Trams & Towns
What Do We Become?

✓ How can community connections be fostered?
✓ Are there flaws in the systems we rely on? (Trams or Towns?)
✓ How can we develop resilient and robust alternatives?
✓ How important will place become?
✓ What’s to stop the weak from being heard?
✓ How can communities take change of their own development?
✓ How broad-based does participation in community life need to be?
✓ What are likely to be the unseen impacts of change?
✓ Is there a definitive definition of community development?
✓ What are the advantages of community development work?
✓ How will community members be empowered?
John Dewey (1927) argued that if the publics’ search for a sense of embedded identity was to be fruitful, it would:

• “Manifest a fullness, variety and freedom of possession and enjoyment of meanings and goods unknown in the contiguous associations of the past.

• For it will be alive and flexible as well as stable, responsive to the complex and world-wide scene in which it is enmeshed.

• While local, it will not be isolated.

• Its larger relationships will provide an inexhaustible and flowing fund of meanings upon which to draw, with assurance that its drafts will be honoured” (Dewey, 2016, p. 232).