



LYP Mumbai

LOVE YOUR PARKS MUMBAI



OUR STORY

Cultures and climates differ all over the world, but people are the same. They'll gather in public if you give them a good place to do it.

- Jan Gehl



Love Your Parks Mumbai (LYPMumbai) was born out of two mothers' collective desire to advocate for better public spaces for all Mumbaikars through community engagement, programming, and stewardship.

LYPMumbai has been advocating for Mumbai's Public Open Spaces through social media and more than 30 free on-ground events in collaboration with local entrepreneurs and like-minded organisations since December 2018.

LYPMumbai believes that citizen involvement in the creation, activation and maintenance of Public Open Spaces is the backbone of a healthy society and democracy.



CO-FOUNDERS

ANCA FLORESCU ABRAHAM



Anca Abraham is a Partner at Abraham John Architects. Originally from Romania, she has made Mumbai her home since 2005 and is deeply passionate about various urban issues in the city. She is one of the lead designers of The Bombay Greenway Project, a series of urban planning proposals for a city for people, where open spaces, connectivity and alternative modes of transport are the key to thriving communities. She chooses to give back to the city through design and through participation in several social initiatives.

TINA NANDI STEPHENS

Tina Nandi is a Sociology graduate turned freelance photographer and film maker. Having grown up in Zambia, finished school in a small hilly town in South India, Tina never thought she could learn love the chaos of Mumbai. After almost 7 years of living in the big metropolis with her architect husband and their 4 year old son, she now calls herself an urbanist and truly believes in the power of the placemaking approach to improve the lives of every Mumbaikar. Tina is also an environmentalist and tries everyday to inculcate a zero-waste lifestyle in her home.



'As young mothers, we're concerned about the city we are leaving to our kids'

TINA NANDI, 29 AND ANCA ABRAHAM, 38

Co-founders of @LYPMumbai (Love Your Parks Mumbai)

STEPS OUT FOR Anti-Coastal Road campaign by creating online and offline initiatives. April-December 2019

WE got interested in the Anti-Coastal Road initiative since our interest in @LYPMumbai (Love Your Parks Mumbai) makes us feel responsible for public spaces. One of the major selling points of the Coastal Road project was that Mumbaikars would be getting new, open public space. However, on examining the data closely, we realised that actually, the road is cutting off our natural access to the ocean and all the open spaces are designed in between highways. Since we have young children, we were concerned about the kind of city we are leaving them to inherit with our rashly planned 'development' projects. The year is 2019 and the warning signs of climate change and rising sea levels are loud and clear. We should be doing everything in our power to take cars off the road, and plan a pedestrian-friendly, cycle-friendly city with excellent public transport, which makes the best of our natural access to the coast.

At LYPMumbai, we believe that local public spaces should be used to gather, learn and celebrate. Social media is essential for sharing information in creative ways, creating visibility and increasing awareness amongst the youth. We also organised an exhibition of Marine Life Photography on Worli seaface, and used social media to amplify the message. The exhibition was born purely out of our amazement at the beautiful marine ecosystem that the waters around Mumbai supports, despite pollution. We felt that people needed to know that there is plenty to be preserved and protected in our waters.

We see our work as more community and consensus building rather than protest or activism. At the end of the day, public projects



PICS/PRADEEP DHIVIR

In July 2019, the Bombay HC delivered a detailed order to stay the project, which confirmed the many environmental concerns. Climate Central has released a revised projection on the effect of sea level rise by 2050 millions of people in coastal cities like Mumbai will experience annual flooding.

This information should lead us to urgently re-examine all infrastructure projects that are environmentally destructive. The air

While the SC lifting the stay on the project is disappointing, we have faith that the apex court will see the injustice of this project and reiterate the High Court's decision to re-examine the Coastal Road, which is a project that benefits approximately one per cent of the population of Mumbai who are car-users, while the majority who are public transport users are neglected. Not to mention, the grave injustice to the artisanal fisherfolk

A unique project gives new life to a chaotic Mumbai fishing village

'Majhi Versova' can become a role model for integrated urban development
Govtanjali Minhas (@users/govtanjali) | September 10, 2019 | Mumbai

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Photo courtesy: LB Rastogi School of Architecture

Park Your Kid Here

Mumbai isn't blessed with too many open spaces. The most of whatever little we have. It's here that Patwardhan Park in Bandra will turn into a host of fun-filled, fitness-centric activities.



