckily, you'll arrive just when it turns summer. This means the town is full of people and happenings. In my experience, eating out and walking around it absolutely lovely on an early summer night.

"If the weather is good, visit one of the street kitchens, maybe BroensGademarked on Christianshavn, which is walking distance from inner city. Holmen is also a pretty nice area of Copenhagen, and close to Chrisitania, the free city - if you want to go visit that.

"If you are into something traditional Danish (and not at all trendy), you should visit one of the Family Gardens on Frederiksberg."

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