



Launch

THRIVE GLOBAL: People, Planet and Participation

Wednesday 19 October 2016, 10:00 – 10:45am,
Urban Library,
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United Nations University – International Institute for Global Health is proud to launch THRIVE GLOBAL: People, Planet and Participation.

THRIVE GLOBAL takes The Kuching Statement of healthy, just and sustainable urban development from the Urban Thinkers Campus on Health and Wellbeing in Kuching, Malaysia to Habitat III in Quito, Ecuador. The publication combines the power of carefully conceived and crafted words with several aesthetically composed photographs selected from two recent art publications of international scope and standing.

One of these, the prestigious art journal, *European Photography*, published a thematic issue in 2015 casting an experienced eye on contemporary cities. The other, an adventurous multimedia project, *Hong Kong Waters*, by artist Andreas Müller-Pohle, expands the notion of the urban precinct.

The photographs, documenting instances in just six cities, issue powerful invitations to wonder about the complexity of the human built environment, to expand perspectives and frames of reference, to instigate reflection on our own formative experiences and together with the Kuching Statement inspire resolute responses to the challenges of realising healthy, sustainable urban living.

The Kuching Statement is the result of an international group of participants from 27 countries representing 91 organisations who gathered over three days to debate health and wellbeing issues in sustainable urban development, learn from case studies, and develop recommendations and urban solutions.

The Kuching Statement positions health as the central focus of sustainable urban development with people, planet and participation at its core. It builds on two premises: first, people are significantly impacting this planet's ecosystem; and second, only a systems approach that acknowledges the ecological, economic and social foundations of human development and health can address the complex and interlinked urban development process.

In order to increase access to *The Kuching Statement*, it has been translated from English into seven other languages: Chinese, French, Russian, Arabic, Spanish, Portuguese and Malay and has been published in *Health Promotion International* (doi: 10.1093/heapro/daw046, - July 2016).

It is hoped that the synergies between creative art and evidence-based text will stimulate thought and discussion that is conducive to taking positive action for our cities, everywhere, to thrive.

For a copy of the document, please visit www.thriveurban.info.

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