Case study in practice: Curitiba

A Productive City

- How is the city helping to develop the local economy?

- How does the city help with the essential costs of living (transport, housing, water, food, energy etc)?

- How does the city help people to enjoy the benefits of city life?

There is a leisure area of the city called 'the street that never closes', and many other leisure facilities, on the page below:

www.curitiba.pr.gov.br/Paginas/ENG/Default.aspx?idf=549&servico=41

A Well-Governed City

- How is the city managed (Mayor, council structure, community groups, participation etc)?

The city mayor works with the IPPUC who are in charge of urban planning.

ICLEI: Local Governments for sustainability, describes who plans and how in Curitiba:

www3.iclei.org/localstrategies/summary/curitiba2.html

- How are the needs and ideas of residents included in decision making?

Surveys and opinion polls are conducted as a starting point for planning.
www.ippuc.org.br/informando/index_informando_ingles.htm

- How is the city planning for the future?

The IPPUC, (Institute for the Urban Planning of Curitiba) is using new technologies to help support urban planning for the future.

www.ippuc.org.br

An Inclusive City

- How is the city providing a safe and healthy environment for everyone?

"Our parks are our 'beaches'" Curitiba's City Council created parks and woods out of empty urban spaces.

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How is Curitiba helping to build...

- How does the city respect diversity and build a sense of community?

Curitiba has a cultural programme that has 50 different sites across the city.

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- How does the city ensure the human rights of its residents?

A Sustainable City

- How is the city meeting its energy needs?

- How sustainable are the transport choices in the city?

Transport has been part of an integrated city plan since the 1970s. Curitiba is known for its buses.

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- How is the city promoting sustainable waste management?

Curitiba has launched a 'BioCity Programme' and has a Plan for Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development. The plan includes waste management (programme called 'Garbage that isn't garbage') and the creation of 'green areas'.

The Convention on Biological Diversity has used Curitiba as a case study:

www.cbd.int/authorities/casestudy/curitiba.shtml#results