



Looking at the Built Environment through a Well-being Lens

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10:00-11:30 (CET)

Virtual launch of new OECD report with high-level opening and expert roundtable

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The built environment plays an important role in driving the well-being of people and communities, affecting their health, learning, mobility, how they interact with each other and participate in public life. The new OECD report *Built environment through a Well-being Lens* explores how the built environment interacts with people's lives and affects their well-being and its sustainability. The report draws on the OECD's Well-Being Framework – which provides a holistic and people-centred frame to measure and monitor societies' conditions – to highlight the many inter-relationships between the built environment and both material and non-material aspects of people's lives.

During the event, key findings from the report will be presented followed by a panel discussion with experts from diverse backgrounds who will provide insights from their policy and/or research experiences, focusing on the evidence of the impact of the built environment on people's well-being and the countries' experiences of designing and applying built environment policies to promote well-being, inclusion and sustainability. Experts will be invited to provide their insights focusing on the following questions:

- What are the key challenges to promoting well-being, inclusion and sustainability in the built environment?
- Where is the evidence strongest on the impact of the built environment on people's well-being? Where are the important evidence gaps?
- What built environment policies and interventions are being discussed at country-level to promote well-being, inclusion and sustainability? How can well-being evidence support policy makers in the context of the built environment?

This event is open to all, including policy professionals, academics, statisticians, civil society, media and others interested in this important agenda.

To register to attend this event via Zoom, please click [here](#).

Agenda

- 10:00-10:15 High-level Opening Session including:
- Opening Remarks by **Yoshiki Takeuchi**, OECD Deputy Secretary-General
 - Welcoming Remarks by **Oh-Jin Kim**, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT), Korea (pre-recorded video)
 - Remarks by **Caroline Bilkey**, New Zealand Ambassador to France and Permanent Representative to the OECD
- 10:15-10:30 Presentation of key findings from the report by **Romina Boarini**, Director of the OECD WISE

10:30-11:30 **Panel discussion**, moderated by **Jihye Lee**, Senior Policy Analyst at the OECD WISE Centre, with:

- **Lena Jacobs**, Assistant Principal Officer, Economic Development Unit, Department of the Taoiseach, Ireland
- **Helen MacIntyre**, Head of Evidence of the Campaign to End Loneliness, What Works Centre for Wellbeing
- **Jagoda Egeland**, Co-head of the ITF Research Centre, International Transport Forum (ITF) at the OECD
- **Philip Rizcallah**, CEO of Accessibility Standards Canada
- **Kevin Johnson**, Technical Team Lead, Quality of Life Initiative, UN-HABITAT
- **Kyung-Hwan Kim**, Emeritus Professor of Economics, Sogang University, Korea