Strong Cities, Successful Young People
Applied, Engaged Policy Research

- Housing
- Transportation
- School facilities + joint use
- Regional sustainable communities planning
- Engaging young people and schools in city and regional planning
Strategies

Y-PLAN
(Youth-Plan, Learn, Act, Now)

PLUS Leadership Initiative
National Shift in Education

Achievement Gap (Outputs)

Opportunity Gap (Inputs)
Opportunity-Rich Schools & Sustainable Communities

4. Support the Whole Life of Learners

5. Align Bricks-and-Mortar Investments

6. Maximize Access to Opportunity through Transportation

IMPLEMENT

WHAT WORKS COLLABORATIVE
Building Knowledge & Sharing Solutions for Housing & Urban Policy
Push for increased access + services

...to re-envision schools as community learning centers, be anchors in their neighborhoods – create vitality inside + out.

“joint use” + “schools as centers of community”
Cities are changing
What is the family-friendly city of the 21st century?
The future of schools as places is...

- Mixed use
- Flexible
- Supporting varied learning activities
- Intergenerational
- Green
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Emeryville Center of Community Life (CA)
Tenderloin Community School
(San Francisco, CA)
Interdistrict Downtown School (Minneapolis, MN)
Rosa Parks Elementary Schools (Portland, OR)

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J.F. Oyster Bilingual Elementary School (Washington, DC)

Public private partnership
City Heights K-16 Educational Collaborative (San Diego)
Swampscott High School + Senior Center (MA)
Project Question: How can young people help the Hunters View HOPE SF housing developers forge stronger connections between the school, the neighborhood, and the larger community?

Class: 3rd + 4th Grade

Client/Partners: John Stewart Company, Urban Strategies, NOMA

Highlights: Youth Vision of the City is the Smart City
Citywide school construction program (New Haven, CT)
Re:imbursement

New Haven Promise for full tuition for your child's education

The city of New Haven is guaranteeing free tuition to any in-state college for students who graduate from New Haven public schools in good academic and behavioral standing. The average in-state college tuition is now over $22,000 a year. That number has increased 108% in the last ten years, where will it be 10 years from now? Between newly renovated public schools and the possibility of free college tuition, New Haven is a great place to call home.

LEARN MORE
Capital Spending on K-12 Facilities

Source: 21st Century School Fund
Communities must feel ownership of these new schools
Thank You

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