

World Cities Week 2024



Monday October 28

Turkstra Talk

11:30 am - 1:00 pm (E2-2350)

Join Leia Minaker, Director of the Future Cities Institute as she shares the vision for future cities in her talk on “The Future Cities Institute: Applied, interdisciplinary problem solving in cities.” This is part of the monthly Turkstra Talks, and an opportunity to network with the speaker. Lunch provided.

Movie Afternoon

3:00 - 4:30 pm (E2-2350)

Come on in and enjoy the documentary on “Future Cities: The Quest for Sustainable Urban Living” by SLICE EARTH. Susan Brown will help moderate a discussion on your thoughts and reflections.

Popcorn/chips/pop provided.

Tuesday October 29

Agree-Disagree Spectrum

9:30 - 10:30 am (E2-2350)

Adrian Buttazzoni and Eryn Stewart will invite participants to share their positions on key city-building topics and stand along a spectrum from agree to disagree. This activity will generate lively discussions and allow us to explore diverse viewpoints in cities. Snacks provided.

Build Your Own LEGO City

2:00 - 3:30 pm (E2-2350)

Engineers build cities! While you can get to do that throughout your careers, Nadine Ibrahim will provide LEGO baseplates and LEGO bricks to build your own city models. Bring your creativity with you to this session and have fun! Pizza lunch provided.

Wednesday October 30

Sustainability eBooks

11:00 am - 12:00 pm (E2-2350)

Nadine Ibrahim will share the eBook compilations on sustainability in cities that are created annually by the students in CIVE 230 - Engineering and Sustainable Development. Brandon Schupp will join to share his contributions to the eBook and his experience as an editor. Lunch provided.

LSP Resilience Activity

2:00 - 3:30 pm (E2-2350)

Future cities require adaptations to climate change. One of the much needed skills is resilience. Nadine Ibrahim will facilitate an activity using the LEGO Serious Play Method (LSP) on resilience. Snacks provided.

Thursday October 31

Career Exploration in Municipalities

10:30 am - 12 pm (E2-2350)

An insightful career panel event, held by Halton Region representatives, Andrew Farr and Kendra Miller to discover the diverse career pathways within the public sector and gain valuable insight into the skills and qualifications to excel in these roles. Lunch provided.

Global Observance of World Cities Day 2024

This year’s theme for World Cities Day is “Youth Leading Climate and Local Action for Cities.” The host city this year is Alexandria, Egypt. Take some time today to reflect on your actions to address the climate crisis in your city.

Friday November 1

UWaterloo “In-Residence” Roles for Future Cities

9:30 - 10:30 am (E2-2350)

Engineer-in-Residence (Andrew Farr), Planner-in-Residence (Jason Thorne), and Practitioner-in-Residence (Helen Kerr) share their future vision for cities. The session will be moderated by Mark Seasons & Nadine Ibrahim. Snacks provided.

Climate Justice

12:00 - 1:30 pm (E2-2350)

Mathieu Feagan, Altay Coskun and Nadine Ibrahim introduces Climate Justice and provide an overview of the Climate Justice Working Group. The session includes a LEGO activity to reflect on climate justice from personal perspectives. Lunch provided.

Questions or Comments?

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