

JESSICA CHRISTIANSEN-FRANKS

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Jessica Christiansen-Franks is an urban designer and landscape architect who has spent the past decade looking into the social impacts of urbanisation. As a project manager, urban designer and landscape architect, Jessica has worked on a range of notable and complex urban projects including the Ho Chi Minh City BRT Transport and Land Use Study, the Port Melbourne Waterfront Urban Design Framework, and Brisbane's Vibrant Laneways and Small Scale Spaces Strategy. Recognising that community development is an essential skill for all urban designers, Jessica augmented her professional experience by undertaking tertiary research into the social impacts of urbanisation, including identity construction in existing and emerging communities and social marginalisation of urban migrants. Jessica has applied this understanding through her community development work across Victoria, as well as with donor agencies in South Asia and South East Asia. Jessica is currently the Project Director for The Neighbourhood Project, Australia's largest Tactical Urbanism program which will see eight local Councils enable the delivery up to 40 community-led green spaces