

Where Civility Starts

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A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several modern skyscrapers with glass facades. The buildings are arranged in a way that they converge towards the top center of the frame, creating a strong sense of height and perspective. The sky is a pale, clear blue. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rectangular area in the center of the image.

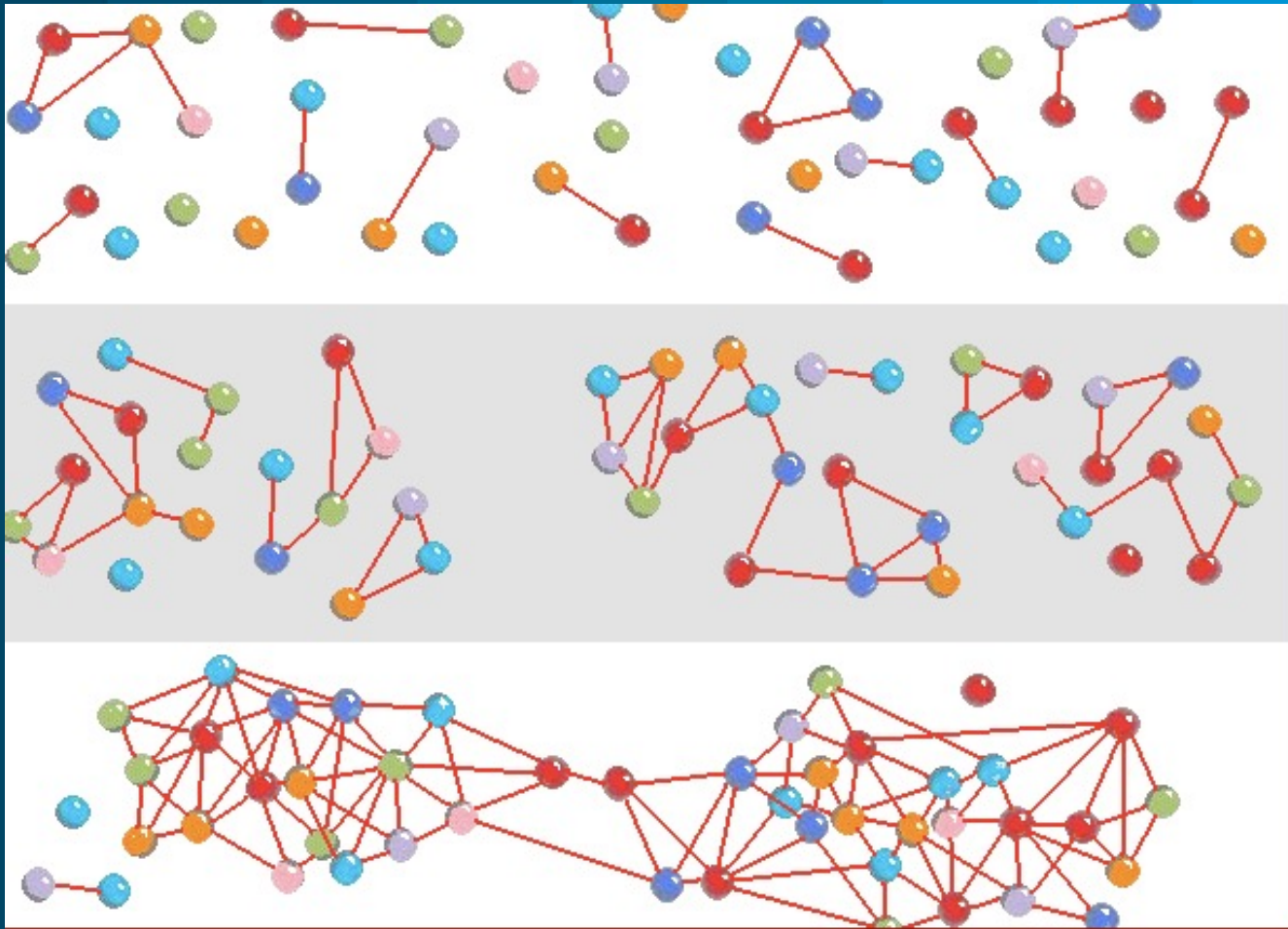
Canada's future is
CONNECTION

Connective Tissue

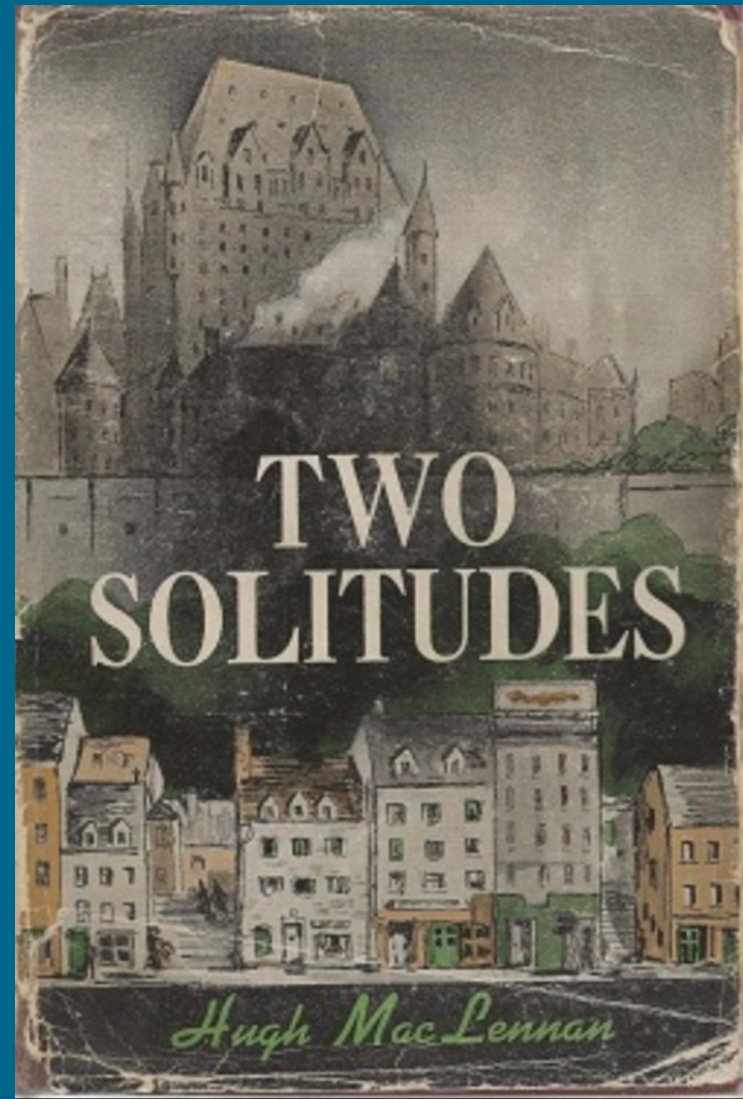


PEOPLE PLACE POTENTIAL

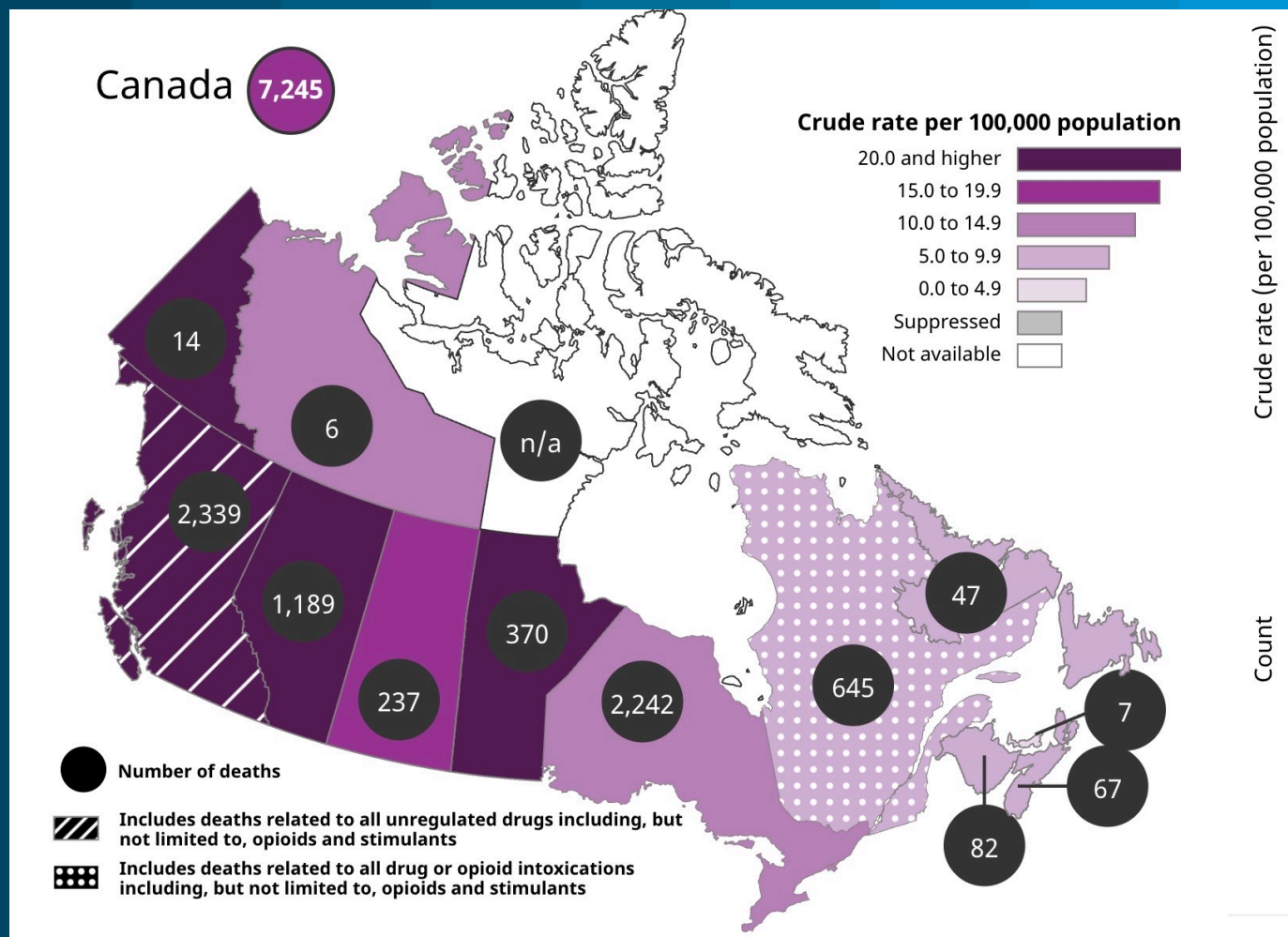








It's ONE CONVERSATION









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Provincial/state governments have all the **power**



