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### Curriculum

Duncan Crowley is an Irish architect exploring Community-Led Ecocities through an action research PhD in Lisbon, Portugal (Architecture of Contemporary Metropolitan Territories / ISCTE-IUL). A climate activist for a quarter-century, his work builds bridges between different communities, languages, movements, and peoples. Assistant Researcher in the Cities and Territories research group of DINÂMIA'CET (Centre for Socioeconomic and Territorial Studies) at ISCTE and External Collaborator at CE3C Research group in FCUL (Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes / Lisbon University Faculty of Science). Co-president of the European Network for Community-Led Initiatives on Climate Change and Sustainability (ECOLISE) (2021-2022) & team member (2022-2024). Worked on H2020 (UrbanA: Urban Arenas for Sustainable and Just Cities & FLIARA) & Erasmus+ (WAVE, Regen4all, ETiA) projects. Work involved collaboration with Global Ecovillage Network (GEN).

Lived in Barcelona (2006-13), co-founded Transition group, gained Permaculture Design Certificate (2010) and participated in 2011's Indignado square occupations. Also worked with Eco Intelligent Growth (EIG) on LEED and Cradle to Cradle certification, collaborated with William McDonough and contributed to a White Paper for Sustainable Urban Development of Barcelona for the Catalan Government (CADS). Lived in Curitiba, Brazil (2014-18), attained Master in Environment and Development from UFPR's multidisciplinary PPGMADE course at UFPR, focusing on Urban Sustainability & Citizen Participation. Living in Portugal since 2018, active in Portuguese Regenerative movements and member of the Portuguese Degrowth Network.

Ecocity activist since Banja Luka, Bosnia (2003), set up "Ecocity Groups" in Dublin, Curitiba and Lisbon. Set up the Curitiba Ecocity Festival during the 2017 Ecocity World Summit, supported Ecocity Builders online conference in 2020 and participated in the 2021 (online) and 2023 Ecocity World Summits. Part of the Climate Social & Climate Justice Caravan, with indigenous groups, during COP15 in Copenhagen 2009 and co-created the 1st Curitiba Indigenous Week in 2016. Elected part of ECOLISE delegation to COP25 in Madrid 2019. Facilitated October 12th event between Indigenous groups and Climate Action groups 2020.

Work to create community gardens and develop an urban bicycle greenway in Dublin mentioned at Venice Art Biennale (2005). Invited resident at the French pavilion METAVILLA at the 2006 Venice Art Biennale. Active in Irish and UK Climate Camps 2007-09 and many subsequent Climate Justice activist movements. River lover, Gaelic footballer, comic book

enthusiast and big fan of adventures. VIVA LA PACHAMAMA (Long live Mother Earth).

Research Interests
Ecocities
Degrowth
Sustainable Cities
Urban Transitions
Citizen Participation
Community-led Initiatives
Action Research
Regenerative Development
Social Movements
Communities of Practice

Academic Qualifications			
University/Institution	Type	Degree	Period
ISCTE-Instituto Universitário de Lisboa Escola de Tecnologias e Arquitectura	PhD	Architecture of Contemporary Metropolitan Territories	2025
The Whole Partnership	Other type of qualification	Conflict Transformation: A Systemic Approach	2022
Regenesi Institute for Regenerative Practice	Other type of qualification	Regenerative Development Practitioner	2021
Municipalities In Transition (MiT)	Other type of qualification	Municipalities In Transition, Training of Tutors	2021
Global Ecovillage Network (GEN)	Other type of qualification	Regenerative Urban Communities	2020
Universidade Federal do Paraná	M.Sc.	Environment and Development (PPGMADE / UFPR)	2018
Institute of Social Ecology	Other type of qualification	Ecology, Democracy, Utopia: Introduction to Social Ecology	2017
SDG Academy, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network	Other type of qualification	Sustainable Cities	2017
TU Delft	Other type of qualification	Rethink the City: New Approaches to Global and Local Urban Challenges	2017
Federal University of Paraná (UFPR)	Other type of qualification	Ecological Urbanism	2017

Instituto de Arquitetos do Brasil (IAB)	Other type of qualification	Creation and Management of Areas of Conservation in Urban Areas	2016
Cornell University	Other type of qualification	Reclaiming Broken Places, Civic Ecology	2015
Richard Wade / Mas Franch	Other type of qualification	Permaculture Design Certificate (PDC)	2010
Technological University Dublin	Bachelor of Science	Architecture Degree (B.Arch)	2005

## External Professional Activities

Period	Employer	Country	Description
Since 2019	UrbanA	Germany	It is a 3-year project funded by the European Commission and led by a consortium of seven partners.

