

# The Visible City Project + Archive

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## The Art of Creating Better Cities

How do we make cities into cultural communities? Urban research in Canada is now recognizing the central role played by the arts in creating new forms of citizenship that strengthen social bonds.

### A Better Shared Understanding

*The Visible City Project + Archive* brings together researchers from a variety of disciplines – fine arts, architecture, urban planning and policy studies, as well as numerous public and non-profit arts organizations – to share information and examine common problems facing Canada’s largest cities. Working directly with artists and urban researchers, the project investigates how creative practices can improve the quality of urban life and planning in Canada.

### The Cost of Not Acting

As cities grow more complicated, there is an urgent need for creative research and interdisciplinary frameworks that raise social awareness and foster collective responsibility. Without them we cannot effectively address issues of social and cultural poverty in our cities, leaving those most in need out of the picture.

### Real-World Solutions to Real-World Challenges

Real-world challenges demand different angles, different approaches, and different attitudes. Interdisciplinary and collaborative, York University research delivers relevant insights and meaningful solutions that address today’s complex social issues.