

Developing participative and democratic smart cities



Define a citizen-driven vision of smart cities

Democratise smart city planning and engage citizens on their vision for their city. Use participatory techniques to explore views about how sensor captured data should help inform local decision-making.

Develop a charter on digital rights & responsibilities

Work with residents and other stakeholders to develop a shared agreement about how data will be captured and governed. Establish a shared understanding of the ethics and standards underpinning the approach.



Promote digital civic literacy

Help support residents and decision-makers alike to critically evaluate data, and to engage in meaningful ways using digital technology and platforms.

Evaluate the impact

Open up the evaluation of smart city technologies, to ensure you are hearing from a wide range of individuals and other stakeholders. Their lived experience can provide different view points, and help identify opportunities for change.



Work with external partners

An informed external voice can help facilitate difficult conversations where there are strongly differing views. The Democratic Society has significant experience in supporting democratic conversations and expertise relating to smart cities, the Internet of Things, and other digital technologies.