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THEME: ADVANCING INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY THROUGH DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION



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Harmen Van Sprang

Harmen van Sprang, a visionary speaker, author, researcher, and lecturer, is foremost a pioneering social entrepreneur. As aptly described by his daughter, 'My father works in the future', Harmen has been instrumental in founding several forward-thinking organizations and initiatives.



Through his 'Sharing Cities Alliance' foundation, he has collaborated with global cities such as Copenhagen, Cape Town, New York City, Washington DC, Seoul, and Singapore, fostering a network of shared knowledge and sustainable practices. His creative studio, 'Sentience', is at the forefront of devising innovative concepts and projects that cater to a diverse clientele, pushing the boundaries of conventional thinking.

With his 'Next Reality' network, Harmen unites leaders from both the public and private sectors in the Netherlands, delving into the vast potential and addressing the intricate challenges posed by transformative technologies like Extended Reality (XR) and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Harmen's global influence is marked by his significant contributions to the sharing economy, where he has guided cities and corporations towards embracing more social and sustainable frameworks. His expertise as a co-author of an award-winning business book on the sharing economy further emphasizes his status as a thought leader.





'Harmen is a rare human.

He is bringing high degrees of empathy, intellectual curiosity, and inclusivity to conversations about how cutting edge tech will impact cities and humanity at large.

People like Harmen are the ones that we need stewarding us into the future!'















Amsterdam is Now Europe's First Named "Sharing City"

How Amsterdam is developing a collaborative economy that works for everyone





The sharing economy is alive and

overwhelming 84% of Amsterdammers say they're willing to participate within it. With this in mind, the Amsterdam Sharing City joint initiative was launched in 2013. It saw to it that ambassadors from startups, corporations, community centers, libraries, mun



Amsterdam's rich heritage and culture, its spirit of commerce, its innovative infrastructure, its live-ability and its creativity set it apart from other major European cities. These aspects, together with the fact that more than 84% of the 'Amsterdammers' is willing to share, make the city the ideal platform for the sharing (or: collaborative) economy to flourish on.

Why Sharing Cities make sense for a prosperous and sustainable future

universities could all work together for the city's benefit.

Amsterdam Sharing City - Collaboration platform for the sharing economy

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Amsterdam, la primera 'Sharing City' de Europa

and economy. The project was initiated in rethe Amsterdam citizens showed motivation to share) and an establish digital intrastructure, with more than 90% of the citizens with online.

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Amsterdam is Now Europe's First Sharable City

Amsterdam, 'sharing city': la ciudad donde la colaboración importa más que la tecnología

'Amsterdam moet Europese hoofdstad voor deeleconomie worden'

Amsterdam - Cidade do Compartilhamento

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Amsterdam Sharing City aims to utilise as a



'Amsterdam Sharing City is combination of pragmatic regulation, public-private partnerships, and municipal experimentation.'

The key is getting the right balance between innovation and regulation.

'We want to truly make living in the city a shared experience. We want people to feel like they have a connection not just with the city, but to each other as well.'















The Sharing Cities Alliance is phenomenally useful to cities.

We've often been reactive. Now we can strategize for the future.'

















































































































































































