

What is the Congress for the New Urbanism?

CNU is a movement founded in 1993 with a nonprofit headquartered in Washington DC. New Urbanism focuses on “human-scaled urban design” and has chosen Camp Washington for one of their projects.

What problem is new urbanism trying to solve?

New urbanism seeks to improve the economic and environmental impacts that current American urban design has on communities, especially marginalized communities. The thinking is that sprawl paired with limited public transit leads to a restriction on resources and opportunity for people who cannot afford a car or cannot afford to drive all the time.

Although new urbanism may very well be an improvement on urban design, it is not addressing the problem holistically. Instead of benefiting marginalized communities, new urbanism can have the opposite effect.

Who We Are

CCAP (Cincinnati Community Aid and Praxis) is a grassroots socialist organization aspiring to organize among communities to fight against issues like poverty, homelessness, and the housing crisis. We work not only to get peoples’ basic needs met, but to create a community that can help bring lasting change. Cincinnati Community Aid and Praxis (CCAP) takes inspiration from two revolutionary groups: The Young Lords and The Black Panthers.



The Black Panther Party, founded in 1966 by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale, was a revolutionary organization built to fight against white supremacy and build power for the people. A key slogan was, and is: “**All Power to the People.**”.



Founded in 1968, **The Young Lords of NYC** didn’t just settle for voting for politicians, symbolic gestures or murals. They took power into their own hands; conducting tests for lead poisoning through door-to-door surveys and barricading the streets using litter the city had failed to clean up in their neighborhoods. In other words, the Young Lords **forced the city to act.**

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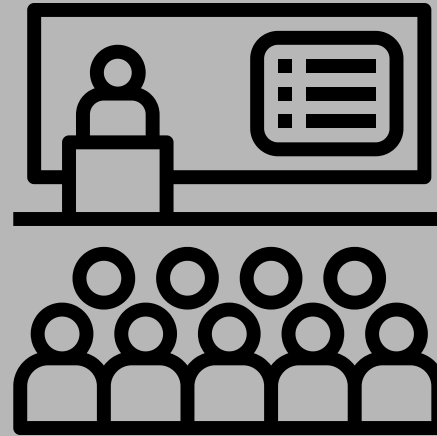
Gentrification and Urban Revitalization serve developers, NOT COMMUNITIES!

CCAP's critique of "Urban Revitalization" and "New Urbanism"

New Urbanism presents itself as revitalization, but urban revitalization benefits developers, not communities. The implementation of new urbanism paired with the reality of the housing market will mean the marginalized communities that would benefit from new urbanism are priced out. After all, "reclaiming underutilized and neglected places is a special focus of New Urban design and building." This means skyrocketing property values for the neighborhood. Property owners and people who can afford the higher prices will love it. The people already living there might not. What are people in charge of implementing new urbanism doing to ensure this can't happen?

PEOPLE OVER PROFITS!

Be Part of the Solution and Organize!



Come to the Peoples' Town Hall at Washington United Church of Christ (2950 Sidney Avenue) on February 24th at 6PM hosted by Cincinnati Community Aid and Praxis. Learn more about what to do about the Congress for New Urbanism and tell us what you want to see in the neighborhood. Join us to build neighborhood autonomy and sovereignty together!

What's the solution?

Although there are other nonprofits and organizations providing charity, their capacity to help is contingent on whether or not the developers and businesses of the city can profit. And the best way to make a profit is to draw in wealthier residents to move into the neighborhood. Furthermore, necessary services like a grocery store and youth center won't become realities through new urbanism and urban revitalization. The only force strong enough to combat this and to sway these organizations to serve the people is community organizing.

Ways to Organize

There are many measures communities and movements have utilized to combat business interests and gentrification. Community land trusts, advocating for rent control, and tenant unionization are some examples. Regardless of which tactics are chosen, it starts with community organizing and dialogue to build power.