

HAPPY FEET

Vote by walking

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Economics and Quality of Life

The G20 summit reviews "the progress made...and discuss further actions to assure a sound and sustainable recovery." How relevant are traditional measures of economic health to the lives of citizens?

We looked at Gross National Happiness (GNH), an alternative way to measure the success of a nation, and raise questions concerning life satisfaction and personal development.

7th street bridge

The installation is based on the bridge connecting two G20 venues, David L. Lawrence Convention Center, and Andy Warhol Museum.

Installation

We create a democratic way to ask Pittsburgh residents and visitors if their lives are improving along with the economy.

Raise the Question

A set of questions are used:
Are you more or less in debt?
Do you feel richer or poorer?
Is pollution better or worse?
Is traffic better or worse?
Are you more or less healthy?
Do you feel more or less secure in your job?
Do you feel more or less safe?
Is your family feeling closer or more distant?
Do you feel more or less free?

Interact

Footprints interact with those of other passers-by in multiple forms.

Review the vote

Exit sign shows current total vote count. An online counterpart allows remote participants to interact with pedestrians.