Love Your Parks Mumbai (LYPM), an organization of Mumbaikars don't neglect these places, and have joined hands for a marathon for children, have joined hands for building and running boot camp. "It's for the little ones involved. The idea is to include children, and also to encourage them to have an active life," Anca Florescu Abraham of LYPM



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LOVE YOUR PARKS MUMBAI IS CREATIVELY PUTTING MUMBAI'S OPEN SPACES TO GOOD USE

Text by Sadaf Shaikh

The brainchild of two mothers who grew increasingly frustrated with the restrictive rules and poorly maintained infrastructure of the parks they took their children to, Anca Florescu Abraham and Tina Nandi Stephens founded Love Your Parks Mumbai in an attempt to activate stagnating spaces through regular and dynamic programming.

Love Your Parks Mumbai (LYPMumbai), was born out of two mothers' collective frustration with local public parks where they took their children to play. Restrictive rules, unreasonably long closing hours, lack of safe access for pedestrians and poorly maintained infrastructure were all solid reasons for them to want to initiate change if they wanted to do more than just grumble in private about these civic predicament.

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Mumbai kids connect with this city event

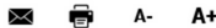
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At a treat The Bar runs The con "Ch ye a hea

'Mumbaikars, show some love for the park near you'

Rachana Dubey | TNN | Updated: Dec 17, 2018, 19:54 IST



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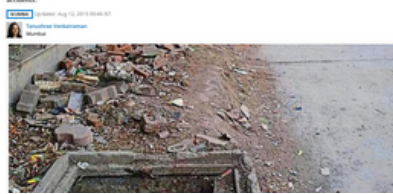
Do you wish your parks were cleaner, and that they had better amenities? Do you wish you could spend more time, sitting at the neighbourhood park on the grass, watching your little one cycle or roll a

MUMBAI Photo exhibition urges authorities to focus on the big picture



Mumbai citizens take the Twitter route on neglected footpaths

The traffic police have identified lack of pedestrian-friendly infrastructure as the reason for the large number of fatalities in road accidents.



Roping People From Different Walks Of Life Into A Choir

Updated: Apr 04, 2019, 14:55 IST | Shunashree Sen |

A new city-based choir comprises people from different walks of life who are trying to build a community around music



Bandra's Stepping Up

Updated: Dec 11, 2019, 09:09 IST | Darreen Ramani | Mumbai

Starting this weekend, multiple events will unfold at a new landmark in the coastal suburb, where a dump yard has been revamped into an urban square for live performances, exhibitions and workshops



A bird's eye view of the completed project

A Mumbaikar has little over one square metre of open space; London gives its citizen's a little over 30 square metres. How, then, can communities thrive? That's why, three years ago, Abraham John Architects (AJA) and their urban design arm Bombay Greenway decided to work towards some good news. Opposite St Stephen's Church in the Mount Mary Basilica neighbourhood was a dump yard in a space spanning 18,000 sq ft — a hub for drug dealers. A pro-bono endeavour led by architect Alan Abraham, the team decided to send a proposal to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to turn it into a multi-use public space. Municipal corporator Asif Zakaria helped initiate the project and it also

2018–2022 at a glance

NOVEMBER 2018

Sing For Your Parks 2018 rehearsals begin at HaikuJam, Bandra

DECEMBER 2018

Sing For Your Parks 2018 first free public concerts at Patwardhan and Joggers Park, Bandra West

2019 EVENTS

- Stories Under the Tree at Kaifi Azmi Park, Juhu
- Republic Day Event at Muktananda Park, Santacruz
- Enjoy-a-ball at Patwardhan Park, Bandra
- Storytelling & Kangatraining at Rajesh Khanna Garden, Khar
- Yoga in the Park at Patwardhan Park, Bandra
- Lil' Yogis at Joggers' Park, Bandra
- Easter Day Scavenger Hunt at Joggers' Park, Bandra
- Birds of Mumbai at Maharashtra Nature Park, Mahim
- March Community Meet at Pushpa Narsee Park, Juhu
- April Community Meet at Pushpa Narsee Park, Juhu
- Learn from Dreamgrove, D'Monte Rd Park, Bandra
- OpenDoor Fest at Mahim Beach, Mahim
- Earth Day Coastal Life Exhibition at Worli Promenade
- Mother's Day art event at Tata Garden, Warden Rd
- International Yoga Day, Katrak Park, Bandra
- Chala Mumbai Forum. Cama Oriental Institute
- Meditation with Cocoon Academy, Katrak Park, Bandra
- Shape The Future of Your Open Spaces - Online Campaign
- Diwali Sitaharan Storytelling at St. Paul's Garden, Bandra
- Bootcamp with Mumbai Juniorthon, Patwardhan Park
- Let's Go Camping at Camp Deogadh
- The Read Aloud Project, Kaifi Azmi Park, Juhu
- Forest Creation Celebration at Colaba Woods
- Petanque at Mahim Beach with Alliance Francaise, Mahim

