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# Our People, Our Purpose

An overview of the  
Network, committee and  
resources driving change

# About Us

Our mission is to connect, inspire, and support women in planning across Western Australia.

The Western Australian Women in Planning Network (WPN) is a specialty group of the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA) Western Australia Division.

Established in 2020, the Western Australian WPN started as an idea amongst its founders to connect, inspire, and support women working within planning and allied professions.

## Leadership Group

The Leadership Group comprises compassionate and dedicated volunteers who dedicate their time and support to WPN initiatives.

**Want to connect with someone from our team? Scan the QR code to see who is in the Leadership Group.**



# Awards Program

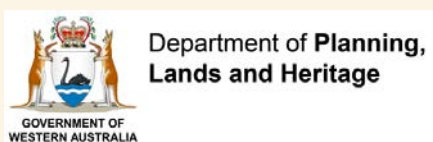
Recognising outstanding women for leadership in the profession.

The WPN(WA) Awards celebrate and recognise the outstanding contributions women make to the planning and allied professions.

Featuring two categories, the Leadership Award and the Achiever Award, the program continues to be well received across the industry.

**To learn more about the Awards, scan the QR code.**

Our Award Sponsors:



# Key Resources

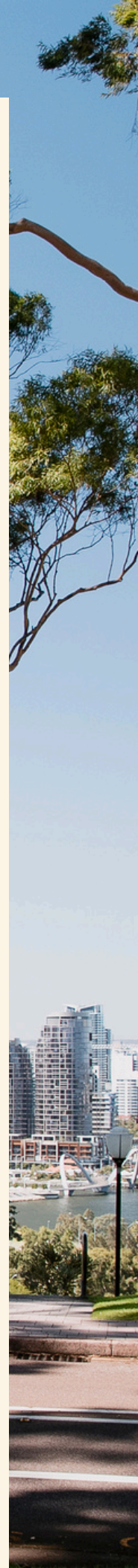


## Arup Inclusive Cities Insights (Various Publications)

- *Cities Alive: Designing cities that work for women*
- *How can lighting make our cities more inclusive?*
- *Queer Perspectives on Public Space*
- *A City for Women (not just the 'default male')*

## The 15-Minute City: A Feminist Utopia?, by Melissa Bruntlett

To realise the positive intersection of feminism and the 15-minute city, concrete and inclusive land-use and mobility policies are necessary. The explosion of interest in the concept of the 15-minute city among many urbanist planners and advocates can be explained in its more human-scale proposition for how cities should be planned.





## **Unsafe in the City: The Everyday Experiences of Girls and Young Women, by Plan International**

This report on cities is the first in a new series that each year will examine the behaviours, attitudes and beliefs that limit girls' freedom and opportunities in specific environments or sectors.

Girls face harassment and abuse on a daily basis all around the world, simply because of their gender. The magnitude of this global issue is the basis of this recent research by Plan International where over 21,000 girls across Delhi, Kampala, Lima, Madrid and Sydney reported the areas in their city where they feel safe and unsafe, using a digital mapping tool.

## **Endangering Cities: Designing Sustainable Urban Spaces for All, edited by Ines Sanchez de Madariaga and Michael Neuman**

This book examines the contemporary research, policy, and practice of designing for gender in urban spaces. It looks at critical aspects of contemporary cities regarding gender, including topics such as transport, housing, public health, education, caring, infrastructure, as well as issues which are rarely addressed in planning, design, and policy, such as the importance of toilets for education and clothes washers for freeing-up time.





## **Make Space for Girls**

Make Space for Girls campaigns for facilities and public spaces for teenage girls. Parks, play equipment and public spaces for older children and teenagers are currently designed for the default male. It's time to make space for girls.

## **Feminist City, by Leslie Kern**

We live in the city of men. Our public spaces are not designed for female bodies. There is little consideration for women as mothers, workers or carers.

In *Feminist City*, through history, personal experience and popular culture Leslie Kern exposes what is hidden in plain sight: the social inequalities built into our cities, homes, and neighborhoods. Kern offers an alternative vision of the feminist city. It is time to dismantle what we take for granted about cities and to ask how we can build more just, sustainable, and women-friendly cities together.





## **Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men, by Caroline Criado-Perez**

Celebrated feminist advocate Caroline Criado Perez investigates the shocking root cause of gender inequality and research in *Invisible Women*, diving into women's lives at home, the workplace, the public square, the doctor's office, and more. Built on hundreds of studies in the US, the UK, and around the world, and written with energy, wit, and sparkling intelligence, this is a groundbreaking, unforgettable exposé that will change the way you look at the world.

## **Women in Urbanism Podcast**

This podcast invites people who are dedicating their lives to gender equality, sustainability, politics in our cities around the world. Included are a wide range of urban professionals from activists and planners to policymakers.





## **The Gendered City**

To promote gender equity and social justice in urban life and raise awareness about the gender disparities and exclusions in urban environments. Through research, advocacy, and community engagement, the organisation aims to challenge and transform the existing structures and design of cities to be more inclusive, responsive, and empowering for women and marginalised groups.

## **The Feminist Park Podcast**

Revolutionising access to academic research. This podcast also dissects scientific papers on environmental justice, feminism, intersectionality, and anti-colonialism, making complex topics understandable. This podcast is also an AI-generated exploration into how AI can serve social good and academia, addressing the shocking reality that urban green spaces are often gendered.



# Charity

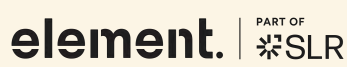
For 2025-2026, the Leadership Group is reviewing its current charity program and putting it on hold while a new strategy is developed. The aim of the review is to explore new ways of achieving greater impact by supporting a wider-range of not-for-profit organisations that align with the WPN(WA) mission.

In previous years, WPN(WA) has supported the following charities:



# Sponsors & Supporters

With the support of these organisations, WPN(WA) is able deliver its mission to connect, inspire and support women in planning and allied built environmental professions:



# Thank you!

The WPN(WA)'s initiatives would not be possible without the support of PIA(WA). As a non-profit organisation, WPN(WA) is conscious of providing a range of professional networking opportunities at low cost. These events would not be possible without the sponsorship and in-kind support from across the sector.

## Want to sponsor us?

**Please get in contact with the WPN(WA) or PIA(WA) to request a copy of our Partnership Prospectus and discuss opportunities with us.**