WORKSHOP: Change by Design
Co-designing tools and platforms for informal settlement profiles in Freetown

Sierra Leone 2019

ASF-UK’s Change by Design programme and the Sierra Leone Urban Research Centre (SLURC) are launching a call for a multidisciplinary group of volunteers to contribute to an action research programme addressing the needs and aspirations of low-income communities in Freetown.

The workshop will build on SLURC’s long term experience in action research, citizen engagement and advocacy, and on SLURC and ASF-UK’s collaborative work on participatory planning and design with communities in Dworzark and Cockle Bay—two settlements in Freetown dealing with inadequate housing and infrastructure and environmental risk. The aim is to develop tools that can support community-led and community-managed settlement profiles; and design and test appropriate platforms for sharing this data with community and citywide stakeholders. The workshop forms part of the Knowledge in Action for Urban Equality (KNOW) project in Freetown. KNOW is a 4-year research and capacity building programme led by The Bartlett Development Planning Unit of University College London. It aims to promote urban equality in cities across Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Over two weeks, we will work closely with community members and city stakeholders, adapting the Change by Design methodology to develop frameworks for the analysis, visualisation and sharing of data at different scales. The workshop aims to contribute to realising SLURC’s vision of Equitable City Making in Freetown.

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

Location: Freetown, Sierra Leone

Dates: 15th July - 26th July

Who: ASF-UK are seeking international participants, practitioners and students from fields of architecture, urban design, urban and development planning, software design and development, ICT4D, service and communication design, community education, urban sociology and anthropology.

Cost: £950 professionals / £850 students (price includes: workshop activities and materials, accommodation, subsistence and travel for 12 days. Not included: flights, ferry, airport pick-up, visa and vaccinations)

Application Deadline: 15th April 2019

To apply: www.asf-uk.org/Freetown-2019

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This workshop counts towards Challenging Practice Stage B accreditation.