Dream bigger!

ASCE and MacGillivray Freeman Films -- the team that brought *Dream Big: Engineering Our World* to giant screens around the world -- have joined forces to produce a new film inspired by ASCE’s Future World Vision initiative: *Cities of the Future*.

Featuring five young ASCE members working to solve the world’s most pressing challenges with inspiring solutions, the film also follows a team of middle school students as they compete in the Future City Competition and uses jaw-dropping CGI and the immersive size and sound of the IMAX experience to allow audiences to “step into the future.”

*Cities of the Future* will explore the key trends featured in ASCE’s Future World Vision initiative – climate change, renewable energy, high-tech construction materials and methods, renewable energy, smart cities, and public policy – and how the intersection of those trends and the decisions we make today will reshape cities far into the future.

The film will have an exclusive preview screening at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago on Oct. 18, 2023, in conjunction with the ASCE Convention before its theatrical release in February 2024.

*Cities of the Future* will offer opportunities for ASCE groups to organize screenings and outreach events to showcase the vital role and exciting career opportunities offered by civil engineering. New for *Cities of the Future* will be a public forum program. These forums will convene groups of community leaders, high school or college students, and/or engineering and planning professionals to spark discussion and shape a shared vision for the community’s vision of the future.

Already, 13 theaters have booked the film and more are expected in the coming months. You are encouraged to reach out to your local science center or museum to partner on opening festivals, special screening events, and more.
Programming Tips

Get inspired: What better way to spark enthusiasm for the upcoming release of *Cities of the Future* than a fun screening event featuring Dream Big -- popcorn included. Consider a welcome event for the local student chapter or a fall kick-off for your ASCE group. To access the Vimeo links, visit https://macgillivrayfreeman.com/project/dream-big/.

Help bring *Cities of the Future* to a museum near you: Theaters are beginning to book *Cities of the Future*. Contact your local science center or museum to encourage them to play the film and offer to partner on outreach activities, events, and public forums.

Showcase the Future World Vision VR experience at an upcoming meeting, take it to a student chapter, or use it in precollege outreach. This is especially powerful in communities not near a science center.

Connect with the Future City Competition: 60,000 potential civil engineers are hard at work engineering their cities of the future! Share the excitement of the film with them at the regional competitions by judging and presenting the special award, mentor a local team, or provide prizes. Contact the Future City Regional Coordinator (many are ASCE members!) to collaborate.

RESOURCES: *Cities of the Future* New!

**Future World Vision Update newsletter:** Sign up @ futureworldvision.org/subscribe

**Promotional trailer**

**Future World Vision VR Experience:** Download from the Meta Quest App Lab or borrow resources from headquarters. Futureworldvision.org/resources

**Educational guide** with hands-on activities (coming December 2024)

**Cities of the Future Mini-grants** for ASCE groups (watch for applications fall 2024)

**Guide for Public Forums** on *Cities of the Future* (coming December 2024)

**Future City Competition Special Award:** The Society will sponsor a special award for each of the competition’s regional finals, generally held in January of each year. ASCE Sections and Branches can provide judges, present awards, screen the trailer at competitions, and sponsor prizes. Find a region near you @ futurecity.org/future-city-regions

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