

YOUTHFUL CITIES

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ABOUT YOUTHFULCITIES

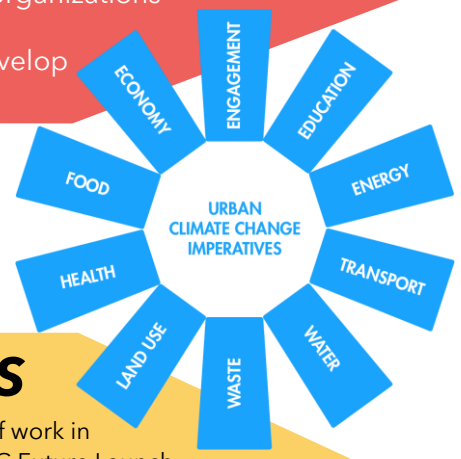
Since 2013 YouthfulCities has been measuring cities from the perspective of youth (ages 15-30). Through two global indices, three Canadian indices two global surveys, we've tried to better understand how youth feel about the "youthfulness" of their cities, and which cities place the greatest emphasis on supporting young people and people who identify as "youthful".

ABOUT THE CLIMATE CHANGE INDEX

- The Climate Change Index is a global perspective created by youth, FOR youth to empower them to take climate action.
- The goal of this project is to make urban climate data more accessible to urban youth through the creation of an index which compares the climate performance of cities across the world.
- This index consists of roughly ten indicators that can be compared across cities in various sectors called Urban Climate Change Imperatives
- To give a better global perspective, we created a Youth Climate Change Advisory Council consisting of representatives from international youth organizations who provided feedback on the indicators and helped shape the framework of the index.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Researched and developed possible indicators relating to the various urban imperatives
- Created and virtually convened an international youth council consisting of representatives from various international youth organizations
- Planned and facilitated virtual council meetings
- Analyzed feedback on proposed indicators to develop the framework of the Climate Change Index



A YOUTHFUL CITY IS...

CONNECTED, OPEN, DYNAMIC,
CURIOUS, INVENTIVE, PLAYFUL

OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS

- FFWD2020** - A four-day virtual summit on the future of work in Canada, created for youth, by youth in partnership with RBC Future Launch and Community Foundations Canada.
- Housing** - Young Canadians are facing barriers to accessible housing which has only been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. This research aims to explore current challenges, existing actions and possible solutions for accessible youth housing.
- YC Rebrand** - This summer, YouthfulCities underwent a rebrand across all social media platforms. This has paved the way for new initiatives like our Changemakers Project which spotlights local youth working to transform their communities.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Climate change will continue to impact communities in vastly different and disproportionate ways across the world.
- Global climate justice requires removing the western, colonized lens with which we view climate-related issues.
- Municipal jurisdictions vary greatly between cities which presents challenges in measuring indicators consistently.
- Climate change awareness and education remain the most useful tools to engage youth and promote climate action.

HOW WE MAKE AN INDEX

