

Save the Date/Call for papers

Sustainability means inclusivity: Engaging citizens in early stage smart city development

[Closing Festival](#)

13-14 June 2022, Norrköping, Sweden

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13-14 June 2022 the “Sustainability means inclusivity” closing festival will be take place in Norrköping, Sweden. With this event, we aim to think about how sustainability and inclusivity go hand-in-hand when it comes to the successful long-term adoption of smart city technologies. By this we mean: A sustainable urban environment depends as much on creating an inclusive space that is safe, accessible and comfortable for a diverse group of citizens as it does on deploying “smart” technologies for energy efficiency or environmental protection.

The closing festival aims to create dialogue between citizens, researchers and other stakeholders through a lively and engaging program of events focused around the themes of citizen science and urban gardening. The two days include presentations, kids’ activities, citizen science sessions, urban gardening, time to network, work-in-progress paper discussions and much more, all organized around sessions with our inspiring speakers (see below).

Part of the program we are planning is one or more work-in-progress sessions on the topic of engaging citizens in smart city development. We are hoping to gather researchers, professionals, activists, and others in a friendly environment fostering productive conversations on the topic. If you want to take part in the work-in-progress sessions, please send us a 250-word\* position statement (not inc.references). It can be a case study, an interesting idea, a challenging question or anything you want to bring to the table.

Send your position statement to <sustainabilitymeansinclusivity@gmail.com> no later than February 25, 2022.

Confirmed speakers:

Lauren Klein, Winship Distinguished Research Professor and Associate Professor, Departments of English and Quantitative Theory & Methods, Emory University (<https://lklein.com/> )

Francesco Pilla, Associate Professor, School of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy, University College Dublin. (<https://people.ucd.ie/francesco.pilla> )

Gabriele Ferri, Senior researcher in Civic Interaction Design and Head of Program of the M.Sc. Digital Design, Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (<https://www.gabrieleferri.com/> )

Modan Akbarnazim, Architect, Planner and Process Manager with specialization in Regeneration and Development.

Ramon Ribera Fumaz, Lead researcher, Urban Transformation and global change laboratory (TURBA), Internet Interdisciplinary Institute (IN3), Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (<http://transfer.rdi.uoc.edu/en/researcher/ribera-fumaz-ramon> )

Linda Gustafsson, gender equality strategist and coordinator for the municipality's commission for social sustainability, Umeå.

This festival is organized in collaboration between

- “Sustainability means inclusivity: Engaging citizens in early stage smart city development” project (<https://liu.se/en/research/sustainability-means-inclusivity> )
- Cities 5.0 research network (<https://liu.se/en/research/cities-50>) research network
- Smart City & Digital Sovereignty research network (<https://liu.se/en/article/smart-city-digital-sovereignty>)

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Festival registration opens 1 March 2022. For more information see:

<https://liu.se/en/article/the-sustainability-means-inclusivity-closing-festival>