Lead a Jane Jacobs Walk in your community

“The ballet of the good city sidewalk never repeats itself from place to place, and in any one place is always replete with new improvisations.” – The Death and Life of Great American Cities

Jane Jacobs Walk events are street-level celebrations of author and urban activist Jane Jacobs’ legacy. The events usually coincide with Jacobs’ birthday during the first weekend in May, but can happen at any time. These self-organized walks and discussions combine exploring and observing neighborhoods while sharing their urban history and local lore. The purpose is to get people out of their cars and onto their city streets and sidewalks to reconnect with each other and rediscover their communities. In 2012, 132 events took place in 32 cities across the United States.

We invite you to lead a Walk in an area where you live, work or play. It simply involves planning a route, thinking through the stories and subjects you want to discuss, then leading participants on your Walk. You get to decide what’s important. You can also share the guiding duties with friends or colleagues. Jane Jacobs Walks are walking conversations and should be fun and participatory–everyone has a story and they’re usually keen to share it.

Participating in a Jane Jacobs Walk is a great opportunity to build social bridges over the geographic, economic and cultural barriers that so often divide our modern cities and towns. All tours are given, and taken, for free. The Jane Jacobs Walk team will help with the publicity, logistics, and website management–while you get the word out with your local networks and friends.

Jane Jacobs Walk is a program of the Center for the Living City. With offices in the Rocky Mountain Region and New York City, Jane Jacobs Walk provides support and information for organizations and individuals on how to host Jane Jacobs Walk events in their communities. We hope you’ll join us by offering an insider’s take on your city’s vibrant and fascinating neighborhoods. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

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