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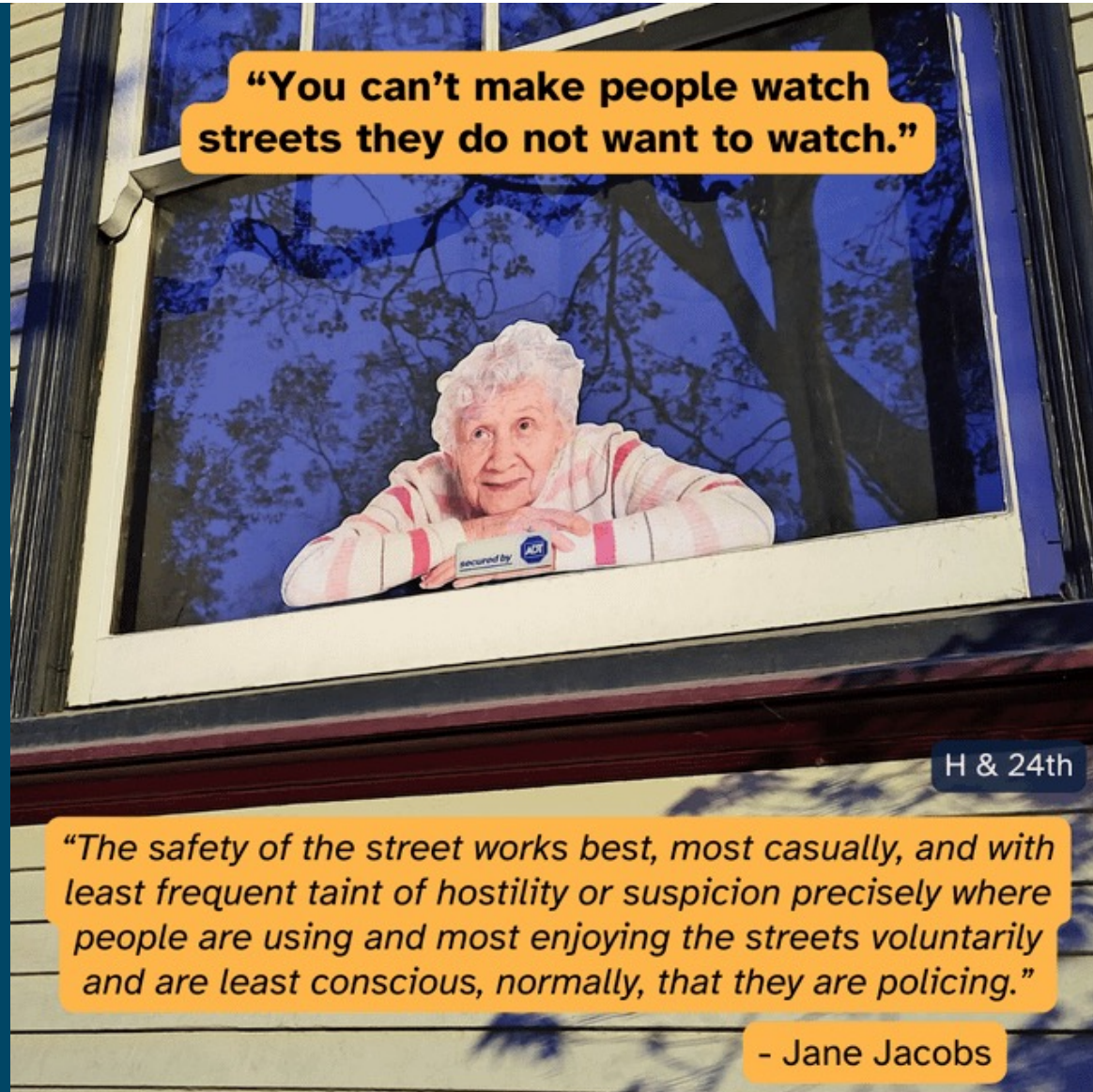
Municipalities have all the **problems**



Communities have all the **solutions**



"You can't make people watch streets they do not want to watch."



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"The safety of the street works best, most casually, and with least frequent taint of hostility or suspicion precisely where people are using and most enjoying the streets voluntarily and are least conscious, normally, that they are policing."

- Jane Jacobs

Main Street Dashboards

A Smart Data Solution to Strengthen Your Main Street

Plan Smarter. Align Faster. Build Stronger.

Main streets are more than commercial corridors—**they're the heart of our communities**. They connect residents to services, support local businesses, and serve as hubs of public life. But they're **under pressure**: from changing consumer habits, online competition, construction disruptions, and climate impacts.

Main Street Metrics, developed by the Canadian Urban Institute as part of the Main Street Canada platform, gives local leaders the data tools, and expert support to respond with confidence.

The Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) is a national charity driving place-based solutions. With over 30 years of experience in place-based planning, CUI brings together data, policy, and local insight to help communities be resilient, vibrant, and prosperous.



