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In less than 200 years, the proportion of the world's population living in cities has grown from 5 per cent to more than half. By 2050, cities will need to house 2·5 billion more people. As our planet urbanises, how do we promote sustainable development, wellbeing and inclusive growth in creating cities and communities that are resilient, equitable and fair to all?

In their planning and design, cities have made undeniable progress in advancing the health of their citizens over the past 60 years. Evidence broadly suggests that city dwellers currently enjoy an 'urban health advantage' because they tend to be healthier than their rural counterparts.

However, within cities, not everybody enjoys the same health advantages and nor do they have access to the same services. Health inequalities exist and are largely based on social inequalities. Just as they can differ from city to city, experiences can also differ from urban district to district. Cities have become polarised between rich and poor, public and private, engaged and excluded.

At the same time, unparalleled socio-economic progress and population growth have created patterns of highly inequitable, inefficient and unsustainable resource consumption that are taking a heavy toll on the Earth's natural systems, resulting in substantial health impacts, including reduction of food security and nutrition, loss of freshwater resources, higher exposure to communicable and non-communicable diseases, and loss of life from extreme weather events.[1]

Cities are now under unprecedented scrutiny to develop new approaches to health and healthcare that are more sustainable, equitable and inclusive – and this idea of fairness extends to both people and 'planetary health'.

In a climate of polarisation and politicisation of urban health strategies, making cities fairer and less divisive places in relation to health outcomes depends on how resilient they are in their design and planning. This is not simply about the ability to resist infectious diseases – which is often the reflex response to the resilience issue – at a time when more mobile and connected city populations could make global pandemics more common. Rather, resilience to achieve better urban health takes many different forms.

It can manifest in emerging infrastructures that promote flexible working practices or more active modes of transport, or in access to fresh, locally produced food. It can find expression in the adoption of new technologies that address climate change or air pollution. City healthcare systems need operational resilience, just as social resilience is itself a factor in creating better urban health.

Architects, planners, designers, clinicians, technologists, economists, policymakers and citizens all share a transdisciplinary responsibility to create healthier cities that are both equitable and resilient. This is the theme of the 2nd Healthy City Design 2018 International Congress, organised by SALUS Global Knowledge Exchange in collaboration with the Helen Hamlyn Centre for Design, Royal College of Art. This two-day summit is scheduled for 15-16 October 2018 at the Royal College of Physicians, London.

The inaugural Healthy City Design International Congress, held in October 2017, looked at the theme of health-creating urban communities through a more holistic approach, in which the professions of public health and urban planning and design work more closely again, after several decades of drift. In 2018, the focus is on ways to tackle health inequalities and build resilience in health-creating systems to make our cities better places to live and work.

The British writer and critic Charles Leadbetter has talked about the rise of the 'fair city' – and about how high-empathy/high-system cities offer a better deal for citizens than cities that lack empathy or lack efficient systems for health and wellness. At a time of growing debate about the need for more equitable responses to urban and technological change, Healthy City Design 2018 is the place to share ideas, projects and concepts right across the interdisciplinary spectrum of interests in design for urban health.

We're delighted to invite you to contribute to the exchange of knowledge to ensure the design of our future cities embeds equity and builds resilience as a foundation for health and wellness for all. Abstracts for the presentation of papers, posters, workshops and colloquiums should be submitted by 3 May 2018 at www.healthycitydesign.global.

1. The Rockefeller Foundation-Lancet Commission on Planetary Health: Safeguarding human health in the Anthropocene epoch, 2015; 386: 1973-2028.

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Healthy City Design 2018 (HCD 2018) International Congress & Exhibition is a global forum for the exchange of knowledge on the research, policy and practice of designing healthy and sustainable cities and communities.

Congress attendees will develop their knowledge of the political and economic context, emerging practice, latest research findings, skills and core competencies in designing, planning and commissioning city services, technology and infrastructure, project management, and the evidence base for environmentally responsible urban planning, design and public health. We are delighted to invite you to submit abstracts on the following core themes.

Plenary theme

Creating healthy cities for all: Designing for equity and resilience

Congress streams

Health, housing and neighbourhoods

- Nurturing and sustaining health, wellbeing and quality of life

Placemaking and the public realm

- Designing to promote healthy, active lifestyles and social inclusion

Mobility and travel

- Designing accessible, ecological and safe systems to travel

Smarter cities

- Adopting technology and innovation to maximise health advantages

Sustainable development

- Climate change adaptation, disaster recovery and disease prevention

Work and workplace

- Designing supportive work environments and wellness programmes

Authors are invited to submit abstracts of 400 words in English for any of the following: a) themed paper; b) poster; c) workshop; d) colloquium. The abstract should clearly state the background, purpose, methods, results and conclusions/implications. Presentations in all four formats can be focused on any of research, practice or theory. For more detailed abstract guidelines, visit www.healthycitydesign.global

Each presentation will be delivered to an interdisciplinary audience, and each stream carefully curated to encourage an informed dialogue. Papers addressing more than one of the congress themes will be given preference. All abstracts will be subject to a rigorous blind peer-review process by the HCD 2018 programme committee. A carefully selected number will be chosen for oral presentation with a wider number presented as posters.

Proposals must be submitted using the abstract proposal form, available at www.healthycitydesign.global and MUST include the following:

a) presentation type (themed paper, poster, workshop or colloquium);
b) knowledge focus (research, practice or theory);
c) congress theme (plenary or stream)
d) title;
e) author(s);
f) organisational affiliation; and
g) three keywords.

The abstracts of the papers selected for presentation will be published in the Final Programme. Please note: the author(s) and/or co-author(s) are required to register and pay the registration fee to present the paper at the congress. The official language of HCD 2018 is English.

Full edited versions of the papers and videos may be published on the SALUS Global Knowledge Exchange at www.salus.global following the congress. No paper will be published without the author's consent. Papers can also be submitted to *Cities & Health Journal* for peer-review publication, edited by programme committee member Marcus Grant. For more information, visit: www.healthycitydesign.global

More information on the conference venue, hotel accommodation and registration fee will be available at www.healthycitydesign.global. All abstracts and enquiries should be submitted by e-mail to the HCD 2018 Secretariat no later than 3 May 2018 at the following address:

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Who should submit a paper and attend?

The Healthy City Design 2018 International Congress & Exhibition attracts the world's leading interdisciplinary policymakers, researchers and practitioners designing healthy and sustainable cities and communities. The congress will be of interest to:

- City governance and policy
- Urban designers and planners
- Estates/capital development
- Sustainability practitioners
- Public health physicians
- Architects and designers
- Engineers and developers
- Health/social care planners
- Academics and researchers
- Occupational therapists
- Business/technology leaders
- Senior public servants
- Environmental groups
- Economists

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

16 March 2018
Launch and announcement of Call for Papers

3 May 2018
Deadline for HCD 2018 Congress abstracts

15 May – 5 June 2018
Evaluation of abstracts by programme committee

5 July 2018
Launch of the Preliminary Programme

6 September 2018
Deadline for early bird/speaker registration, and manuscripts

Monday 15 October 2018
09.00–18.00: HCD 2018 Congress & Exhibition

Tuesday 16 October 2018
09.00–18.00: HCD 2018 Congress & Exhibition
18.30–22.00: HCD 2018 Awards Dinner

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