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A sustainable cities course developed by LEAD staff and Fellows has won the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD) public vote and will be showcased at the Rio+20 conference in June 2012. LEAD's proposal, entitled 'Putting People First: Building Sustainable Cities with Communities,' attracted 942 votes, beating its nearest rival by over 400 votes.

LEAD's course captures the learning and experience of three outstanding LEAD Fellows: John Lewis (LEAD Canada), Leonardo Martins Dias (LEAD Europe) and Anton de Wit (LEAD Southern and Eastern Africa). It will form part of SD-Learning: a UNCSO capacity building event that aims to provide participants with practical knowledge and hands-on training from experts around the world.

Together these Fellows have over 30 years' experience of working in sustainable cities around the world and identifying the local and global challenges in urban sustainable development. The main focus of the course will be on people: how to make the 'invisible people' visible; how to give back to displaced communities a 'sense of place'; and how to enable the type of collaborative decision-making that leads to the creation and ownership of sustainable communities.

LEAD's success can be attributed both to the strength of the course proposal and the power of the LEAD Network; we were propelled to victory by the combined efforts of LEAD's Fellows, friends and partners. Thank you to everyone who voted and we hope to see you in Rio!

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- [Putting People First: Building Sustainable Cities with Communities](#) (942 votes)

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