

PROCESS FOR THE TRANSFORMATIVE CITIES 1ST EDITION

2017

July – Sep	Open call to receive candidates
Sep	Selection of 30 semi-finalists
Sep – Oct	Jury scores semifinalists
Oct – Nov	Transformative Cities Index built and published
Nov – Dec	Top three experiences of each category are written up by commissioned journalists

2018

Jan – Feb	General Public vote for one story from each category to select the most inspiring experience
March	Publication of the selected experiences based on popular vote

BEYOND 2018

Dissemination most inspiring experiences and new cycle of the Project, Extension to other issues (migration & solidarity, territorial food governance, drugs harm reduction)

TARGET AUDIENCES

- + Activists and social movements working on: Right to the City, Access to basic rights, trade unionists and citizens against privatizations
- + Municipalist groups and coalitions
- + Universities (Architecture/Urbanism, Sociology, Political Economy)
- + Progressive city policy makers

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR?

- + Fearless Media to partner with and outreach to millions
- + Organisations, networks, groups and individuals interested in working with us to develop and apply methodologies that identify the most inspiring transformative experiences.

INTERESTED? Send an email to soltrumbovila@tni.org



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ENERGY – HOUSING – WATER

Transformative Cities is an opportunity for progressive local governments, social movements and civil society organisations to popularise and share their experiences in the construction of alternatives to economic, social and environmental crises worldwide.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- + To reward transformative experiences, and encourage their spread internationally.
- + To show that “transformation is possible”.
- + To encourage learning and exchange to deepen transformative practices.
- + To discover and recognise interesting case studies.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- + An international database of relevant transformative practices and processes from all regions of the world.
- + Publications of case studies, media briefings and stories about transformative city experiences
- + Seminars and workshops to share best ideas and practices.
- + Online learning courses based on the cases shared learning: Reviewing what is possible and what is not, so we can speed up the process of transformation.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

We hope to organize a new model of awards, one which is participatory, inspirational, and rooted in exchange and learning.

Our aims are big but we will start small, the first edition of the award (2017) will look at 3 issues: Energy, Water and Housing.



SCORING/RANKING: Will be based on an open source methodology assessing 8 categories: Equity and participation, Efficiency and quality, Accountability and transparency, Sustainability, Solidarity and Public Ethos, Transferability, Labour/Working conditions, Impact



WHAT DOES TNI BRING TO THIS EFFORT?

We bring our commitment to developing this project for at least four years. In addition to our capacity to engage with social movements, engaged scholars and policy makers from the North and Global South, we have also invested 10 years working to make the human right to water a reality, and helped found a new global Energy Democracy network and have led research on public sector alternatives to privatisation.

WHO ARE WE?

We are an internationalist non-profit research and advocacy organisation based in Amsterdam.

For more than 40 years TNI's mission has strengthened international social movements with rigorous research, reliable information, sound analysis and constructive proposals that advance progressive, democratic policy change and common solutions to global problems. In so doing, TNI acts as a unique nexus between social movements, engaged scholars and policy makers.

We believe that cooperation is essential to building a better world. We seek partnerships to nurture and develop this project together with the many other initiatives looking at the inspiring Municipalist practices. Our partnerships are structured as mutually respectful, horizontal relationships of cooperation.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

We face a systemic economic, political and ecological crisis. Yet nation states and transnational institutions have increasingly been captured by private corporate interests which only exacerbates the crises. As a result electorates feel increasingly disempowered and disaffected by electoral politics.

TNI believes that the city can be a key space for the promotion of transformative political and economic practices. Cities can both model transformation and collectively have the power to bring us towards a world of peace, equity and democracy on a sustainable planet brought about and sustained by an informed and engaged citizenry.