Strong Downtowns for a Strong Canada

Scaling Effective Solutions to Restore Vibrancy and Prosperity

The Challenge

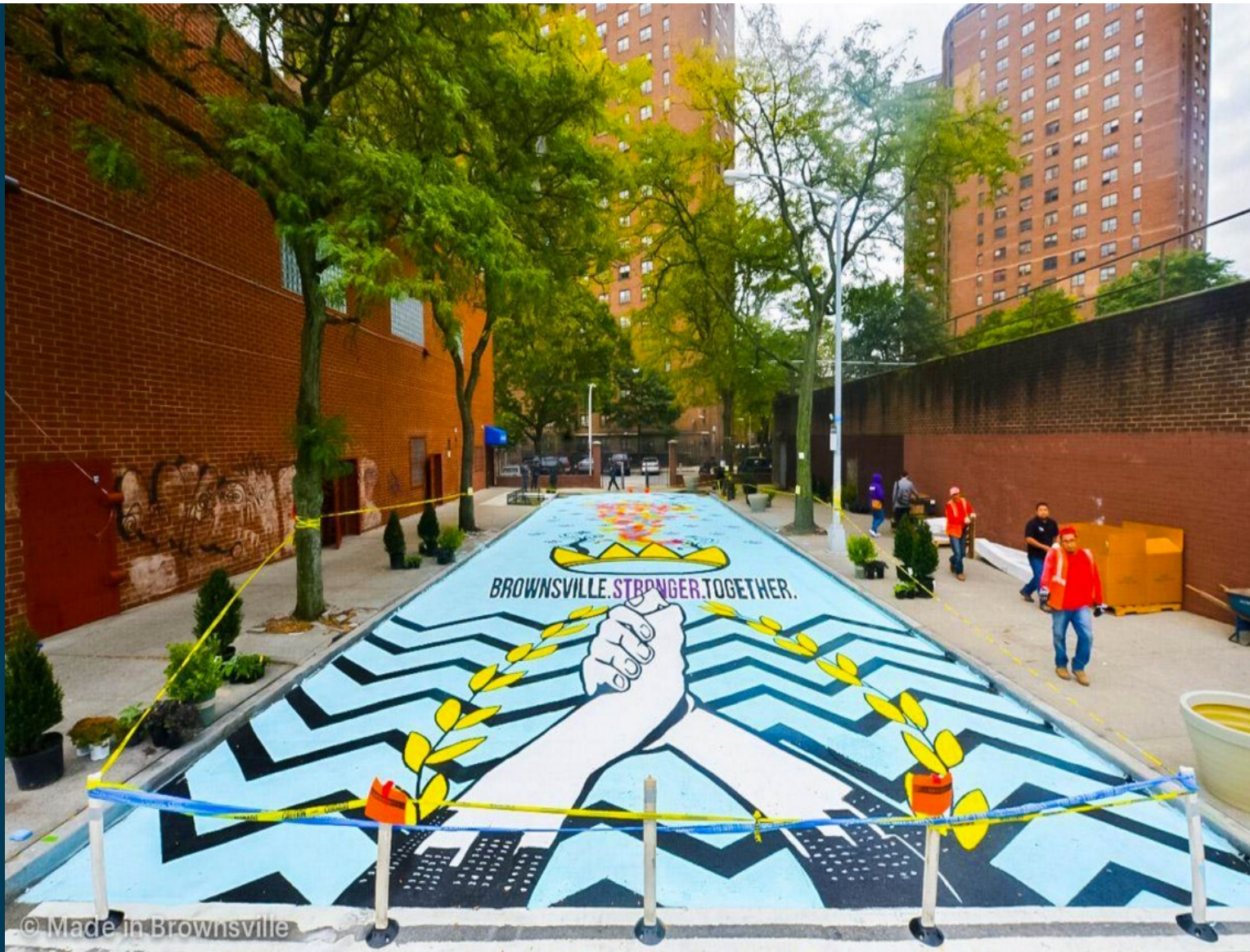
Downtowns and main streets are the beating hearts of Canada's communities. They are where people gather, build businesses, create culture, and connect to public services and civic life. More than 85% of Canadians live within a kilometre of a main street, and over 280,000 small businesses located in these areas employ nearly two million people and generate more than \$300 billion annually. Prior to the pandemic, the downtowns of Canada's six largest cities occupied on average of just 0.2% of their metro areas' land, but generated 15% of GDP and 17% of jobs. Even now, facing significant challenges, downtowns produce a disproportionate share of economic value to their cities, including crucial tax revenues to provide essential municipal services.





