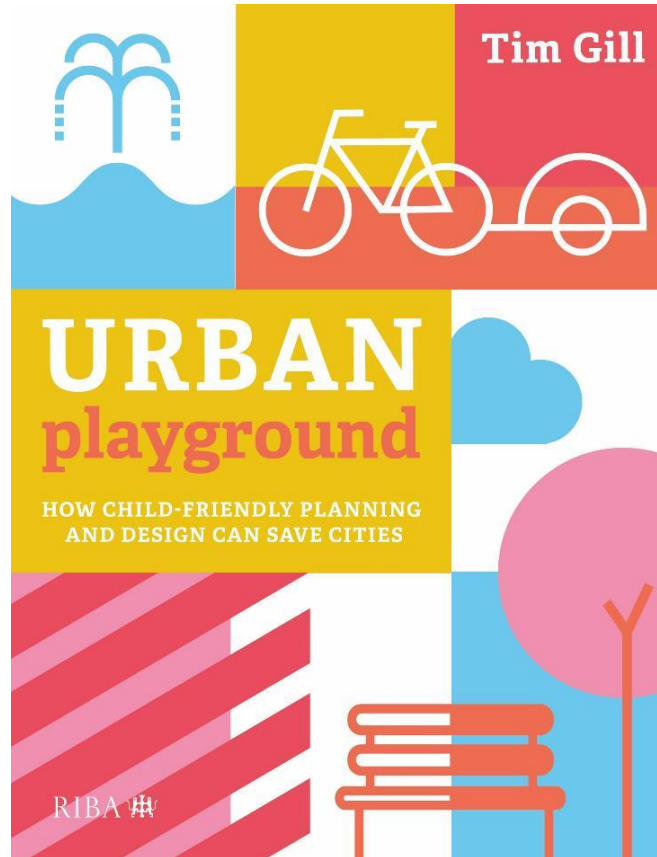


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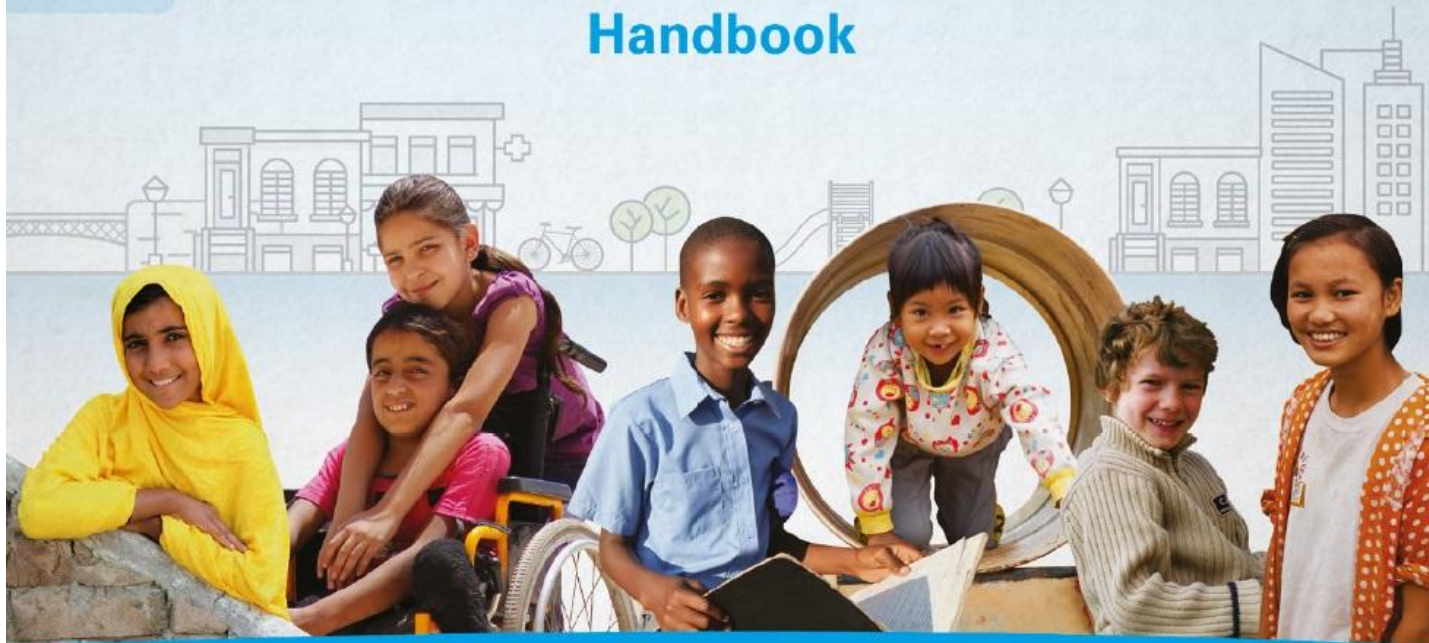


