

CityVoices Magazine – Call for Submissions – Let your Voice Be Heard!

Submissions are now being accepted for our new CityVoices Magazine.

The theme of our inaugural issue to be released in July is:

Climate Change in Asia – Pacific – How can we cope?

This refers specifically to innovative and practical policies, activities and coping mechanisms for urban centres in the Asia Pacific. Climate Change is of course in the hearts and minds of people globally, however the area of Asia-Pacific is and will continue to be one of the most affected areas: flooding and other hydro-metrological disasters, food shortages, poor air quality, changing weather patterns, sweltering heat... the list goes on and on.

The Asia-pacific region can take the lead in sharing what we have experienced and what we know could help us and each other better deal with the challenges ahead. CityVoices is your venue to weigh in on climate change.

CityVoices - Submission Sections:

⌘ [Best Practices](#)

Does your city or organisation have best practices in relation to Climate Change that you would like to highlight or share? Why have these practices worked well?

⌘ [Lessons Learned](#)

Are there lessons or examples of activities or policies that were not as successful that you know of? What recommendations would you make?

⌘ [Articles on Climate Change](#)

Articles highlighting practical examples of innovative ways of coping with climate change. Personal accounts or experiences are also welcomed. (Some areas of interest are rainwater harvesting, green curtain, food production, biodiversity, composting, green purchasing etc.)

⌘ [Your Voice](#)

Take the opportunity to share your comments, feedback or questions about CITYNET and/or Climate Change.

⌘ [Resources/Events:](#)

Links to important resources or events regarding urban issues, specifically those in some way related to the Asia-Pacific and the priority Clusters of CITYNET: Climate Change, Disaster, Infrastructure and MDGs.

⌘ **About CITYNET**

For over 20 years, CITYNET has helped local governments across Asia-Pacific improve the sustainability of their cities. As an international organisation connecting thousands of local governments and stakeholders, CITYNET is a unique focal point of partnerships and exchange of expertise and experience across the region and the world.

⌘ **About CityVoices Magazine :**

CityVoices Magazine is geared towards the members and partners of CITYNET located across the Asia-Pacific region, representing the interests of cities and their people.

CityVoices aims to integrate and delve deeper into the current issues facing our society particularly from an urban perspective. We aim to be critical, accessible and to put a face on the hard work being done by the cities and of course the work that is yet to be done.

Topics and areas of interest include but are not limited to:

Current Affairs

Presenting policies or governmental and international issues concerning an urban theme.

Analysis

Providing a deeper understanding of more complex issues.

Experiences:

Personal stories from those facing challenges to create a better understanding of our realities.

Positive role models and highlights

Experts and role models from around the world making outstanding achievements, especially in our Cluster areas of Climate Change, Disaster, Infrastructure and MDGs. This also includes education, gender issues, e-governance, finance and outreach to youth.

Best Practice and Lessons Learned

Articles on the best practices, programmes and activities which would be beneficial to share with others.

CityVoices Magazine – Article Criteria & Submission Guidelines:

Content (Climate Change Issue):

This call for submissions invites sharp texts, significant, relevant ideas and reflections, but also applicable photography or illustrations on the topic of "Climate Change – How Can We Cope?" for our next issue of CityVoices. This issue is not meant to be merely critical of the issues - but we aim to reveal particular innovations, interests of people involved in the work of trying to improve our planet and the consequences of their actions. Nevertheless, critical or academic texts are also welcome.

Abstracts and ideas should be sent with a word count of 200 to 500 and images and illustrations in high resolution to **communication@citynet-ap.org** by June 12, 2010. CityVoices will be published in the July of 2010.

Format:

Please consider the following criteria when developing article submissions.

- Deadline for all submissions for the next issue on Climate Change is June 12, 2010
- Text Format: Microsoft Word
- Length: 200 – 500 words
- Images should be attached separately in print quality (300 dpi)/high resolution (JPEG, TIFF, BMP, PNG)
- proofreading (grammar and spelling)
- Provide verified sources
- Submissions must include the author's full contact information
- Images should be attached separately in JPEG format
- Pictures should include a detailed caption of the event or individuals
- Consent forms should be provided for individuals featured in articles or pictures. For blank consent forms, e-mail communication@citynet-ap.org
- All articles should be written in British English
- Articles with links that are incorrect or inappropriate will be declined
- Each submission will be reviewed by an editor who may correct spelling and grammar and edit for length
- Fonts and formatting will be done by the editor
- Preference will be given to CITYNET members and partners

All submissions meeting the above requirements should be submitted to communication@citynet-ap.org