OCTOBER 2019

Sing For Your Parks 2019 rehearsals begin at Cuckoo Club, Bandra

NOVEMBER 2019

LYP Mumbai at Placemaker Week ASEAN, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

DECEMBER 2019

Sing For Your Parks 2019 public concert at St. Stephen's Steps, Bandra & Pushpa Narsee Park, Juhu

DECEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020

Festival @ The Steps

Five weekends of community + art at a new public space in Bandra West in collaboration with Bombay Greenway, LittleBigCity, MCGM and local ALMS

2020

- Republic Day Event at St. Stephen's Steps
- KangaTrail at Sanjay Gandhi National Park
- SpringFest at St. Stephen's Steps

2021-2022

- LYP Day Jan, Feb
- Change.org Petition to keep Public Open Spaces Open
- Festival at the Steps 2021-2022



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#SingForYourParks2018

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2018

A community choir, LYPMumbai Chorus, was founded in November 2018. The group rehearsed for six weeks and presented two free public concerts called #SingForYourParks at Patwardhan and Joggers' Parks in Bandra. The aim of the choir was to create a public and joyful noise, cultivating a community who could join us in advocating for change (and have fun while doing it!)

LYPMumbai believes that public spaces work best when there is community collaboration and spaces are active through regular programming. We are working to establish a constant feedback loop between the community and decision makers about what works and what doesn't work in a space.





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2019

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BMC's new open spaces policy on the cards



Tanvi Deshpande

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Citizens may submit suggestions within a fortnight to the Superintendent of Gardens

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has invited suggestions and objections from citizens before drafting a new open spaces policy. The 2015 policy had run into trouble after it allowed private players to adopt open spaces. After the public outcry, the policy was scrapped. The BMC then took back the open spaces and started maintaining them through contractor

However, the BMC is considering giving them for adoption once again. Officials of the BMC's gardens department have been instructed to draft a more citizen-friendly and CSR-friendly policy. The BMC has 1,068 open spaces and wants to come out with a policy for all of them. Citizens may submit suggestions within a fortnight to the Superintendent of Gardens, V.P. Ud...

NEW OPEN SPACES POLICY

In August 2019, the BMC put out a call for recommendations on a new open spaces policy.

LPMumbai's team wrote a six-page draft policy and then began a social media campaign to encourage their followers to send their suggestions. The response was overwhelming...

WRITE TO MCGM
WITH YOUR
RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR A NEW OPEN
SPACES POLICY.
LINK IN BIO!

**DEADLINE:
17 AUGUST**

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#OpenSpacesForAll

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR OPEN SPACES CAMPAIGN

01 Accessibility

How should Open Spaces be connected to their surroundings? How many entrances should they have? Signage and Wayfinding? Access for differently-abled?

02 Inclusivity

How far should you have to walk to reach an Open Space? Who should be able to use Open Spaces? How can users be involved in their Open Spaces?

03 Sustainability

What is the role of Open Spaces in mitigating flooding? Waste and water management in Open Spaces? Protecting existing Open Spaces? Financing Open Spaces?



your
local
BMC
park
is now
open
from
6am-
10pm*

#OpenSpacesForAll

SHAPE THE FUTURE OF YOUR OPEN SPACES CAMPAIGN

Following our successful social media campaign, LYPMumbai was invited to a brainstorming meeting with the MCGM and other stakeholder organisations (MESN, CAT, Nagar and Dalberg)

One big take away from this meeting with Joint Municipal Commissioner Ashutosh Salil:

All local BMC parks would no longer close in the afternoons; they were to remain open from 6am to 10pm everyday!



*24 Parks - one per ward is open 24/7

Placemaker Week ASEAN

How do we create public spaces that people love?

www.placemakerweek.com

In November 2019, Anca and Tina presented on a panel about "Community Placemaking" at Placemaker Week ASEAN in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

WHAT IS PLACEMAKING?

Places people love: that's the goal of placemaking.

Placemakers create public spaces that inspire; that bring us together, make us happier and healthier, and give us a strong sense of identity. And they're not just good for people – vibrant public spaces are good for business and good for our planet, too.



FESTIVAL @ THE STEPS

A CELEBRATION OF ART + COMMUNITY
AT ST. STEPHEN'S STEPS, BANDRA W

**MUSIC. ART. GAMES. OPEN MIC.
FILM SCREENINGS. DANCE. FUN!**

14 December, 2019 - 12 January, 2020



Celebrating a new public space in the heart of Bandra

St. Stephen's Steps is a new regenerated public space in Bandra West, opposite St. Stephen's Church in Mount Mary.