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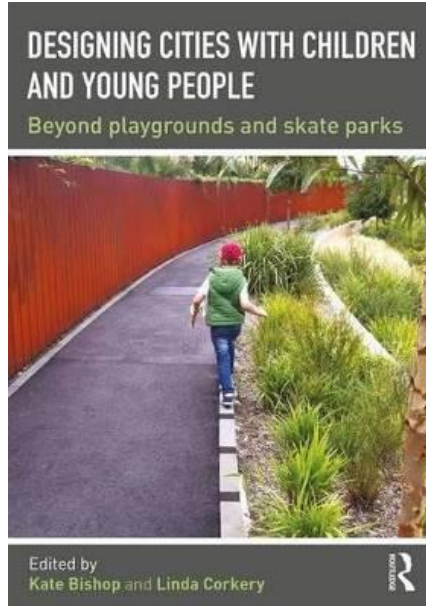
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“We would do well to try to integrate our thinking on children’s formal participation with what is known of children’s informal participation and culture-building through play with their peers.”

Roger Hart (2008)
‘Stepping Back from the Ladder’



“Change and improvements to childhood participation in urban planning has been happening at a glacial pace.”

Kate Bishop & Linda Corkery (2017)

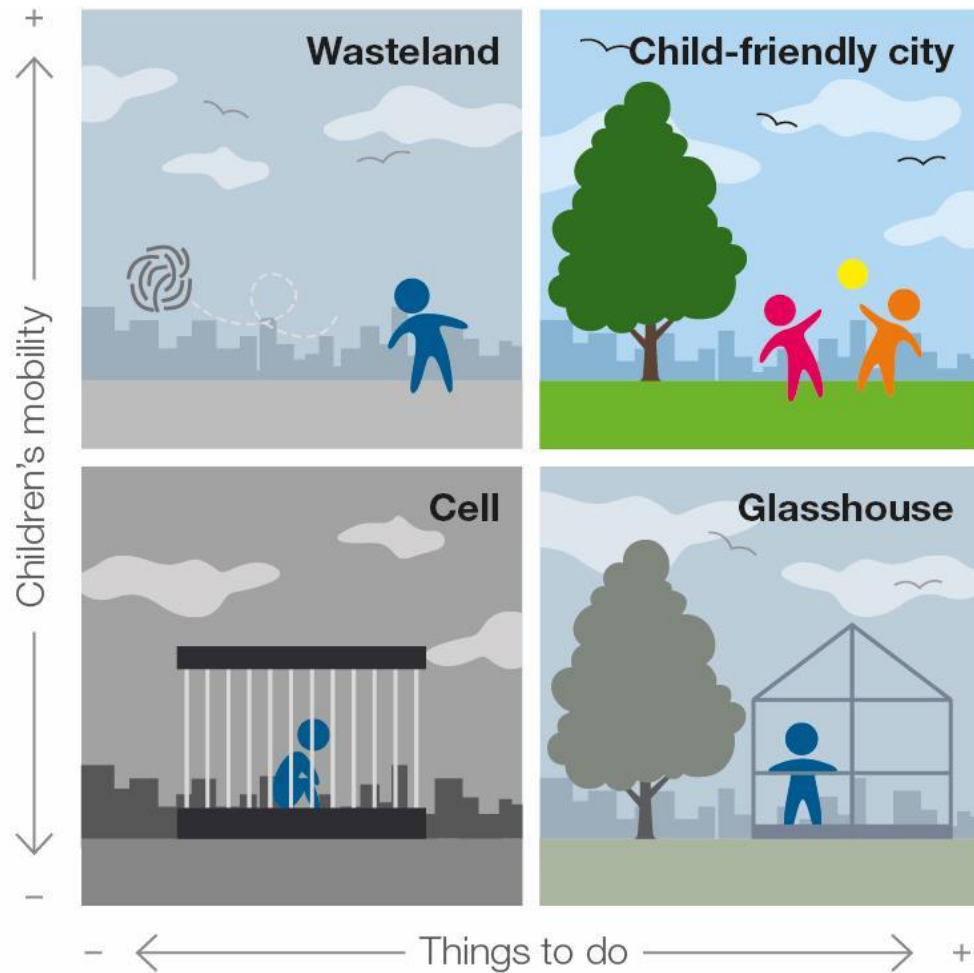


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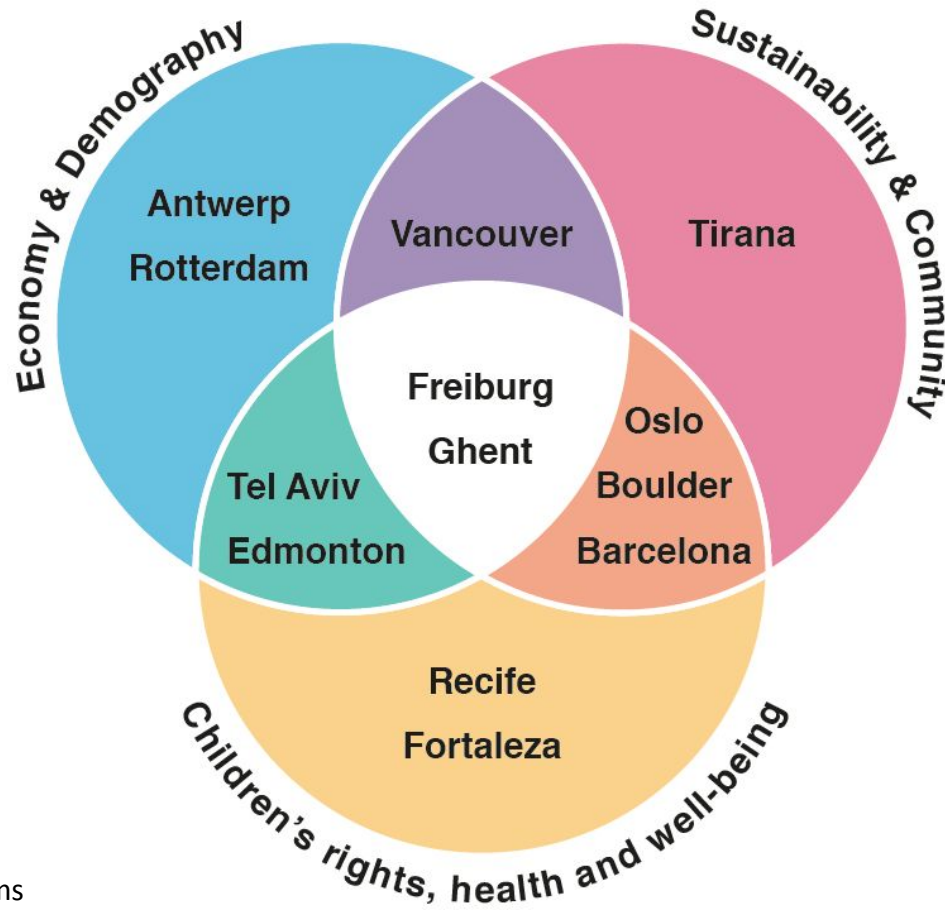
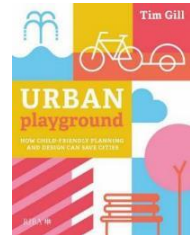
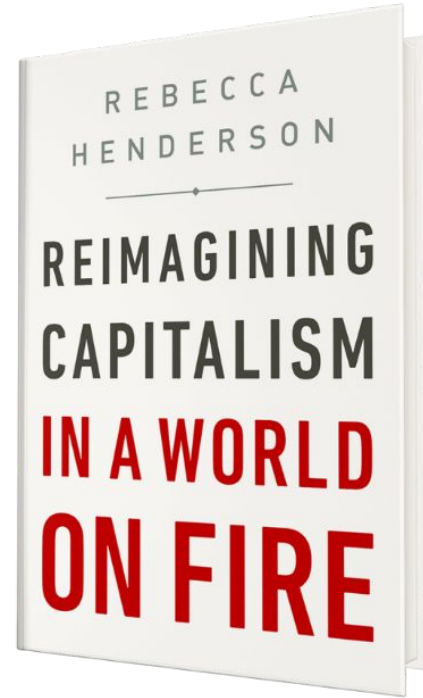


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*“What we are looking at is a capitalism that is radically unbalanced: a capitalism that focuses only on **me** and **now**, and not on **us** and **later**.”*

Prof Rebecca Henderson,
Harvard Business School



Tirana

- 40+ new playgrounds
- Flagship play park
- City centre redesign
- 20 km protected cycle lanes
- Orbital forest
- Parking charges
- Programming & events

“The focus on children helped create a common ground that softened the rancorous tone of national politics.” Gabriel Kuris, Princeton University







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This is an invasion but the good kind! Taking back the space from the few and giving it to the many, practically overnight! [#popupbikelanes](#) [#TiranaTheAwesome](#) [#BacktoBetter](#) [#GreenCity](#) [#PostCovid19](#) 🚲🛼🚴🚴 (extremely satisfying to watch)



Ghent



- Public playgrounds of various types
- Green, adventurous school playgrounds
- Temporary places for play
- Parklets (play incentives)
- Green 'freckles'
- Water elements in the city
- Meeting places
- Integrating (playable) art into the public space
- Zone 30 streets
- slow roads
- Wider sidewalks
- Bicycle and pedestrian bridges
- Underpass of bridges
- Bike streets



“Everybody thinks it’s important. When we think about what we are dreaming of, we think about Ghent as a city that you would like to live in, and where families feel at home.”

