

Emerging City Champions: Harnessing the power of young leaders



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Dear Stephen,

Since 2015, Knight Foundation has invested more than \$1.5 million into the Emerging City Champions program. Operated by 8 80 Cities, the fellowship combines professional development for young leaders with hands-on experience implementing projects in their communities. It includes a \$5,000 grant to each of these leaders to carry out their own public space, mobility or civic engagement projects in the 26 cities where Knight operates. Today, we're releasing a report that assessed the program's impact in two areas: how it affected young leaders who participated in it, and how it supported change in their communities.

[Read the study](#)

The findings are invaluable for cities that seek to invest in public spaces and public life with limited resources; those who lead professional development programs that catalyze change; or people who are considering ways to tap into local talent.

[Read a blog post from 8 80 Cities](#)

We invite you to share this report with your friends and colleagues, and encourage them to use the findings to inform their professional development programs.

Best,

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