

Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA) is a non-profit development organisation that helps vulnerable groups access their rights. YUVA encourages the formation of people's collectives to engage them in the development discourse. This work is complemented with advocacy and policy recommendations. Set up in Mumbai in 1984, currently YUVA operates in 5 Indian states.

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COMPLEXCITY 2019

CONNECTING EXPERIENCES

City of cities

Within the tangled city network, many stories are waiting to be told.

Who controls the city's narrative? Who chooses which stories should be told? Do we have the power to break the walls that divide us? Can we build a city for us all?

ComplexCity returns

In its second year, ComplexCity (YUVA's annual festival to celebrate differences in the city) sought to take ahead the narrative building exercise in Greater Mumbai with people's support.

Especially within the current climate of growing intolerance, discrimination, and divide, YUVA firmly believes that a platform such as ComplexCity is critical to drive conversations and action on the urban by people, to help develop inclusive and sustainable cities. Accordingly, all events curated promoted the presentation and discussion of varied urban ideas and identities.

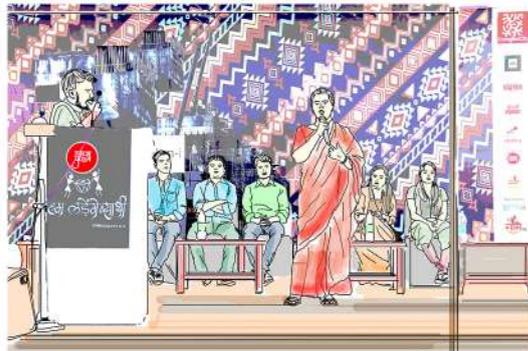
The ComplexCity excitement began from Kala Ghoda Arts Festival 2019, when entries to YUVA's photography competition (in partnership with Photography Promotion Trust) were displayed at Jehangir Art Gallery from 6–10 February 2019.

From 13–24 February 2019, other ComplexCity events took place, including

- **Equipolis:** A seminar focused on urban praxis.
- **Living Mumbai:** A film festival with stories of the world of the urban.
- **Bolti Bombay:** Competitions—photography, street play and debate—to promote critical thinking on the urban.
- **Making Mumbai:** A convention to showcase youth action across city spaces.
- **Culture Kaun:** A showcase of indigenous lives and traditions through performances.
- **City Walks:** Exploring the city's off-overlooked areas on foot.

ComplexCity was made richer with the support of partners—academic institutions, a major corporate, non-profits, media partners and others—and the public, from children to the elderly, the urban poor to middle-class residents.

Flip the page for a glimpse of engagements with the city.



Making Mumbai, Youth Event

I was very impressed with the large youth turnout, and the fact that the event was planned and organised by the youth themselves.

Helen Joseph
Director, YUVA Urban Initiatives



Living Mumbai, Film Festival

The films make me think, how can different interest groups work together to mitigate uncertainties faced by the city's informal workforce?

Rohit Lahoti
Research Consultant, University of Chicago Trust



Equipolis, Seminar

The city is changing fast. With Mumbai's transport oriented development planning, we can help the city better address congestion issues.

RA Rajeev
Metropolitan Commissioner, Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA)



Culture Kaun, Indigenous Cultural Performances

ComplexCity forces everyone to look at the multiple issues facing people living in our bustling city from different perspectives.

Ajit Dayal
Founder Quantum Advisors/Quantum Mutual Fund, Natural Streets for Performing Arts



Bolti Bombay, Youth Competitions

We learnt so much about the culture of street plays. The competition pushed us to think harder about problems faced.

Vaishali Anant Gujar
Naandi Foundation, N-Star Project



City Walk

The transition of landscape between a city, basti, mangrove and urban village is symbolic of the layers of conflict that the residents have to traverse everyday – spatial, political, environmental and social.

Harsh Nag
Walk participant



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