Elke Decruynaere,
Deputy mayor of Ghent

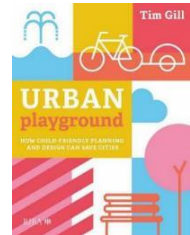




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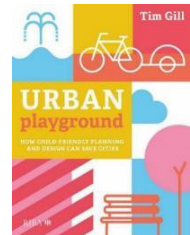
- Streets
- Walking and cycling networks
- Public space
- Housing

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Principles

- Embrace diversity, equality & inclusion
- Build a shared vision & set of values
- Involve children effectively
- Focus on the neighbourhood scale
- Get the right people - and policies
- Count what counts
- Do not neglect regulation, management & oversight
- Be opportunistic
- Develop supportive programming



Implementation Model

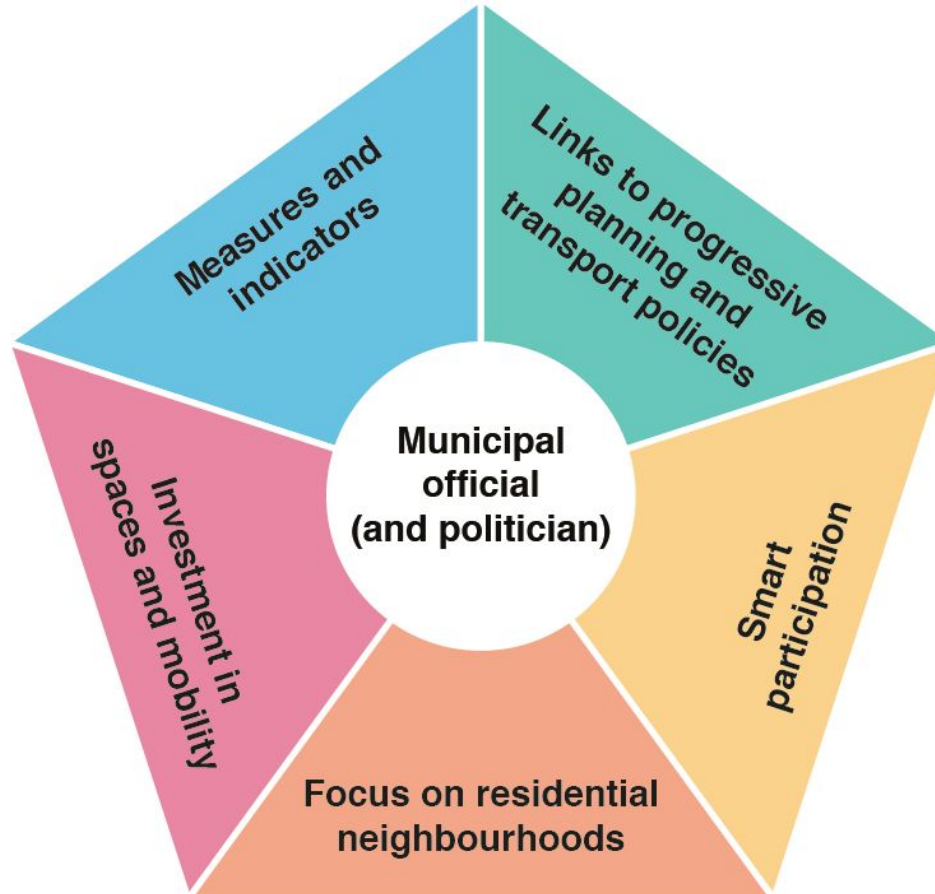
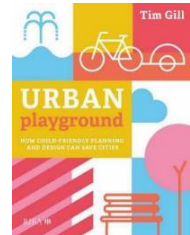


