

## Insight Session: Urban Safety for Women and Girls – Strategies for safer public spaces in Cities 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 15:00 – 16:30 CET

### Background

Safer public spaces for women and girls mean safer public spaces for everyone. On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 we celebrate International Women's Day, and *Connective Cities* is seeking this opportunity to inspire urban practitioners worldwide to strengthen a gender sensitive approach in their city planning.

Urban public spaces as well as public transport were mostly designed by and to accommodate the needs of men. A lot of them are not fit for women's needs or pose a threat to women's safety, their design complicates everyday lives and reduces possibilities to engage in community life. Therefore, if possible, a lot of times these urban areas are avoided by women.

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed and exacerbated these existing gender inequalities in various aspects. At the same time, this crisis can be an opportunity to make urban planning more equitable and sustainable. Participatory approaches provide great opportunities to include voices and their ideas in urban planning that might have been unheard in the past. A rich community life and democratic urban societies can only thrive if public spaces are safe and functional for all citizens to meet and engage.

### Objectives

As part of our virtual global exchange series "Insight Sessions: (Post)-COVID Urban Futures", the Insight Session on "**Urban Safety for Women and Girls – Strategies for safer public spaces in Cities**" aims to discuss the design and policy strategies for safer public spaces for women and girls. The objective is to inspire urban practitioner how they can address women and girls in your urban planning.

### Participation and contact

**We herewith kindly invite you to participate in the upcoming Insight Session taking place on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022, 15:00 – 16:30 CET.** The event is addressed to urban practitioners from local governments as well as from academia, the private sector and civil society. The conference language is English, with demand-based translation (tbc).

If you have any further questions about the programme or the event, please do not hesitate to contact us: [lina.kratz@t-online.de](mailto:lina.kratz@t-online.de) / [Paulina.koschmieder@giz.de](mailto:Paulina.koschmieder@giz.de)

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Location:	Virtual Event on Connective Cities Community <a href="#">Insight Session: Urban Safety for Women and Girls - Strategies for safer public spaces in Cities</a> <a href="#">  Connective Cities Network (connective-cities.net)</a>
Conference Tool:	Big Blue Button (best operated with Chrome)
Language:	English (translation provided on demand)