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Innovation UNIT
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health and global justice
through service-learning

UNIVER-CITIES & SERVICE-LEARNING



Universities are called upon to rework the cities in which they are located. They are called for the resizing and redignification of cities, in order to convert them to more human scales, creating a greater balance between times, spaces and private, public and social contexts.

HOW CAN SERVICE-LEARNING CONTRIBUTE TO TACKLE THESE CHALLENGES?



Universities should collaborate with their surrounding communities for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources. They should develop forms of enhancing efficient identification of community practices, beliefs, and needs. Not only for developing student skills to know how to run their lives, but also to adopt open attitudes toward collaboration, giving voice to community partners. Service-learning is an specific pedagogical approach that integrates academic learnings with community service allowing reciprocal, contextualised and socially committed projects.