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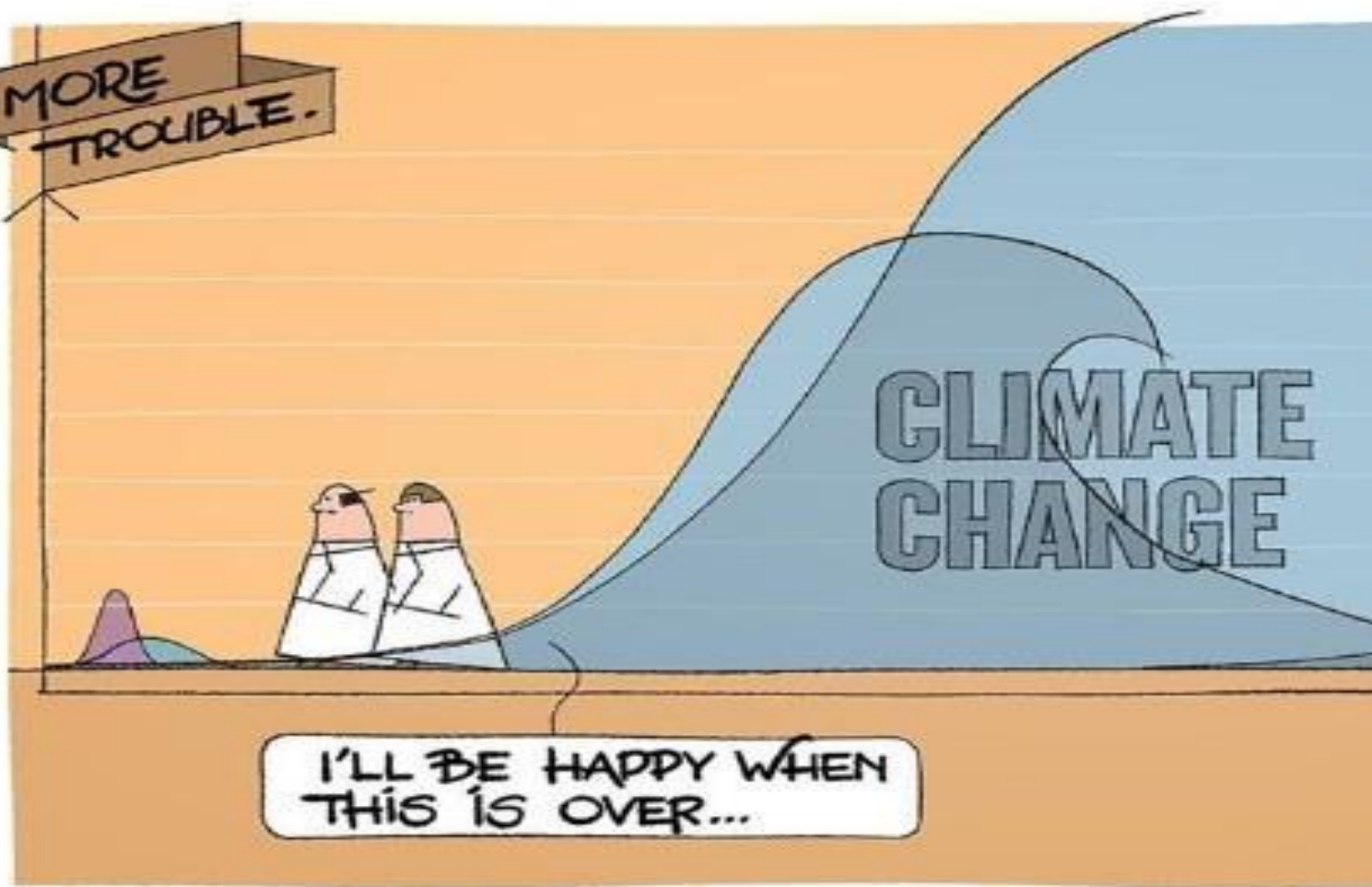
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TROUBLE.

CLIMATE
CHANGE

I'LL BE HAPPY WHEN
THIS IS OVER...



10 strategic indicators for a child-friendly neighbourhood

1. I walk to school/local shops without an adult (from age X*).
2. I cycle to school/local shops without an adult (from age X*).
3. I go outside and play within sight of my home (up to age X*).
4. I feel welcome and safe outside, during the day and after dark.
5. I have access to natural green space in my neighbourhood.
6. I have access to an outdoor place in my neighbourhood that is peaceful and quiet.
7. My neighbourhood has lots of trees.
8. I have access to a choice of outdoor places in my neighbourhood where I can meet and spend time with friends and there are fun things for us to do, including places where I can test myself and take some risks.
9. I have access to an outdoor place in my neighbourhood where my extended family and friends can have a picnic.
10. I travel from my own neighbourhood to downtown areas on foot, by bike or by public transport (from age X*).

* age may differ in different cultural/national contexts