Women-led Cities The role of women in the urbanism movement and the **Right to the City for everyone**

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More than 50%

of the world's population are women but they have never had the opportunity to lead the shaping and management of our cities in 10,000 years of urbanism

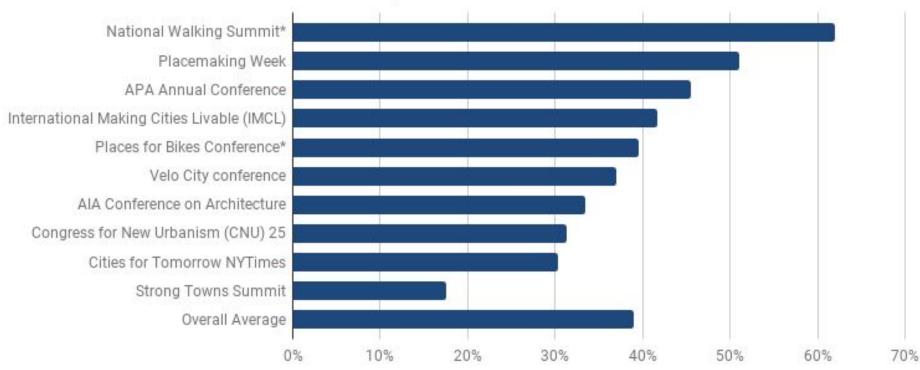
That means all cities throughout our collective history - everything out your window now was essentially imagined and made real by one half of our species.

"It's like we walked into a man's bathroom."

Valentine Njoroge, a feminist writer from Kenya

How Many Women Are Speaking at Urbanist Conferences

From a selection of major conferences available online in 2017



Percentage of women on panels and giving keynote addresses (*featured speakers only)

36%

19%

CONFERENCE PANELS/SPEAKERS

Of nine major urbanism conferences in the United States in 2017, only 36% of panelists and keynote speakers on average were women. Only one conference reached 51% and the lowest only had 17.6% women in these visible positions. The lack of representation means a lack of role-models for young women urbanists to aspire to.

MAJOR WORKS OF LITERATURE

The city, up until now, has predominantly been shaped by men. Many popular urbanism concepts, companies, and bodies of work are also male-dominated, furthering the lack of representation of women – and by extent, the suppression of women's perspectives. In a preliminary study of prominent urbanism books and ideals, only 19% was women-led. "We still live in sexist and patriarchal cities [...] but right now we have the opportunity for those individuals who have traditionally been let down as "second-class citizens" to become the main characters."

Ada Colau, first female mayor of Barcelona

// Gender equity in public space

// Car-free Cities

"The increasing number of women now planning and designing cities are rewriting the rulebook and breaking the car-obsessed traffic dogma that's kept streets unchanged for half a century, "

Janette Sadik-Khan, Bloomberg Associates consultant, former Commissioner of the NYC Department of Transportation, and author of "Streetfight: Handbook for an Urban Revolution."

// If you plan for women and girls, you plan for everyone

// We cannot be what we cannot see

// With greater diversity of input You can only have a better output

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"Cities have the capability of providing something for everybody, only because, and only when, they are created by everybody."

Jane Jacobs, The Death and Life of Great American Cities

// The future (of cities) is female

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IF particular care is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to foment a rebellion