

Streets for People

Walking is a great way to get around. For short trips, for exercise, or just for fun, walking can be better than driving or riding. But in many , walking can also be dangerous. Cars, trucks, and are a danger to , and sometimes there are accidents.

David Engwicht, from Brisbane, Australia, wants to do something about this. His book, *Reclaiming Our Cities and Towns*, has a simple message: We need to take back our and make them better places for walking.

In the past, Engwicht says, belonged to everybody. Children played there, and people walked to work or to stores. Now, however, most city engineers design for vehicles, such as cars, trucks, and . People stay inside buildings to get away from the , the streets, and the dangerous . Unfortunately, this gives them less contact with their .

Many are working to make their streets safer for . There are new on the streets and more traffic and bicycle lanes. The city of Florence, Italy, only allows cars and buses with special to drive on its historic city streets. In Boston, US, the Slow Streets program gives some more stop and a 20 mph (32 kph) speed limit. These cities hope there fewer accidents in the future.