

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academics, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, who promote fundamental change in our political and economic systems.

We believe that planning should be a tool for allocating resources and developing the environment to eliminate the great inequalities of wealth and power in our society, rather than to maintain and justify the status quo. We are committed to opposing racial, economic, and environmental injustice and discrimination by gender and sexual orientation. We believe that planning should be used to assure adequate food, housing, medical care, jobs, safe working conditions, and a healthful environment. We advocate public responsibility for meeting these needs, because the private market has proven incapable of doing so.

We seek to be an effective political and social force, working with other *progressive* organizations to inform public opinion and public policy and to provide assistance to those seeking to understand, control, and change the forces which affect their lives.

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As planning professionals
or as concerned citizens,
we face a moral choice:

Do we remain quiet about
actions and policies that are
socially unjust?



Or do we join together to work
for social change?

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ABOUT PLANNERS NETWORK

For more than 30 years, **Planners Network** has been a voice for progressive professionals and activists concerned with urban planning and social justice. PN members have a wide range of interests - including environmental justice, community economic development, housing, and globalization. And they come from a variety of backgrounds - community organizers, social justice activists, professional planners, academics, and students. But what all PN'ers have in common is a commitment to work toward greater equity and fundamental change in how decisions are made in our global society.

There is a constant need for progressives to work together and speak out against forces that increase the injustices and inequalities in our world. PN members receive the quarterly **Progressive Planning** magazine, stay updated with monthly E-newsletters, network online, and take part in regular conferences. Youth and adults can become part of **Young Planners Network (YPN)**, to strengthen the participation of young people in planning.

Joining PN offers opportunities to connect with an international community of progressive planning practitioners and advocates that support each other through discussion, collaboration, and solidarity.



PLANNERS NETWORK RESOURCES

Progressive Planning Magazine

PN's quarterly magazine provides provocative analysis, innovative ideas, and a forum for controversial policy questions neglected in mainstream planning circles. Articles analyze urban policy, community-based planning, the global environment, economic development, transportation equity, race and gender issues, and more. The magazine's best articles are collected in the **Planners Network Reader**, which is a useful tool for classes.

Student Disorientation Guide

PN's **Student Disorientation Guide**, compiled by a team of students and activists, reflects many of the issues and challenges that would-be planners will encounter in the field. Along with articles that challenge current planning and educational paradigms, the guide contains ideas for events and activities. Students and professors are encouraged to distribute copies of the Disorientation Guide at student orientations and meetings.

Planners Network Conferences

PN conferences bring together planning practitioners, community and economic development professionals, organizers, policy analysts, designers, students, and faculty from across the world to address social, economic, and environmental justice strategies. The events combine panels with participatory workshops, field visits, and exchanges with local communities. Recent conferences have been held in Winnipeg, New Orleans, Chicago, and New York. In addition, at **Young Planners Network** conferences youth and adults share strategies for increasing youth participation in planning.

Planners Network E-Newsletters

Each monthly issue of the PN E-newsletter includes member and chapter updates, publications of interest, upcoming events, awards, online resources, and job postings.

PlannersNetwork.org

Our website offers information on PN chapters and members, current and archived editions of *Progressive Planning*, materials from past conferences, and an array of articles and case studies.

GET INVOLVED!

Whether face-to-face, in print, or over the internet, PN'ers are part of a network that shares progressive ideas and experiences. Here's how you can get involved:

Become a Member

Join PN to make a difference while sharing your ideas and enthusiasm with others! Take advantage of our affordable membership dues to receive:

- A monthly E-newsletter
- The quarterly **Progressive Planning** magazine
- A discount to the PN conference

You can join PN online, or by mailing or faxing a membership form.

Join or Start a Local Chapter

In several communities across North America, members have formed PN and YPN chapters to discuss and act on key planning issues at the local level. Connect with progressive planners in your area by joining a chapter.

Join the Email Listservs

PN's listservs are free ways to receive information and network with PN members and other progressive planners.

Contribute to the Website, E-Newsletter or Magazine

Anyone can submit news or information to the website and e-newsletter. *Progressive Planning* magazine also welcomes articles from new contributors.

Become a PN University Representative

Help introduce students and faculty to PN and progressive planning by serving as a PN representative at your university.

More information about these and other ways to get involved is available at plannersnetwork.org.

