

STRATEGIES FOR CITY BUILDING

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Cities around the world are facing the same challenges; how to remain competitive in a rapidly changing economic environment, how to provide the best quality of life for their citizens and how to respond to climate change. The best cities have developed flexible and responsive city building strategies through transformational regeneration of their downtowns and waterfronts, radical reworking of deprived areas, bold mobility strategies, integrated ecological initiatives and the promotion of cultural renaissance.

The course will be structured around practical experience in case studies drawn from cities which have demonstrated innovation and creativity in these many dimensions of city building. Cities to be considered will include: Dublin, Liverpool, London, Malmo, Manchester, New York, Paris, Singapore, Stockholm, and smaller centres such Youngstown , Ohio, and Sheffield and Burnley UK.

City building topics to be reviewed in these centres would include:

- Global strategies for major waterfront and downtown revitalisation
- Role of 'big projects'
- Creative cities initiatives
- Innovative ecological strategies
- Architectural and urban design interventions
- Organisation and leadership for city building
- Public and private sector roles
- Regeneration of deprived areas
- Managing decline

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