

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)
