Citizen science for data-informed, resilient cities

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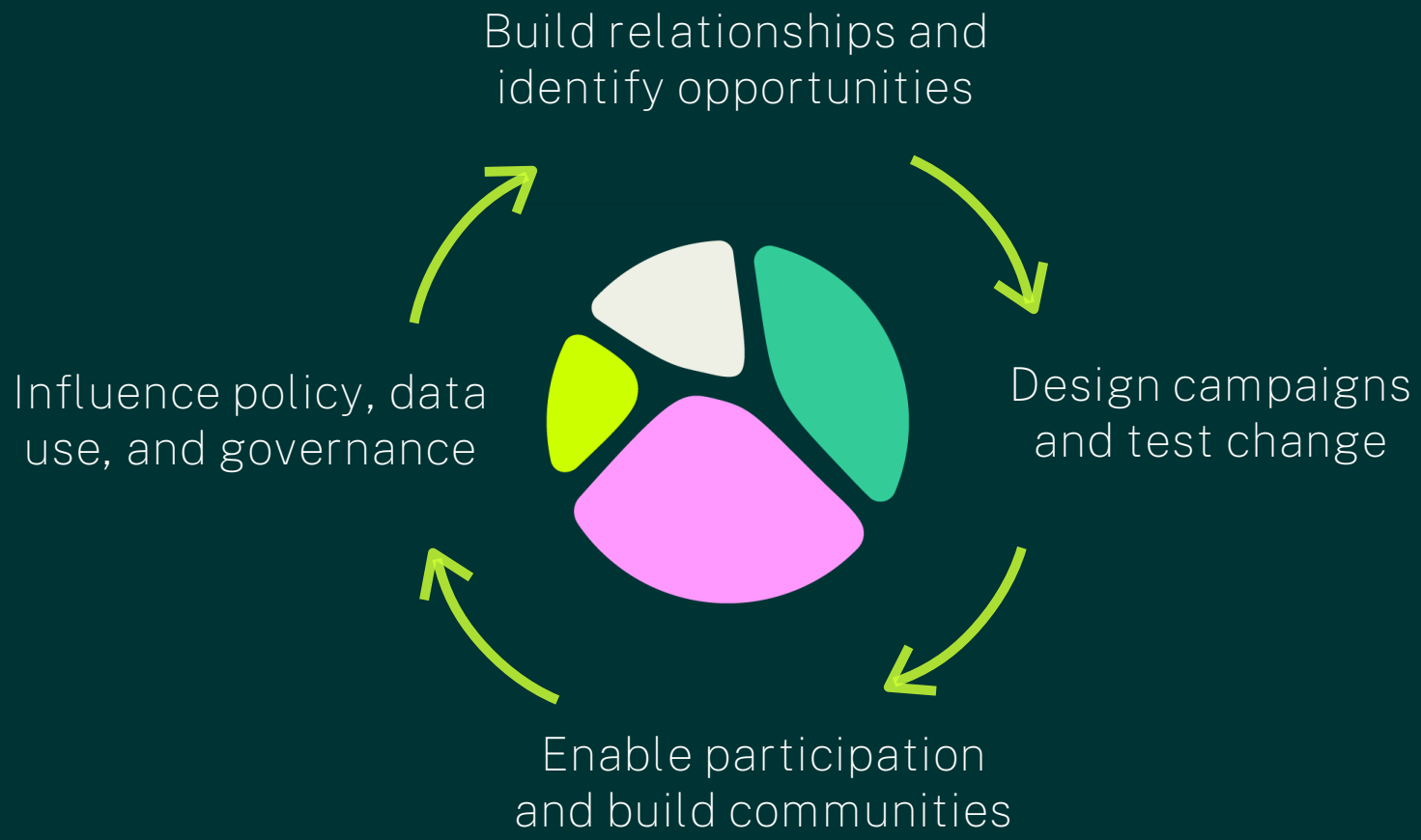
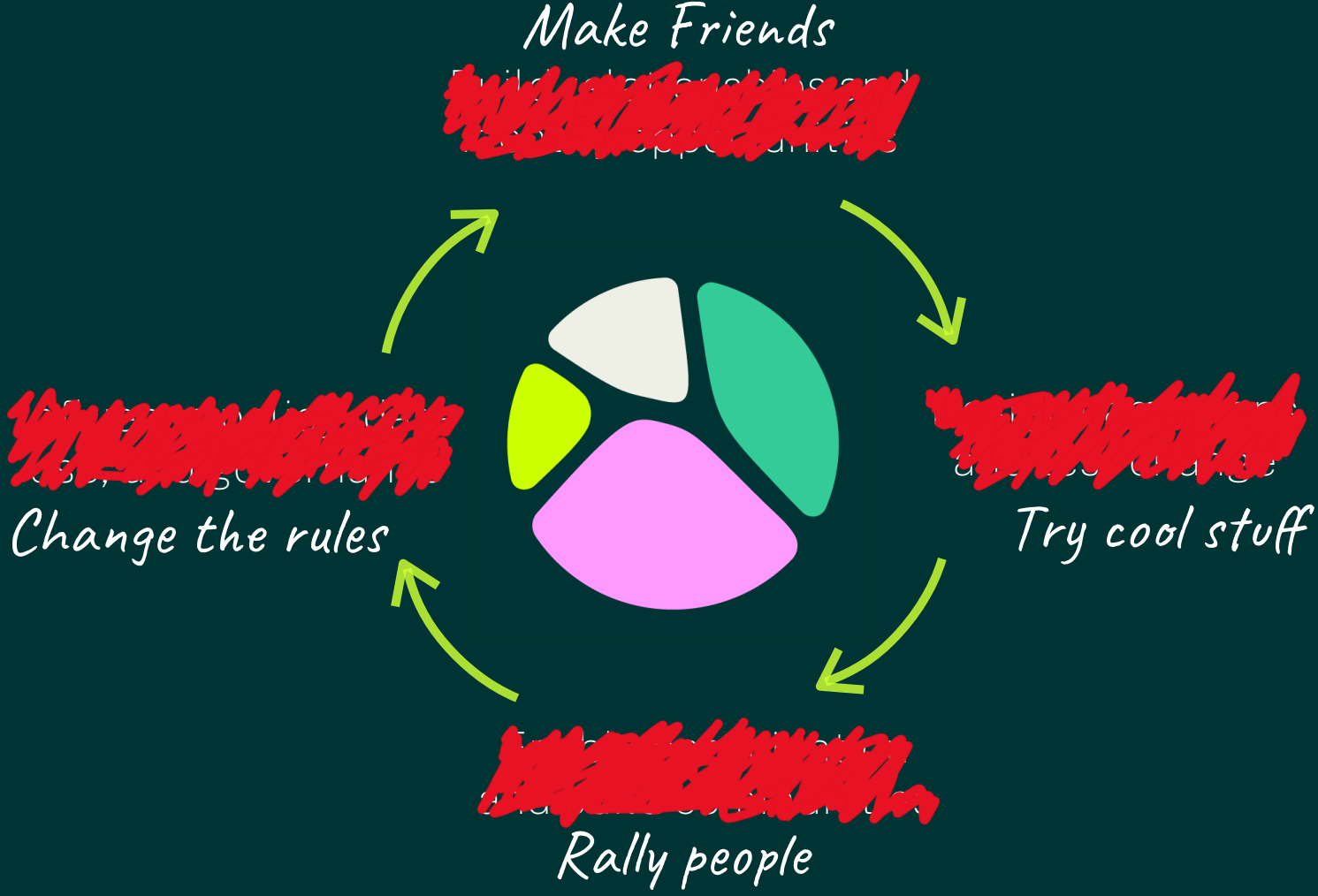
Important data gaps limit policy development for just and sustainable cities