The Petula Factor







Think big... start small

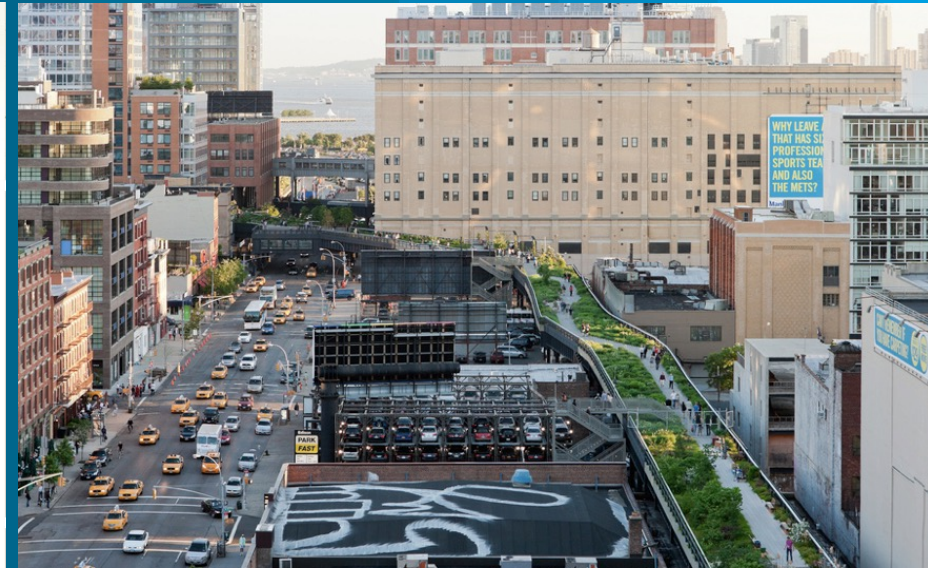


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**BIG
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The Cavalry



IS NOT COMING...





