

With Junxion's support CityStudio London can now analyse data and gain deeper insight into how their programmes are performing.

Case Study: : CityStudio London

CityStudio London is a proven model of community-based learning and civic engagement that provides post-secondary students with direct opportunities to work in and with the city on urban challenges.



By furthering connections between City Hall, academic institutions, and local community, London Ontario's post-secondary students have practical opportunities to apply their skills and creativity to real-world challenges facing the city, and help shape its future.

Junxion created an evaluation strategy and data collection platform so that CityStudio London can measure and report on the impact of their projects to make London Ontario a more sustainable, and joyful place to live and work. 99

"Junxion's help in implementing the evaluation strategy we created together was invaluable. We wanted to understand students' experience of the programme, and how their attitudes and opinions changed over time. That's complicated, data management wise. Junxion designed surveys and methods of deploying them, built a platform to analyse the data collected and feed it straight to our annual report to show our impact."

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The Business Challenge

CityStudio London aims to shift the way students, city staff, faculty and the community work together to co-create solutions for the city.

CityStudio acts as the hub for these multi-stakeholder projects and each stakeholder group needs a slightly different story. The projects are also modular and take place over several years. Demonstrating progress back to the various stakeholders involved in funding and delivering the work is therefore a complex task, requiring data from multiple sources.

Our task was to surface the things that CityStudio London wanted to know and show in terms of impact. Discerning the signal in the noise had proved very challenging.

CityStudio London's success relies on building trust-based relationships between students, city staff, faculty and community. It's a complex undertaking to create something that meets the communication needs of individual stakeholders while also telling a compelling story of the overall success of their collaboration. Next we designed surveys to gather data and methods to deploy them. We wanted to understand the quality of the students' experience and capture any change in their attitudes and opinions during the after the programme.

We developed a relational database that allowed us to query data collected from city projects, academic courses and students, and built an annual report template using Google slides – a flexible, collaborative and shareable way of presenting impact.

Measuring Success

The information map gave us a clear idea of the audiences' information needs – what mattered most to them and what they needed to know – which will inform all future communications.

The evaluation strategy we produced and data they were able to present allowed CityStudio London to show the momentum their projects had generated and the good work that was already underway. More importantly, they have much greater ability to analyse the data and gain deeper insight into how their programmes are performing. CityStudio London has since won additional funding for their work.

How We Helped

We began by creating an information map setting out the story that we wanted to tell and the information needed to support it. While key messages for different audiences overlapped, they were also distinct. We validated and refined our first cut with stakeholder interviews.



Are you keen to map your outcomes, measure your impact and report effectively? Reach out to <u>Mike Rowlands</u> in Vancouver, <u>Shayla Meyer</u> in Toronto, or <u>Adam Garfunkel in the UK</u> to start a conversation.