Once a derelict, neglected, narrow staircase, the steps were envisaged by Ar. Alan Abraham @abrahamjohnarchitects @bombaygreenway to become more than simply a transit-space connecting the lower and upper parts of Mount Mary.

The project was initiated by Asif Zakaria, Municipal Corporator and supported by MCGM H/West ward, particularly by the Maintenance and Garden department.



Mount Mary Kane Road ALM
Dr. Peter Dias Road ALM

The Steps are now transformed into an accessible, barrier-free, multi-use public space for gathering, performances and community events.

As a celebration of this transformation, **Bombay Greenway**, with the support of MCGM and in partnership with **Love Your Parks Mumbai** and **Little Big City** presented "Festival @ the Steps: A Celebration of Art+Community at St. Stephen's Steps, Bandra, West"

The festival took place over five weekends in December 2019 and January 2020.

Festival @ The Steps has set St. Stephen's Steps as a new landmark in the heart of Bandra with the local community taking the initiative to organise more regular events.



EXISTING



OPEN CALL FOR STREET ARTISTS

Mural Art for a new public space in Bandra

*submission deadline : December 5th, 2019
*email at: ststephenssteps@gmail.com
*file size : 15mb (max)

*Follow @bombaygreenway @abrahamjohnarchitects for updates.

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Weekend 1	Weekend 2	Weekend 3	Weekend 4	Weekend 5
<p>14 DEC 2019 4 PM - 6 PM</p> <p>Pop-up community engagement Art & Craft Exhibition of St.Stephen's Steps Transformation #SingForYourParks Choir Dance Performance Christmas Tree Installation</p> <p>15 DEC 2019 10 AM - 12 PM</p> <p>Community Pop-up (art, workshops, community)</p> <p>SAT</p>	<p>21 DEC 2019 4 PM - 7 PM</p> <p>Art & Craft Capoeira @ THE STEPS Yoga @ THE STEPS Skateboarding Book donation/ Swap Photo exhibition</p> <p>SAT</p> <p>22 DEC 2019 10 AM - 12 PM</p> <p>Storytelling for all ages Christmas Art & Craft St. Stephen's Church Choir Carol Sing-a-long Kathak Dance Recital Book Donation/Swap</p> <p>SUN</p>	<p>28 DEC 2019 4 PM - 7 PM</p> <p>Flamenco Workshop Kokomo Choir Odissi performance A little Bandra Christmas #UnityinDiversityTree Film Screening</p> <p>SAT</p> <p>29 DEC 2019 4 PM - 7 PM</p> <p>Art & Craft Kangatraining Sing Song Sign Self Regulation Nutrition Photo Exhibition Open mic session</p> <p>SUN</p>	<p>4 JAN 2020 4 PM ONWARDS</p> <p>Samba with Sandip Sopparkar Manobina Roy Exhibition Heritage Walk Open Mic Session Flamenco performance Film Screening</p> <p>SAT</p> <p>5 JAN 2020 4 PM ONWARDS</p> <p>Zumba @ THE STEPS Art & Craft Enjoy a-Ball (Games) Open mic Dance recital Story of The Steps #UnityinDiversityTree</p> <p>SUN</p>	<p>11 JAN 2020 4 PM - 7 PM</p> <p>Storytelling Book Donation/Swap Open mic Sufi Dance with Zia Nath Short Film Screening #UnityinDiversityTree</p> <p>SAT</p> <p>12 JAN 2020 4 PM ONWARDS</p> <p>Storytelling Indian music Book Donation/ Swap Open Mic Session Dance Recitals+ Let's Dance! - Ballroom Danceathon</p> <p>SUN</p>





#LoveYourParksDay

ONGOING

It's Love Your Parks Day! Let's say hello to 2021, make the best of the weather and enjoy the sunshine!

Love Your Parks Day by LYPMumbai brings free arts events to parks across Mumbai on the last Saturday of every month.

What if schools and businesses, cities and nations, expect the best of people instead of presuming the worst.

- Rutger Bregman





#PedalPoweredMusic

LYPMumbai Bicycle Music Festival is a family-friendly community open-stage in public spaces made possible by members of the audience generating the power required for amplification by pedalling on specially engineered Power generating stationery bicycles.

The aim of the festival is to celebrate Mumbai's public spaces, indie music scene and growing cycling community.

- Public Open Spaces
- Power generating cycles
- Amplification
- Performers
- Patrons of the arts
- Audience participation

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