



The shift to a circular economy and sustainable society asks for a transition in cities. Instead of a place for consuming, the city of the future is a **resilient system**, embedded in its **environment**, in which loops are closed and waste equals food. This challenge is the perfect opportunity for innovation. Can we use roofs to produce food or grow natural materials? Can waste stations in the city become new public spaces? Can we design infrastructure that connects both people and nature and increases biodiversity?

In the Inclusive City Hub we look for fresh ideas that connect this (technical) ambition to the inhabitants of the city. How can we develop these innovations in an inclusive way, starting from the energy of individuals and making use of existing local initiatives? How do we use this transition to connect people?



rethinking technical processing



rethinking biological processing The Central Innovation District (CID) in Den Haag is the area between the three most important train stations; Den Haag Central, Laan van NOI and Holland Spoor. Because this area is easy to reach, it is a great place for businesses to settle. At the moment, however, both the building stock and general spatial organization is outdated - large empty buildings and outworn social housing form a problem and the **public space** is of varying quality. This is a problem as well as an opportunity to now redevelop more sustainably. The mission of the CID is to do this in a completely circular way.





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## **INCLUSIVE CITY**

The Inclusive City Hub is an interdisciplinary lab, connecting the universities of Delft, Leiden and Rotterdam, focusing on the Metropolitan Region Rotterdam - The Hague.

How can contemporary technologies and insights be integrated in an inclusive way, that lets local people collaborate and benefit? How can people be the fuel of innovation? Profound research is needed to revalue cities as places full of collaborative spaces that can provide in energy, food, materials and thus be an integrated part of the circular economy. Also the direct landscape surrounding us has great potential in provisioning sustainable resources as well as enriching the lives of urban inhabitants. We see the ecologically and socially inclusive city as the breeding ground for a happy life.

In this way the Inclusive City Hub is focused on all connections between society, environment and economy that are undeniably relevant in the transition towards a circular economy.

Contact us at info@inclusivecity.nl. More information can be found on: www.inclusivecity.nl and www.centre-for-sustainability.nl.

Are you a student about to start you graduation project and do you want to connect with challenges in practice? Enrich your project and join the hub!

- Take part in an interdisciplinary studio that faces complex challenges from multiple perspectives
- Meet monthly with professionals from practice
- Contact researchers and academics from three universities
- Get inspired or speak up and share your own insights at our quarterly events
- Get all-time access to the Groot Handelsgebouw in Rotterdam to meet and work









