Who We Are

We are a group of 10 students from the Masters of Urban and Regional Planning program at Queen’s University in Canada. Queen’s is located in Kingston, Ontario, which is approximately 280 kilometres northeast of Toronto. Each year urban planning students are contracted by a private or public sector client to complete a planning project. One option is a unique international experience whereby students can participate in a project in another country. For example, last year’s students went to China, and this year we have been given the exciting opportunity to partner with Auroville.

What We Are Doing

We have been asked to develop a set of guidelines for social spaces along The Crown Road. We are looking specifically at the area between the Solar Kitchen and Arka. We will also develop a concept to demonstrate how these guidelines can be interpreted and implemented. We hope that this project will inspire people in Auroville to begin imagining how The Crown can become an expression of Auroville’s ideals.

Workshop Goals

1. Brainstorm elements that will draw people to social spaces along The Crown.
2. Engage in a discussion of how social spaces along The Crown can capture the spirit of Auroville.

Social Spaces we found in Auroville

What are Social Spaces?

Social spaces are meant for spontaneous and informal interactions. They can symbolize a community’s way of life and offer a platform for creating new relationships and strengthening existing ones.

Any Other Ideas?