

CityWalk Symposium: PARTICIPANTS PROFILES

JIM WALKER, founder of Walk21



Jim Walker is an international policy advisor, communications expert and special projects manager to enable more people to walk and ensure they have safe, attractive and accessible environments to walk in. His advice has helped 13 of the top 20 global cities to be independently accredited as the most livable places in the world. Jim Walker specializes in developing national policy and quality standards to benefit pedestrians as well as managing national campaigns and sustainable transport, active health and accessible recreation projects. His current walking project portfolio is active in 71 countries.

Kézy Béla, urban expert



Béla Kézy is an urban and regional development specialist, working with cities in Hungary and internationally to make them better places to live. He has been involved in numerous urban rehabilitation projects – from their inception to successful completion. In his work, he is a proponent and user of participatory planning methods. Béla is also a facilitator and trainer. Both in 2013 and in 2016 he was of the 7 senior trainers at the URBACT Summer University, working with over 50 urban development professionals from various cities across Europe.

dr. JERNEJ TIRAN, geographer



Jernej Tiran is a Research Fellow at the Anton Melik Geographical Institute of the Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts. His main academic focus is on the quality of urban life, while he has also been active in the fields of sustainable transport, urban morphology, green infrastructure and electoral studies. He has participated in a number of research and transnational projects and scientific conferences. He was also invited by Eurofound to develop and improve the questionnaire of the European Quality of Life Survey. His research includes methodological and theoretical issues of modelling walking accessibility, which he assessed in his thesis, entitled Geographical evaluation of the quality of residential environment in selected Slovenian cities.

Marko Peterlin, architect and urbanist



conditions for safe walking.

Marko Peterlin is a co-founder and a director at IPoP – Institute for Spatial Policies, supporting communities towards sustainable urban development. He is promoting walking as mobility practice, contributing to all ingredients of sustainable urban development. He has lead a number of Jane's Walks in Ljubljana since 2011 and helped local walk leaders organize around 120 walks in more than 30 towns around Slovenia. He also coordinates a nation-wide walk to school programme, helping schools implement walking buses and improving

MIRJAM LUKETIČ, architect and **dr. ANDREJA KUZMANIČ**, architect



Dr. Andreja Kuzmanič graduated from Faculty of Architecture in Ljubljana in 1996. In 2010 she finished postgraduate studies at the Faculty of Arhitecture in Zagreb. She is currently employed at ZUM d.o.o., Maribor as a spatial and town planner.

She was involved in preparation of many urban plans and expertises. She published several scientific and expert works. She is interested in good and integrated urban design of public spaces.



Mirjam Luketič is an architect. In her masters work she studied the urban space of Pekrski potok (Pekre stream) that flows through Maribor and creates a unique place in between a large residential area. Her project proposed a “Park of the senses” which would enforce communication between the residents, healthier life choices, it would benefit pedestrians, kids, elderly people and other users. She is especially interested in correlation of design, architecture and urbanism and how they affect one another based on small interventions in public space.

Prof. ALEKSANDAR D. SLAEV, architect



Aleksandar D. Slaev is a professor in Urban and Regional Planning at Varna Free University and the University of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy in Sofia. He has published books in the area of urban development - "Market Theory of Urbanism, Part 1: Economics of Urban Development", "Economic Modelling in Urban Planning" and "Housing Forms", co-authored "Territorial Planning and Administrative Structure" and "Financing Urban development". He has also published articles in "Planning Theory", "The International Journal of the Commons", "Sustainability", "Spatium", "European Spatial Research and Policy". Aleksandar D. Slaev is currently working on "Market Theory of Urbanism, Part 2: Market Theory of Urban Planning – The Role of Relative Property Rights".

dr. LUKA MLADENVIČ, architect



Luka Mladenovič is a researcher in urban design and spatial planning. He is active in the fields of spatial planning and urban design with a special focus on transport in urban areas. In recent years, he worked on several projects related to cycling and walking as means of daily transport in urban areas. Besides working on securing infrastructure for safe and pleasant walking and cycling he was involved in project to promote and raise awareness of benefits of these activities on individual level as well as on the level of local communities.

MSc. POLONCA ANDREJČIČ MUŠIČ, Expert for traffic safety and urban traffic design



Polonca Andrejčič Mušič is a Traffic Safety & Sustainable Mobility Design Expert at CISUM Development & Research Company in Ljubljana. She finished M.Sc. Degree at the University in Ljubljana, Faculty for Civil Engineering and recently working on PhD research in Faculty for Architecture. As a Senior Traffic Safety Project Manager she worked at the Slovenian Ministry for Transport, Directorate for Roads. Her speciality is sustainable mobility with emphasis on traffic safety for vulnerable road users while she strongly advocates to design of public space which ensures livable conditions. Regarding her workspace she is the author of many national and international research documents, strategies, and guidelines. She has been worked within some EU Projects while as external consultant she join also the Interreg IVC CycleCity Project. The focus of her mission is in bringing together important concepts, i.e. coherence of infrastructure and public space, sustainability and innovation. She advocates for strong holistic cooperation between different professional disciplines.