

Do you want to take the "rust" out of "Rust Belt"? Are you an advocate? A neighbor? A voter? A dot connector? The **Great Lakes Urban Exchange** needs your help to answer the question: what's right and what's wrong about my post-industrial city?

glue march 12-14 CONFERENCE 2009 milwaukee

The post-industrial cities of the Great Lakes region are too similar to remain isolated from one another. GLUE is building the collaborative networks that our cities need, and enabling the exchange of information and ideas across those networks. In mid-March, GLUE is bringing the best part of its exchanging to the Cream City.

- **Who:** 75 young urbanists from old cities who are tired of business as usual and want to connect
- **What:** Hear from urban policy experts, plan transit activism, learn about movement-building, and figure out how to collaborate towards the future health and prosperity of our cities
- **Where:** Milwaukee—on the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan
- **When:** Thu., March 12 - Sat., March 14
- **Why:** Because the success of each of our cities is directly tied to the success of all of our cities

We are in the same boat, people.

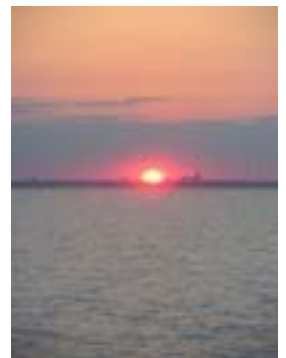
Let's steer it.



Planned events include: a tour of Growing Power; speeches from Milwaukee Common Council President Willie Hines, CEOs for Cities CEO Carol

Coletta, and John Austin from Detroit's New Economy Initiative and the Brookings Institution; policy drill-down sessions with the Northeast-Midwest Institute and Smart Growth America; community journalism training with the Allied Media Project; an art walk in the Third Ward; and of course, at least one brewery tour.

Conference participants will walk away educated about policy innovations, energized by success stories, activated within the growing urban movement, and able to boast about Milwaukee's assets.



About GLUE:

GLUE was developed in the fall of 2007 as a forum for people to exchange stories, ideas, and best practices between otherwise isolated cities ranging from Buffalo to St. Louis to Minneapolis. The GLUE coalition, comprised of post-boomer urbanists located in the "Rust Belt," was founded to promote the power, aide in the positive transformation, and address the shared challenges of similarly storied older industrial cities situated in the Great Lakes watershed.

- Information on GLUE at GLUESpace.org
- Conference agenda, details and registration at glueconference2009.wordpress.com
- GLUE is a project of the Tides Center
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