

URCommons Day: Group Session 2

1. How can Urban Commons contribute to/support the specific topics/fields? 2. What kind of actors & stakeholders (government/architects...) could/should be involved? 3. What is the added value of working with an urban commons perspective (for this topic)?

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Urbanisation and Community Building - Ann Lescrauwaet

How can Urban Commons contribute to/support the specific topics/fields?

social work and urban commons:

- creating a new community
- different people can come together in a special place
- inclusion
- urban commons can help to open the artistic fields for everyone
- take off their leads
- democracy and solidarity
- example that change is impossible
- solidarity
- initiate a mentality of empowerment & participation

What kind of actors & stakeholders could/should be involved?

- the citizens
- urban common as a building/a place that have to be open for everyone
- define rules for everyone

Land use Planning - Kaisa Kanerva

How can Urban Commons contribute to/support the specific topics/fields?

- more public spaces, where people can meet (without spending money)
- change of perspective: not just thinking about using the ground (in terms of property rights), but thinking about the way, the space will be used (by people)
- sustainability
- creating spaces that can not only be used by people, but be transformed by them

What kind of actors & stakeholders could/should be involved?

- residents (present and future, adults and children) -> usually it is difficult to know the future residents
- 'peer groups' in terms of initiatives ("Stadtteilinitiativen"), organizations that can represent future residents

- government (but leave room for the community to organize itself, create its own rules)
- minorities
- companies, entrepreneurs
- architects

What is the added value of working with an urban commons perspective (for this topic)?

- enabling citizens to participate in the decisions about their future living space
 - putting communal interest over commercial interest
 - bringing different perspectives together, thinking outside the box
- => improving the actual city plans

Collaborative Governance - Sandra Bos

How can Urban Commons contribute to/support the specific topics/fields?

People have to integrate their interests. You need to trust other people.

What kind of actors & stakeholders could/should be involved?

Different layers:

- people with legal knowledge
- young people
- people with handicaps

Housing for All - Angelika Plümmer and Petra Schwerdtner

How to make the Housing affordable for all?

- contact with each other, exchange contacts
- how affordable housing be fostered: buy houses together and manage them by themselves
- get in contact with politicians, or city organs, because they will help actors to raise their voice
- support from the government
- to inform the citizens what the issues are all about, so all the people will be aware about deficiencies

- implement sharing moduls, bring innovative ideas to the housing market
- raise awareness of the low economic status of certain groups in cities

Who could/has to be involved?

- the city council
- the architects
- the city planers
- also other people who have a lot of different ideas and different backgrounds in order to become to open to alternative types of living

Social & Cultural Initiatives - Raul Gschrey and Jutta Stocksiefen

How can urban commons contribute to/support the specific topics/fields?

Examples:

- initiative "radar" (provides spaces for artists and creative fields in Frankfurt)
- "Grüne Lunge" (ecological initiative in Frankfurt to preserve

- green spaces)
- urban gardening projects

Generally:

- everywhere people are left behind
- people can gain a voice
- people can take responsibility (self-empowerment of actors/citizens)
- provide affordable spaces of cultural workers/artists.

What kind of actors & stakeholders are involved? Which expertise should be considered?

- citizens
- city institutions
- city planning agencies
- city marketing?
- media (TV, newspapers)

What is the added value of working with an urban commons perspective (for this topic)?

Social Work:

- support the building of networks...
- facilitate contact between actors & actors and decision makers
- work with actors in the social fields (for instance in artistic and social projects)