## Total Citations

Web of Science®	15
Scopus	13

## Publications

### • Scientific Journals

#### - Scientific journal paper

1	Avelino, F., van Steenberghe, F., Schipper, K., Steger, T., Hefrey, T., Cook, I. M....Crudi, F. (2024). Mapping the diversity & transformative potential of approaches to sustainable just cities. Urban Transformations. 6 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 4 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 15
2	Crowley, D. & Hefrey, T. (2023). Urban Arenas for Sustainable and Just Cities. Ökologisches Wirtschaften. 38 (1), 24-26
3	Crowley, D., Marat-Mendes, T., Falanga, R., Henfrey, T & Penha-Lopes, G. (2021). Towards a necessary regenerative urban planning. Insights from community-led initiatives for ecocity transformation. CIDADES, Comunidades e Territórios. Spring special issue, 83-104 - Times Cited Web of Science®: 11 - Times Cited Scopus: 13 - Times Cited Google Scholar: 39

### • Books and Book Chapters

#### - Book chapter

1	Crowley, D., Marat-Mendes, T. & Falanga, Roberto (2025). Social Movements. In Lewis Akenji, Philip J. Vergragt, Halina Szejnwald Brown, Thomas S.J. Smith, Laura Maria Wallnöfer (Ed.), Vocabulary for Sustainable
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	Consumption and Lifestyles. London: Routledge.
2	Crowley, D. (2021). Transformational Politics. New networks of governance. In Paulo Castro Seixas, Nadine Lobner (Ed.), The transformational wave: Beyond Covid-19. Lisbon: Independently published.
3	Crowley, D. & Belchior, C. (2020). Creating a sustainable & just Lisbon. In Marilyn Hamilton (Ed.), Urban Hub 20: Accelerating city change in a VUCA World: Thriveable cities. (pp. 184-192).: integralMENTORS.
4	Crowley, D. (2010). Greening the City, Connecting Communities, C2C City. In Self-Sufficient City. (pp. 388-389). Barcelona: IAAC - Institute for Advanced Architecture of Catalonia.
5	Crowley, D. (2008). Art spaces as weapons of war. In Sarah Pierce and Grant Watson (Ed.), Permaculture : visual arts at Project Arts Centre, Dublin 2001-2006. (pp. 68-69).: The Metropolitan Complex and Project Presss: a division of Project Arts Centre.

## • Conferences/Workshops and Talks

### - Talk

1	Crowley, D. (2023). Urban walking tours as a tool to connect communities and green our cities. Ecocity World Summit 2023.
2	Crowley, D. (2021). Community-led Ecocity Transformation. Developing an Urban Systems Community of Practice Ecosystem. SCORAI Webinar Series 2020-2021.

### - Conference paper not in proceedings

1	Crowley, D. (2018). From Curitiba: A Municipalist based Ecocity Network response to Today's Global Crises. TICYUrb (Third International Conference of Young Urban Researchers) .
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## • Other Publications

### - Master's Dissertation

1	Crowley, D. (2018). Constructing a Sustainable City through Citizen Participation. Local responses from civil society in Curitiba, Brazil.
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## Professional Associations

ECOLISE (European Network for Community-Led Initiatives on Climate Change and Sustainability) (Since 2019)

## Organization/Coordination of Events

Type of Organization/Coordination	Event Title	Organizer	Year
Coordination of scientific event (with scientific committee) outside of ISCTE-IUL	2019 United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 25)	UNFCCC	2019

Coordination of scientific event (with scientific committee) outside of ISCTE-IUL	Urban Arenas for Sustainable and Just Cities	UrbanA	2019 - 2021
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