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It's a truism that we shape our surroundings - built, interior, and landscaped environments- then they shape us. How do we regard Wellington's Civic Square? Will it help shape a desirable future for us?

Before doing any design work why not an "Ideas" Expo (or competition) open to all ages and backgrounds from the whole region. (We could learn from Christchurch). THEN have a competition for students and professionals from Australasia or world-wide.

But before these run a series of EXPO'S on highly regarded city centres from outside New Zealand. These could be organised with the help of U.N.E.S.C.O. or Ecological Cities, or other "City" organisations.

Another "Ideas" Expo (or competition) could be for inside Council Buildings around or adjacent to Civic Square to make better use of spaces available, emphasising flexibility.

A suitable gallery for the Victorian portraits in the Council Chamber would enable councillors and public to relate with more empathy.

The recent Earthquake EXPO added considerably to our understanding.

Regular EXPO'S could make Wellington in to the EXPO city of New Zealand, with titles such as:

- What is being Learned from the Christchurch Experience
- "Breathe" the Urban Village Competition - Christchurch
- What is being Learned from the Auckland Experience
- The Proposed "Densification" of Auckland
- An International Transport EXPO
- An International Ports Expo - anticipating developments in Wellington and East of Picton
- Seabed Ecology - anticipating development in the E.E.Z
- New Urban and Suburban Villages - anticipating Miramar

For Wellington to become the Smart, Creative Capital, the best information, & examples from around planet ocean need to be known.

Urban Planning in New Zealand is overdue for an update.

Wellington Waterfront is a buffer zone between land and water it is a distinct ecological area, requiring ecological zoning which could then be extended through the city.

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The Sustainable Cities Group at the School of Medicine could be involved in planning for suitable human habitats. 23 May 2013

Another EXPO could be Australian Urban Design

Still Another Auckland's project on mixing pedestrians with vehicles. There is a book available in bookshops.

