Youth Engagement Planning is a non-profit organization focused on educating young people in grades K-12 by introducing them to urban planning and civic engagement, and creating opportunities for youth to have meaningful participation in advocating for change in their communities and the built environment.

**Teacher Instructions**

**Facilitators:** Minimum 2, one for each game

**Ideal Age Range:** 10+

**Length of Time:** 40 minutes

**Supplies:**
- Copies of “Master Plan: A Game of Limited Resources”
- Each game accommodates 5-9 players
- Contact mtibbits@128bc.org to purchase copies
- Copies of “Rise Up: The Game of People & Power”
- Each game accommodates 2-5 players
- Purchase the game here: http://www.toolboxfored.org/project/rise-up/

**OBJECTIVE**

The students will build urban planning, community engagement, and social movement knowledge and skills through structured games.

With both games, the end goal is cooperative, meaning that it is the group as a whole that “wins”; as a result, students will be encouraged to cooperate, despite sometimes differing in-game roles and objectives.

“Rise Up” is a storytelling game, so students will also engage their narrative skills by creating the story of their social movement as they play.

“Master Plan” is a building game, so students will also engage their 2- and 3-dimensional modeling skills as they play.

**PRELIMINARY SET-UP**

The facilitators need to have thoroughly read through the game instruction booklets ahead of time.

Participants will be playing the Simplified Version of “Rise Up.” The instructions for this version of the game begin on p. 12 of the rules booklet, and facilitators can learn more about this version here: https://youtu.be/Uco6k7mfy9M

To get things going faster, the games should already be unboxed and set up on the tables. If your copies of “Rise Up” are brand new, you will need to set aside time to pop out all of the markers, etc.

Participants should be using the “Accelerated Gameplay” supplement for Master Plan, which requires the baseplate to be prepopulated with a few roads, buildings, and geographic features. Set aside (1) hour prior to beginning the activity to prep the baseplates.
GAME PLAY
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Student Activity

INTRODUCTION: WHAT IS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT?

1. Ask the students to brainstorm as a group what they know about Community Engagement.
2. After discussing community engagement, ask all students “What is the benefit of working with others?” and continue the conversation.
3. Once the students have begun that conversation, assign the students to different groups, making sure there are enough players in each group per game.
4. The teacher can then give the instructions to the game to the entire group. For each activity game, please see the individual game booklets.
5. Once the instructions have been given, the students are able to begin playing.

CONCLUSION: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What made you more successful in the game and what was challenging?
2. How did your group work together for a common goal?

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

Community engagement refers to individuals that come together and form a group, hence the term community. A community is a group of people that come together that have a common set of goals, values, and work together to achieve that common goals. While community organizing involves the process of building a grassroots movement involving communities, community engagement primarily deals with the practice of moving communities toward change, usually from a stalled or similarly suspended position.

WHAT DO PLANNERS DO?

An urban planner is a professional who works to enhance the quality of life. A planner is a person who helps shape the design and form of a city or place, from buildings to roads, and parks and more. Planners observe and analyze the communities around them and with the help of community members, make recommendations to policy makers for improvements. In their everyday work, planners are always working with others to find the best solution for the community members, whether that is talking with the residents, business owners, Council Members, or visitors. Planners use Community Engagement to help realize the vision of the community and find consensus while working together.