

Opportunity for Community Partners



Sign up to make your community healthier and more people friendly with 8-80 Cities' **Community Engagement Project**

Depending on your community's needs, sign up for a:

Community Engagement Day (CED) – One full day of community engagement activities.

WHERE: 10 communities across Ontario

WHY: CEDs are designed to get your community **thinking and talking** about how to create a more vibrant and people oriented city, where people can enjoy walking, cycling and great public places. CED's will help to educate and inspire elected officials, community members and senior level staff about the benefits of creating people friendly cities.

HOW: Over the course of a one day, 8-80 Cities will engage a diverse range of community stakeholders in an open dialogue about how to create a healthier community through improvements to the build environment.

We offer a range of activities that can be catered to the needs and desires of your community, including participatory presentations, stakeholder interviews, community workshops and/or focus groups.

Enhanced Community Action Plans (ECAP) – Intensive three day community immersion program

WHERE: 6 carefully chosen communities across Ontario.

WHY: ECAPs are designed to help your community create a detailed **community action plan** to become healthier and more vibrant by creating a city where people can enjoy walking, cycling and great public places. The ECAP will help bring elected officials, community members and senior level staff together to form a collaborative community action plan.

HOW: Over three days, 8-80 Cities will facilitate a range of community engagement activities, including participatory presentations, stakeholder interviews, community workshops and/or focus groups in order to help your community develop an action plan. 8-80 Cities is committed to engaging a wide range of people that represent your community as a whole, with a focus on the most vulnerable.

Activities will be delivered to various groups including decision makers, students, local NGO's and CBO's, as well as representatives from public health, transportation, planning and other relevant municipal agencies. 8-80 Cities will use the ideas and recommendations developed during the program to create a highly specialised report, which can be used as a tool to have your communities' vision turned into reality.

Why we need your help: We are looking for an enthusiastic community partner with a good understanding and capacity to reach the local community. Our partner can range from a community group or local coalition to a city department or school board. Our partner will need to provide local expertise and to help organize participants and various project activities. With generous funding from the Ministry of Health Promotion's Healthy Communities Fund, 8-80 Cities can cover 75% of all project costs and will need a our community partner to commit to a 25% contribution.

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WHO WE ARE

8 - 80 Cities (formerly Walk and Bike for Life) is a Canadian based non-profit organization with an international outlook. Our goal is to contribute to the creation of vibrant cities and healthy communities, where residents live happier and enjoy great public places. We promote walking and bicycling as activities and urban parks, trails and other public spaces as great places for all. These activities and public spaces improve our environment, advance economic development, boost and complement our transportation systems, make better recreation for all, and enhance our personal and public health.

Last year 8-80 Cities implemented 19 projects across Ontario. The projects focused on providing communities with the tools to advocate for improved pedestrian and bicycling facilities. Please take a look at the final reports from these projects available on our website, www.8-80cities.org.

Gil Penalosa

8-80 Cities is lead by international liveable city advisor Gil Penalosa. Gil earned a Master in Business Administration from UCLA's Management School. Following years of private and public sector senior managerial experience, the Mayor of Bogotá, Colombia (pop. 7 m), appointed him Commissioner of Parks, Sport and Recreation for the City. Gil led his team to design and build over 200 parks.



Under Gil's leadership, Bogota was revolutionized through the opening of 91 kilometres of car-free city roads on Sundays. These Sundays are now internationally known as the Ciclovía, where over 1.3 million people come out weekly to walk, run, skate and bike. Gil also works as a Senior Consultant for Gehl Architects, the International Sports and Culture Association and the World Health Organization.

For more information please visit www.8-80Cities.org.