Accentuated inequalities in access to greenspace and health-related benefits

Public participation developing slowly and variably

Urban ReLeaf empowers communities with citizen-driven data to influence public policy and strengthen city resilience for all


Build relationships and identify opportunities
Design campaigns and test change
Enable participation and build communities
Influence policy, data use, and governance


Make Friends
Try cool stuff
Rally people
Change the rules

Urban Releaf

6 Cities

Athens, Cascais, Dundee, Mannheim, Riga, Utrecht

4 Themes

- Greenspace perception
- Urban Trees
- Air quality
- Heat stress

Cascais

An urban park for the future
Community perceptions and use of greenspaces

1400 citizens engaged
58% female participants
7 urban parks

Climate-responsive greenspace planning

To address the challenges of urbanisation and climate extremes, Utrecht explores greening solutions to increase city resilience.

The “Green Neighbourhood, Cool Neighbourhood” campaign, engages residents of Kanaleneiland, Rivierenwijk, Ondiep, and Zuilen to collect summer temperatures using mobile sensors to measure heat levels in their neighbourhoods. The data serves joint activities with policy makers and the community to identify adaptation measures, foster awareness of the greenspace benefits and to co-create a cooler urban environment.

2024 Campaign Data

- >325 Citizens Engaged
- 60,000 Data Points Collected
- 1 App Co-Developed
- (120) Sensors Installed/ Operating
- 14 Workshops Held

Utrecht

Green Neighborhood, Cool Neighborhood
Measuring heat stress and building community

325 citizens engaged
120 wearables
60K+ observations

Utrecht Digital Twin

Riga

Adopt a Sensor campaign
Community-based air quality monitoring

20 AQ sensors installed (PM 2.5)
7 sensor adopters
100K+ observations

Youth engagement
Integrate with city platforms

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