Actionable Interventions

The Learning City: Ōtautahi Christchurch

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The actions outlined below serve as an initial roadmap to realise the vision of transforming Ōtautahi Christchurch into a learning city.

Programs and initiatives

- Learning passport program that rewards residents for participating in various learning experiences.
- Learning ambassador program to recruit learning advocates to facilitate discussions and promote learning opportunities.
- Pop-up learning spaces offering classes and workshops in public areas.
- Learning discounts with local businesses to encourage patrons to participate in learning activities.

- Citywide public art campaign with art installations that depict learning in all its forms.
- Make transport a learning opportunity by including learning spaces and content in buses, trains, and trams.
- A Learning City award to recognise individuals, businesses, and organisations that contribute to lifelong learning.
- Tell inspiring stories of people transforming their lives through learning.

Education & lifelong learning

- Open a charter school with no walls to promote learning beyond traditional classrooms, using the city as a learning environment.
- Support schools with fostering curiosity, collaboration, and a love for learning within their cultures.
- Build and activate a central city learning hub that supports diverse community engagement
- Recognise that learning extends beyond formal settings by facilitating learning and upskilling in every environment.

 Embrace creative expression and diverse learning pathways by funding and creating opportunities for young people in art and entertainment

Infrastructure & resources

- Enable exploration of Ōtautahi by developing digital assets to enhance learning and engagement with the city's history, culture, and natural spaces.
- Create learner centric funding so that funding is a tool that enables easier scaffolding of learning opportunities.
- Drive equitable transport & housing plans which ensure access to essential resources and services required for effective learning.

Equity & inclusion

- Create more diverse learning opportunities by promoting inclusive pathways that address the needs of every learner.
- Ensure walkable access to fresh food by 2030 to help address basic needs that underpin wellbeing and learning.
- Promote inclusive learning across sectors by dismantling barriers and ensuring access for all.

Sustainability & environment

- Provide a walk on water sensitivity to promote ecological awareness and foster responsibility for the environment.
- Integrate sustainability into all aspects of the learning city by adopting an Earth-first approach
- Develop themed learning trails that guide residents and visitors to sites of historical, cultural, scientific, or artistic significance.

Community & engagement

- Continuously engage the community, ensuring the learning city vision remains consistent with the values and aspirations of all of our people.
- **Create a distinct brand identity** for the city as a learning destination.
- Hold an annual citywide learning festival to celebrate learning in all its forms and showcase the diversity of learning opportunities in the city.
- Support local learning through platforming existing initiatives and fostering collaboration.

Fostering effective leadership

- Model and facilitate leadership which effectively drives positive change.
- Support the wellbeing of education leaders through recognition of informal networks and support systems.