## Wellbeing Infrastructure



'Our young people have unique perspectives on what makes a place tick.

They provide lived insight into how to attract and retain young talent, how to be resilient, how to be clean and green, and how to ensure our actions are inclusive and visionary. They know what they want and would like to be invited to participate in meaningful opportunities to share their ideas with decision makers and community leaders.'

**Helen Connolly** 

Commissioner for Children and Young People

Young people have given us clear direction around what they need to relax, play and engage in leisure activities. They have told us they want wellbeing infrastructure that supports them to be connected, confident and creative.

When their passions are showcased and when they can 'see young people succeeding and excelling' and 'when something is created that is Instagramable', that's wellbeing. A well city is a youthful city.



### A youthful city...

- Has welcoming youth oriented spaces that are activated across the CBD
- Is easy to get around and get to work, school and leisure venues
- Has transport options outside business hours
- Provides opportunities to gather in youth-friendly places that are comfortable and welcoming
- Encourages innovation and risk-taking as a way of learning and support
- Supports young people to connect, build relationships, participate in community have positive experiences speak their mind, and stand up for what they believe in
- Allows 'hanging out' without fear of being 'hassled, judged or moved on'

#### When we create a youthful city we can...

- Tap into fresh ideas, perspectives, enthusiasm, skills and contemporary leadership ideas of youth
- Build a sense of belonging and place in the world for all our citizens
- Grow confidence and create opportunities for skill development and achievement
- Stimulate economic, cultural and social development
- Create public spaces that bring together
  affordable and accessible arts, music and
  film opportunities
- Involve the voices, opinions and solutions of children and young people as consumers, contributors and partners

# What do Young People say Adelaide needs to do to improve their wellbeing?



- Support the use of **bikes** as connective transport by allowing them onto buses and trams
- Improve the public transport experience of young people
- Embrace skateboards and scooters as legitimate modes of transport and look to welcoming them into public spaces and places

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#### **Places and Spaces**

- Make children and young people feel welcome in public spaces and places
- Ensure accessible youth specific infrastructure that is physical and virtual and which supports young people's participation and engagement
- Provide youth hubs **big enough** for high volumes of young people to gather, and for it to be 'neutral territory'



- Develop ways for young people to be both audience and creators of a vibrant creative youth scene that supports music, arts, festivals and events
- Ensure art, music, literature, theatre, dance and sporting activities are available, accessible and affordable
- Grow unlicensed venues and promote young local music talent through small scale festivals, venues and/or competitions
- Add more **colour**, art and greenery both from an aesthetic perspective, and in terms of the pride and optimism this generates

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