

Child in the City  
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# SHARED SPACE

AS A STRATEGY FOR CREATING SPACE  
FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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# ABATTOIR, BRUSSELS

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A stylized illustration of children playing in a park. On the left, a child in a red jacket and blue pants is running. In the center, there is a purple crown icon. On the right, another child in a blue shirt and tan pants is walking. The background shows a brick wall and some trees.

# SHARING SPACE = CREATING SPACE

RUIMTE DELEN  
IS  
RUIMTE CREËREN

- Study of good practices in Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent, Genk and Aalst (2014-2016)
- Report with policy recommendations (2017)
- Practical guide on how to share space (2017)
- Inspiring different actors to open up space for children and young people (2014-2017)

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# 6 WAYS TO SHARE SPACE

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1. Simultaneous shared use
2. Successive shared use
3. Temporary use
4. Collective use
5. Re-use
6. Intensification



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SHARED  
WORKPLACES,  
ANTWERP

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**PUBLIC  
SCHOOLYARD,  
GHENT**

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# ALLEE DU KAAI, BRUSSELS

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**PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
GENK**

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AMBASSA



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# CIRCUSPLANEET, GHENT

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OPENBAAR ENTREPRENEUR

OPEK

VOOR DE KUNSTEN

YOUTH ON TOP,  
LEUVEN

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# 11 REASONS TO SHARE SPACE

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1. Give space to activities that do not easily find a place
2. Use our limited space in a sustainable manner
3. Save costs
4. Reduce the impact on the environment
5. Respond to social and demographic changes
6. Stimulate encounter and diversity
7. Learn how to live and work together
8. Give opportunities to new initiatives
9. Encourage experiment
10. Stimulate shared ownership and co-creation
11. Give an identity to your neighborhood

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# OBSTACLES & ISSUES (1)

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- Search for space <> search for users
- Management and administration:
  - Liability and insurance
  - Money
  - Contracts and agreements
  - Permits and licences
  - Internal management (accountancy, business plan)
- Infrastructure:
  - Design and architecture
  - Furniture and fittings
  - Utilities (water, electricity, heating,...)
  - Safety and fire safety
  - Maintenance and cleanliness

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# OBSTACLES & ISSUES (2)

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- Sharing a space:
  - Rules and agreements
  - Conflicts
  - Access and keys
  - Agendas and schedules
  - Co-ownership
- Temporary use <> permanent use
- Relations with the neighborhood:
  - Participation of the neighborhood
  - A divers public
  - Nuisance for the neighborhood
  - Theft and vandalism

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