

THE SAFEGROWTH LIVABILITY ACADEMY

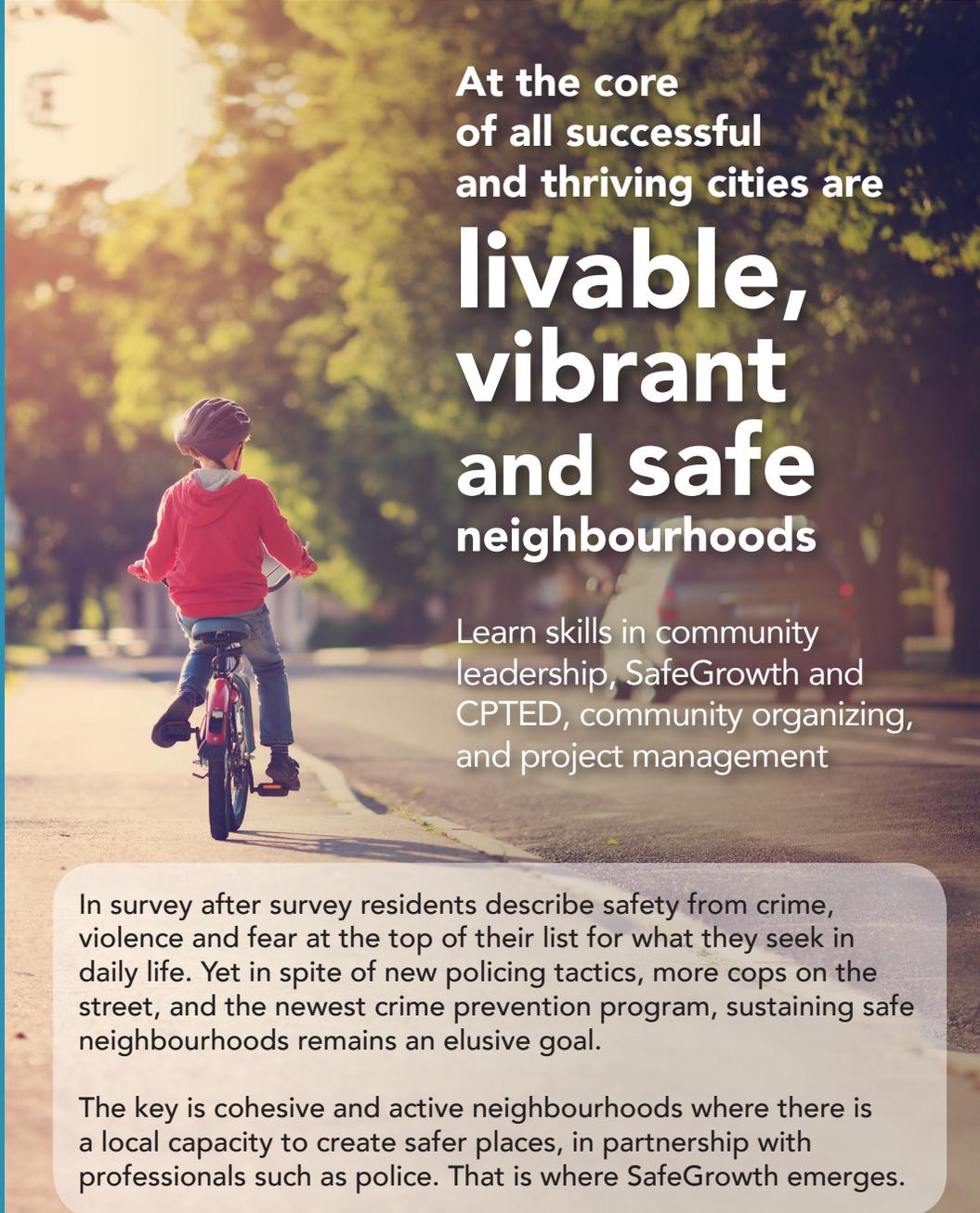


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Learning how to increase livability
in your neighbourhood

A photograph of a child in a red hoodie and helmet riding a bicycle away from the camera on a paved street lined with trees. The scene is bathed in warm, golden light, suggesting late afternoon or early morning.

At the core
of all successful
and thriving cities are
**livable,
vibrant
and safe
neighbourhoods**

Learn skills in community leadership, SafeGrowth and CPTED, community organizing, and project management

In survey after survey residents describe safety from crime, violence and fear at the top of their list for what they seek in daily life. Yet in spite of new policing tactics, more cops on the street, and the newest crime prevention program, sustaining safe neighbourhoods remains an elusive goal.

The key is cohesive and active neighbourhoods where there is a local capacity to create safer places, in partnership with professionals such as police. That is where SafeGrowth emerges.

METHOD

The SafeGrowth neighborhood development method teaches residents how to: set up local teams of trained problem-solvers, combining municipal service providers such as local police officers, planners, shopowners, schools, and others, how to develop plans for resolving problems and visioning the future. One essential part of the SafeGrowth method is the Livability Academy.

The SafeGrowth Livability Academy is designed to provide adult education within neighborhoods embarking on SafeGrowth programming. Jason Tudor and Gregory Saville of AlterNation LLC were primary designers of this curriculum



EDUCATION = CHANGE

CONTENT

The purpose of the Livability Academy is to help residents and stakeholders learn skills in:

- Community leadership,
- SafeGrowth and CPTED,
- Community organizing,
- Project management.

It is based on the principle that community members, in partnership with other service providers, can become problem-solvers and leaders. Each module of instruction aims to create basic skills in community-building and problem-solving.

Each class is divided into two parts:

- The first half of the class comprises adult learning exercises, guest presentations, group discussions, and guided discussions about the theme for that week.
- The second half of the class comprises small problem-solving teams that tackle a local crime or livability problem in a nearby neighborhood.

NEXT STEPS

Each neighbourhood, or collaborations of nearby neighbourhoods, will run annual Livability Academies. All classes are free and voluntary. A Livability Academy facilitator runs each Academy, with a number of facilitators coordinating their work across city neighbourhoods. AlterNation LLC will certify each of those Livability Academy Coordinators in a Train-the-Facilitator workshop regarding the mechanics, management, and promotion of the program.

In cities where there are already active neighbourhood associations or community organizations, it may be simple matter to ask them to participate in the program and provide facilitators. In other cities where neighbourhood organizing is not developed, the municipality can launch a city-wide Livability Academy, recruit facilitators from the class, and thereby begin the process of creating neighbourhood organizations to sustain the process.

