

Second Mayors Summit in Düsseldorf

As the global population living in cities is growing at an unprecedented rate and expecting to reach 68% by 2050, cities are becoming the most important players to respond to their citizens' needs. City leaders must face the implications of this growth and form a new understanding of living together in urban communities. Factors such as the shortage of space, the increasing digital divide and new security threats are already reshaping our very idea of living together.

Therefore, more than 20 mayors gathered in Montréal in 2015 and expressed the need to exchange their experiences and solutions about key challenges related to social cohesion, inclusion and community safety in the context of globalization. The outcome of their discussion was the Montréal Declaration on Living Together, a pledge to create better policies on living together.

To continue this discussion, the City of Düsseldorf is inviting distinguished mayors, deputy mayors and thought leaders from around the world for a three-day workshop. Our ambition is to co-create an inspiring vision of the livable city of tomorrow,

which responds to its citizens' needs. The summit will provide unique opportunities for mayors to showcase their initiatives and best practices in five core topics of living together and to have meaningful conversations about strategies and solutions to current challenges.

The summit will feature results-oriented workshops with interactive elements, public discussions, press meetings and cultural events in a state-of-the-art environment. On three consecutive days, the participants will have the opportunity to co-create, learn from each other, deepen their relationships and enjoy the beautiful city.

Düsseldorf will be the first city to bring the summit results directly to its citizens and create an innovative discussion platform. The findings from the workshop will be digitally summarized overnight and presented in a public exhibition, allowing an open discussion between mayors and citizens. The exhibition can be used by any attending city to present and discuss it with its citizens.