

# URCommons Day: Group Session 1

Exchange ideas about (your) urban commons initiatives.

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## What are the central aspects of urban commons what you have learned so far?

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### Group 7

- shared spaces
- equal opinions/rights for everyone
- non profit

-shared spaces – ANONYMOUS

### Group 4

- non profit
- inclusive (for everyone?)
- initiated, created and accomplished by citizens
- sustainability in the sense of the of establishing a common good
- community rules and organization

### Group 5.1

- Bottom up
- not only physical spaces, but common topics/ideas/agendas
- The examples we have seen so far, usually serve the interest of a certain group, not the community as a whole. Accessibility for everyone is a goal which is rarely met (think of barriers for people with disabilities)
- Thought: An urban common could still benefit the community as a whole, even if accessibility for all (or in other words, inclusiveness) is not granted on all levels

### Group 5

- for everybody usable
- non profit aspekt
- co-creative
- shared ressource
- resilience
- co-ownership

### Group 6

- bottom up
- free of barriers
- social mix
- public
- sustainability
- easy access
- non profit
- free from government
- from people who are concerned to people who are concerned

### Group 1

- wide and diverse access

### Group 2

- trust
- non profit
- co creative
- sustainable
- accessible to everyone

### Group 8

- access for everybody
- self organisation
- sustainability (in all senses)

## What is the central idea of the urban commons initiative in your assignment? (Exchange your experiences of the urban commons you have researched.)

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### Group 2

- fight against to high housing prices
- trust
- to built communities
- community can make decisions

- support each other
- react to future challenges

## Group 6

- language
- "Deaf Space"
- keep the forest clean, collecting waste
- fairness
- establishing more understandable plans for every citizen
- living spaces
- affordable rental prices

## Group 5.1

- natural experience center: to spread the idea behind vegan food into communities, want to bring the nature back to the people
- "Grether Gelände": open space for the subcultures in the city of Freiburg
- "Who owns the city?": initiative who ask the people who owns the houses
- "Familie Montez" (Frankfurt arts & cultural initiative)

## Group 7

- affordable housing for students
- affordable housing for citizens with low income
- support for small startups with expertise
- network for small initiatives

## Group 4

### Skatepark

create a room or platform to be able to come together and to interact without being controlled  
creating identities

### Gallusgarten

be able to do gardening  
contact with the nature  
change and improve the environment of the district

### Foodsharing

use nutrition in a sustainable way  
collect food and share it  
have to know where the foodstorages are located  
"salvation of food"  
solidarity

### Miethäusersyndikat

non profit  
deprivatisation  
houses for those who live in them  
longterm affordable housing  
connecting communities  
integration of different communities

## Group 5

- foodsharing
- small scale gardens called "Grüne Lunge" (green lung) -> although not everybody takes an active part in gardening, everybody will benefit from improved quality of air
- research initiative "wem gehört die Stadt?" (who owns the city), aims to collect data about the question of ownership in cities (e.g. are houses owned by individuals, groups with financial interests)
- arts and culture
- urban gardening with the aim of enhancing the quality of life in the city

## How can the concept of urban commons be used in your own field/discipline?

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## Group 2

- "social pillar" is one of the key aspects of sustainability
- creating urban spaces
- design for everyone (disabilities)

## Group 7

- co-creation
- break the barriers, so that a lot of people with different backgrounds can join

## Group 6

- people with disability can join because of lower barriers
- increase the living quality in districts
- improve social mix
- less barriers during planning, so everyone can understand (using easy language)
- make it easy for everyone to join

## Group 5.1

- is urban commons a useful concept to transform society?

## Group 5

- everybody should be the community --> interdisciplinary thinking
- solution for the problems we are facing today