Community

The only antidote to
hopelessness and
helplessness

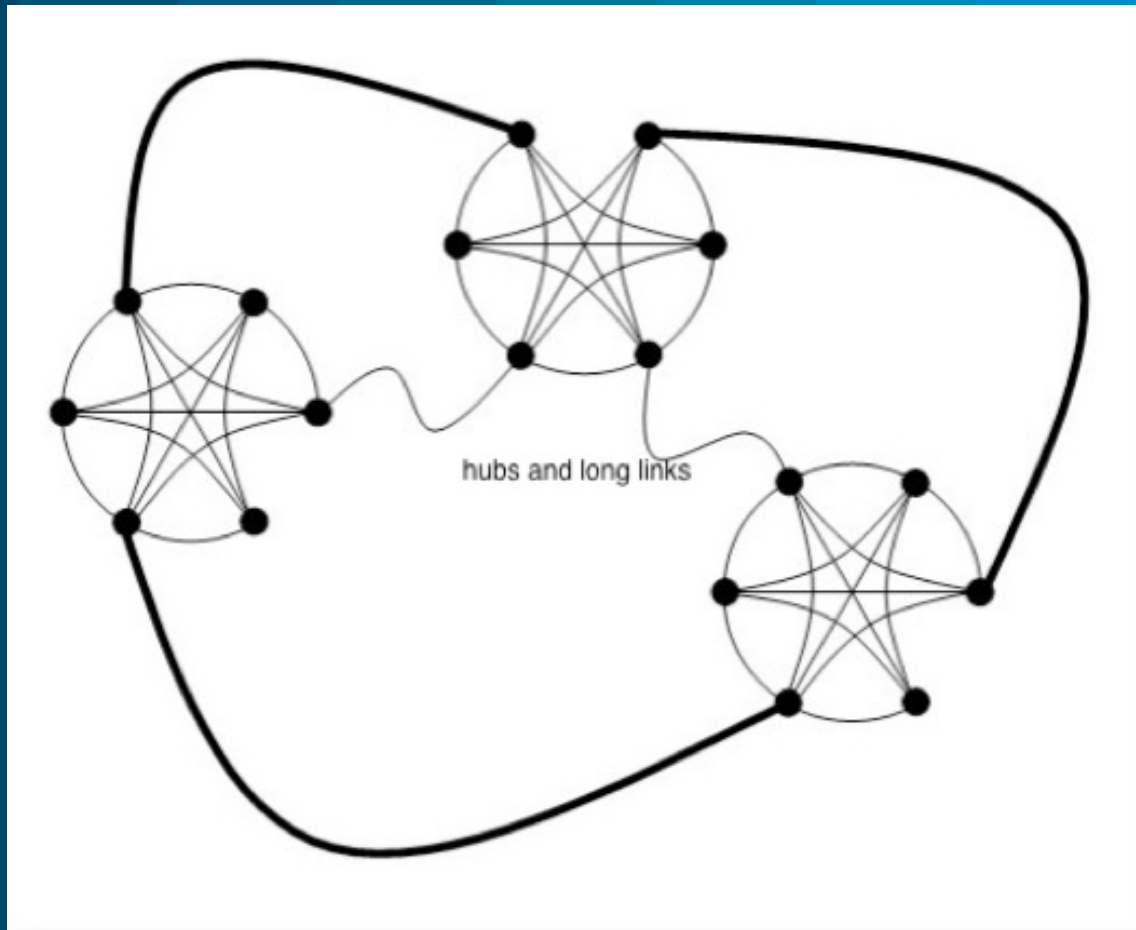
is local action

Humanistic Globalization

