Project for Public Spaces (PPS) is the central hub of the global Placemaking movement, connecting people to ideas, resources, expertise, and partners who see place as the key to addressing our greatest challenges.

We are a nonprofit planning, design and educational organization helping people create and sustain public spaces that build stronger communities.
Transforming PLACES

We help communities and cities shape their future through individual public spaces and broad placemaking campaigns.

Since our founding in 1975, PPS has helped improve and plan thousands of public spaces around the world. Using our groundbreaking tools for community process and planning, we’ve shaped parks, plazas, squares, public markets, streets, transit stops, waterfronts, campuses, public buildings, and more.

Our Projects & Training: 3,000+ communities, 47 countries since 1975
Building the

PLACEMAKING MOVEMENT

We convene, amplify and build the capacity of the placemaking movement globally and locally.

Building a Placemaking movement necessitates active exchanges that transcend disciplines. Our numerous conferences, and trainings are forums for precisely that type of exchange.

The Placemaking Leadership Council (PLC) is a group of doers and deep thinkers at the forefront of the Placemaking movement. Founded in 2013, the Council was formed by PPS to strengthen Placemaking as an international movement and to establish a cross-disciplinary network for placemakers working in many diverse contexts.
Campaigning for SYSTEMIC CHANGE

We make the case for placemaking and engage with like-minded movements to influence policies, disciplines, hearts and minds.

A good solution solves many problems, and placemaking is just such a solution. There are so many worthy causes that affect communities around the world, from sustainability to equity, public health to economic development. What makes placemaking different is that it is where these apparently divergent causes converge.

Every day, public space touches so many people’s lives in so many ways, and that is why the policies, disciplines and norms that shape public space provide such a high-impact opportunity for collaborative interventions that generate multiple outcomes.

When you focus on place you do everything differently
Key Campaigns for Systemic Change:

- **Streets & Transportation**: from "wider and faster" to streets as places
- **Squares**: from the centerless city to a heart of the community
- **Parks**: from passive green space to natural gathering place
- **Downtowns & Districts**: from top-down bureaucracy to place-led leadership
- **Public Buildings**: from forbidding monoliths to architecture of place
- **Waterfronts**: from deserted promenades to multi-use destinations
- **Rural Communities**: from bypassed backroads to community crossroads
- **Public Markets**: from big box wastelands to market cities
- **Health & Wellbeing**: from band-aid solutions to stopping problems where they start
- **Equity & Inclusion**: from exclusive enclaves to places for and by everyone
- **Economic Development**: from standardized efficiency to local creativity
- **Sustainability & Resilience**: from high-tech toys to community stewardship