



PASCAL Observatory on Place Management, Social Capital & Learning

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Learning Cities 2040 - Global, Local, Connected, Sustainable, Healthy and Resilient

The 13th PASCAL International Conference will focus on future directions for Learning Cities at a time of considerable challenge and opportunity with significant development in the characteristics and role of Learning Cities. The conference will build on PASCAL work over the last six years to establish a platform for the future.

This follows the first two International Conferences on Learning cities organised by the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning, which were hosted by the Beijing City Government and the Government of the Federal District of Mexico City. The PASCAL role has been developed since 2010 through two programs: PASCAL International Exchanges (PIE, 2010-2013) and PASCAL Learning Cities Networks (LCN, 2014-). Two previous international conferences organised by PASCAL in Östersund, Sweden (2010) and Hong Kong (2013) have contributed to this development.

Important issues emerging from PASCAL work on Learning Cities have been given shape in the theme of the conference – *Learning Cities 2040: Global, Local, Connected, Sustainable, Healthy and Resilient*.

The conference strands include:

- Learning cities and regions for inclusion
- Harnessing cultural policies
- Building an entrepreneurial learning culture
- Technology and the impact of Big Data/connecting urban and rural learning
- Achieving holistic and integrated development

The conference will be of interest to city administrators, city resilience officers, national, regional, and local government policy makers, academics and post-graduate students in education, urban studies and data sciences, and a range of community organisations. There will be opportunities to propose short practice papers, Big Ideas for debate, as well as traditional academic papers. Case studies of city developments and reports on innovations are welcome.

Keynote speakers include: Sir Alan Wilson, Professor of Urban and Regional Systems, University College London and Chair of the Expert Group for the UK's Foresight Project on the Future of Cities.

Further information and registration details will be made available at <http://pascalobservatory.org>. Expressions of interest in presenting a paper to the conference or in attending at this point can be sent to Peter Kearns (p.kearns@netspeed.com.au).