**“creating a global network of
intensely local places”**

-Dr. Gill Chin Lim



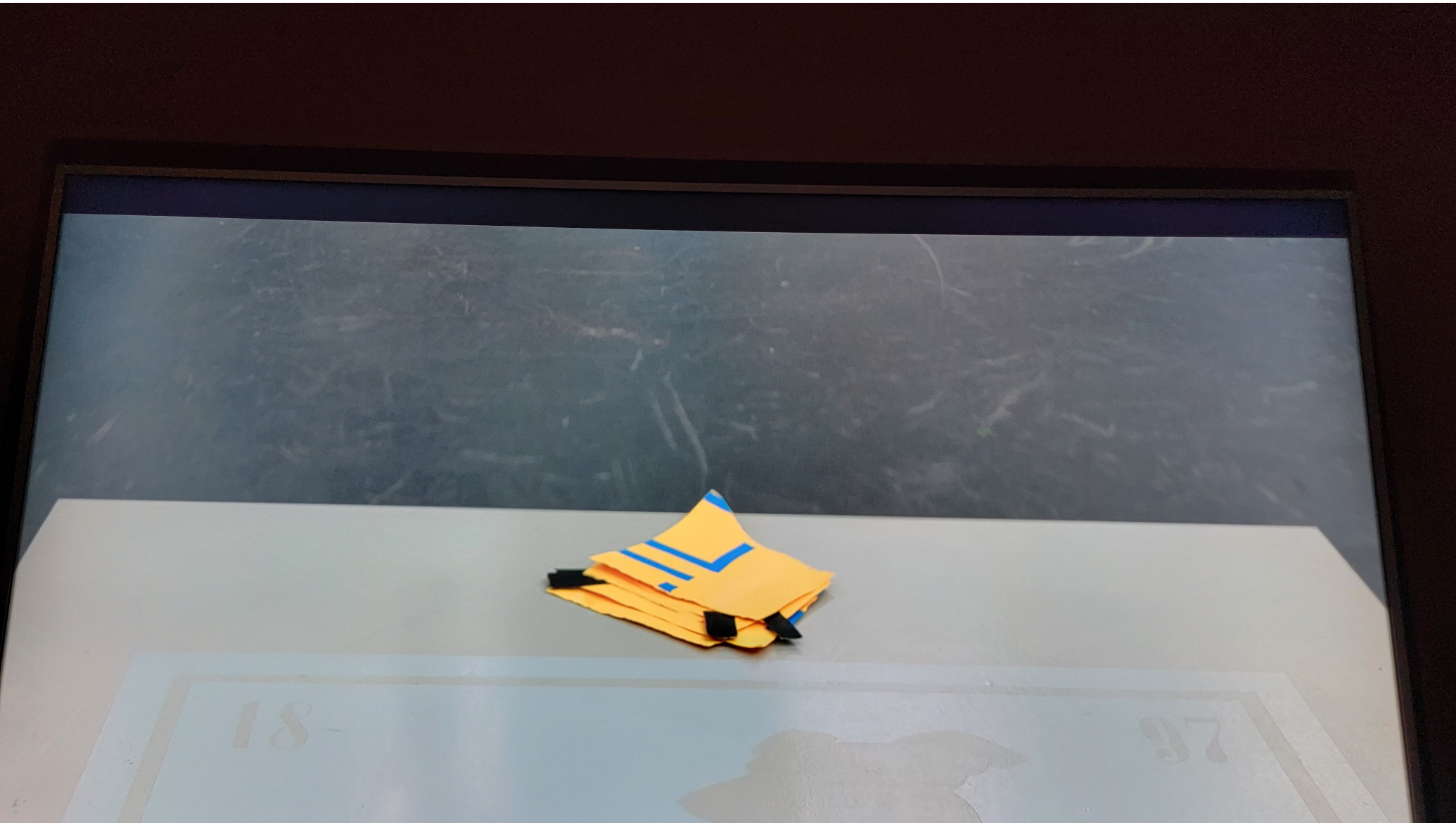




















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