

MIU ACTIVITIES

AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Conferences

The Need for Urban Renaissance in Israel – Beer-Sheva, Dec. 2005.

A two-day conference including charrette on projects in the city

Practicing Urban Design – Haifa, November 29, 2006.

A 3-day conference together with charrette on some public & urban spaces in Haifa.

Exhibitions

Urban Challenges – May 2005

Street Design – July 6, 2006

The purpose of the exhibitions is to expand awareness of **MIU's charter** and show projects that implement them properly.

Toolbox- think-tank for Planning **Sustainable Communities in Israel**

The "toolbox" is a metaphor for the set of regulations, guidelines, examples and case studies necessary to show how one can implement the principles of humane, harmonious and sustainable development spelt out in our charter. The first stage will be presented in MIU's conference November 2006.

Introductory Seminars

Seminars for planners in government and public agencies to introduce MIU's principles and tools. We intend to hold 4 seminars in 2006.

The **Urban Renaissance Course**

We are developing the curriculum of a professional advancement course for planning professionals. The course will be given for the first time in spring 2007 under the auspices of the Center for Urban and Regional Research, Technion, Haifa.

PROJECTS

Community Planning Project in Givat Olga, Hedera

A plan for neighborhood center renewal with public participation in Givat Olga, a rundown low socio-economic neighborhood. The objective is to develop in the center an environment with abundant opportunities (residential, commercial, employment and leisure) for all residents in the neighborhood.

Developing Open Spaces in Neighborhoods in Beer-Sheva

Implementation of one of the projects we began in 2005. We plan to continue design development of the project in order to prepare it for implementation. This stage will be carried out with neighborhood residents, the municipality and volunteer planners and designers - members of MIU.

Investment Portfolio in Agents for Change

A project to create groups of "agents for change" among planners (public and private) and students of the various professions engaged in planning. These agents will internalize humanistic and environmental values in their day to day activity and decisions. These agents will cause other professionals to look at the advantages of creating humane and sustainable environments.

