



ComplexCity
Connecting Experiences

ComplexCity 3.0

From 11-23 February 2020, YUVA organised an annual urban festival to celebrate urban diversity.



City Walks

Exploring the city's oft-overlooked areas on foot



Living Mumbai

A film festival with stories from the urban



Culture Kaun

A showcase of indigenous lives and traditions through performances



Equipolis

An interactive urban exhibition



Making Mumbai

A convention to showcase youth action across city spaces



Bolti Bombay

Competitions—photography, street play and debate—to promote critical thinking

13

DAYS

19

VENUES

7

PARTNERS

3000+

PARTICIPANTS

ComplexCity has been supported by diverse partners



Cities & its people

Cities are a cacophony of diverse moods and emotions. From distrust, anger and frustration to hope, love, and promise, cities are the site of multiple aspirations and dreams. They are continuously being shaped, and keep acquiring and building their identities further.

Hope
Love
Learning
Distrust
Participation
Ambition
Working
Frustration
Protest
Solidarity
Resolve
Perseverance
Fear
Chaos
Awe
Resistance



A festival of expressions

ComplexCity draws on the cityscape, inviting every individual to share their experiences of the city with one another. It is a tribute to the city, an acknowledgement and appreciation of and respect for every effort towards city building, and a commitment to continue to co-create the city with one another's support. The ComplexCity week is rife with expression!

Joy
Ownership
Pride
Sense of belonging
Understanding others
Participation
Listening and speaking
Sharing
Co-creating
Resisting
Feeling safe
Expressing
Togetherness



Boundary-less connections



ComplexCity travels across space, from *bastis* (informal settlements) to college classrooms, open amphitheatres to mainstream venues, bringing together people from all walks of life for open-hearted conversations and reflections, to work towards more sustainable futures.

Expression
across spaces



Participant
led discussions



Building
Solidarity



Bringing the city together



▲
**Beginning
conversations**



▲
**Exhibiting everyday
realities**

**Listening to unheard
voices**
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◀
**Engaging
freely**



Engaging Discussions

“अगर बस्सियों की संख्या को कम करना है तोह शहर में जुगुगियां क्यों तैयार हो रही है उसके मूल कारण को समझ कर उसपर काम करना जरुरी है ... शहर की वषिमता को एक अलग नजरयि से देखने के लिए यह प्रदर्शनी बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है”

“Let us not be afraid of those who are different from us!”

“रोज नवी कत्तिके माणसं या शहरात येत असतात ... तर स्वप्नगरीचा पाया असलेली संघनगरीही पाहून जा.”

“It was the first time I saw girls playing football ... girls are also gradually claiming their freedom”

“We want to build an inclusive nation where everybody will be treated equally and have equal opportunities”

“My story is similar to the one shown in the film - I struggle everyday but I have not lost hope”

“The topics in the debate competition are related to the present scenarios and situation of cities in our country and hearing different opinions and ideas was very interesting and a learning experience”

“बस्तियों से आनेवाले लोगों के न होने से शहर नियमित तरीके से नहीं चल पायेगा”

“The city walk is meaningful, deeply combined with people's struggles. It makes me realise we can come to a better collective decision making process about what kind of future we want.”

“Fishing livelihoods are important, but we need development too”

Engaging Discussions

**“Agency of youth and agency of women
will usher in social transformation”**

“ComplexCity allows people to come together, explore and
experiment with thoughts and ideas which can shape society”

**“I marvel at the fiery youth
speeches!”**

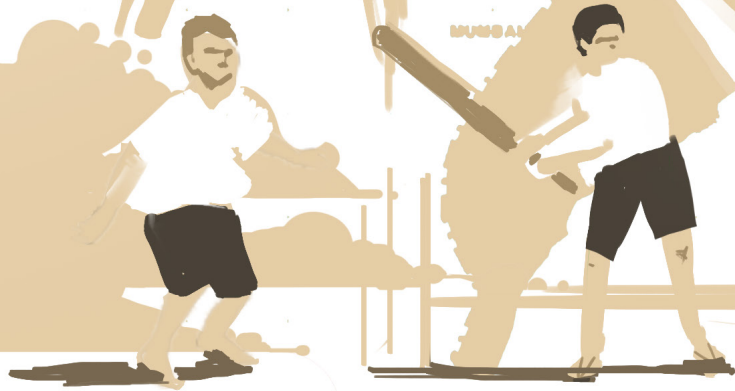
“ComplexCity is a process of perspective creation.”

**“संघर्ष किसका,
किसके साथ और
कहां हो रहा है? ”**

“The joyous atmosphere
made it impossible to stay
uninvolved!”

**“शहर
आमचे
आहे!”**

Co-creating the city



Reclaiming Spaces

Conversation and connections strengthened through ComplexCity have helped the youth lead a range of diverse city-based campaigns - to claim spaces for play, strengthen their identities, drive peace efforts in the city, help people access their right to vote, help communities access their right to water and more. Change efforts remain ongoing!

Partner with us on ComplexCity!
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Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA)

is a non-profit development organisation committed to enabling vulnerable groups to access their rights and address human rights violations.

YUVA supports the formation of people's collectives to engage them in the development discourse. This work is complemented with advocacy and policy recommendations. Set up in Mumbai in 1984, currently YUVA operates in 5 Indian states.

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