



Kingdom of the Netherlands

Boston's 'Urban Metabolism': *What keeps the city alive and growing?*

Date: *Thursday June 23, 2016* Time: *8:30am – 5:00pm*

Location: *CIC Boston – 50 Milk Street, 17th floor - [map](#)*

Every city has a metabolism. There are nodes of activity that drive the economy and constitute the hubs of daily life. These nodes are connected by complex circulation systems through which resources and people move, flowing and ebbing with the time of day and the seasons. Below ground, at the surface, and in the air are tangible and ethereal networks that transmit energy and information all around. Together this metabolism determines the health and resiliency of a neighborhood, the city, and the surrounding region.

To celebrate the One Year Anniversary of the Boston-Netherlands Best Practices Exchange and the conclusion of the Wetskills Water Challenge USA 2016, an interdisciplinary workshop, is being organized to delve into Boston's "Urban Metabolism." The event is open to local residents, students and interested members of the public. Space is limited. RSVP is required.

- 8:30am Light Breakfast available
- 9:00am Welcome by Dutch Ambassador Henne Schuwer
- 9:15am "Urban Metabolism: What Makes a City Tick?" Eric Fritjers, FABRICations
- 9:45am Presentations on cases from Boston and Greater Boston area
 1. Climate Ready Boston – Carl Spector, City of Boston
 2. Massachusetts Port Authority Resiliency Planning – Robbin Peach, Massport, and Steve Flynn, Northeastern University
- 11:30am Final presentations by the Wetskills Water Challenge USA 2016 Student Teams
- 12:15pm Lunch break, poster presentation Wetskills USA 2016
- 1:30pm Interactive Workshop Session(s): Urban Metabolism at Different Scales
Paul Kirshen, UMass Boston & Chris Marchi, Neighborhood of Affordable Housing
- 4:00pm Closing Discussion
- 4:30pm Presentation of Wetskills USA 2016 Final Awards
- 5:00pm Reception

Please RSVP through our [eventbright page](#) (space is limited).
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