

**Time frame**

Not specified

Stakeholders

Political executive
Extra-curricular education
Civil society
Spatial and urban planners
Government builders
Landscape architects

Typologies (space types)

Outside space
Living environment

**Design quality criteria**

Freedom from danger
Accessibility
Designability
Opportunities to interact

**Structure-related quality criteria**

Designing the provisions/
living spaces
Collaboration
Coordination
Participation and identification

The starting point

The Reinach residents' council (legislative) approved the Mischeli development neighbourhood plan at the end of August 2010. This paved the way for the development of the area.

Alongside a new church community centre with a youth café and two residential buildings with a total of 28 senior homes, a park was to be created as an attractive venue for the various user groups. The Mischeli was to be developed into a neighbourhood park for all generations, where various stakeholders' provisions would be coordinated with each other.

Aims

Participative planning of a generations park

Target group

- Manager and visitors at the Paradiso youth café
- Aumatt building cooperative as owner of the senior homes
- Families, children and young people from the neighbourhood
- Users of the reformed church community's provisions
- Visitors to the Mischeli shopping centre

Project progression

The Mischeli generations park project was headed by the Director of Culture and Social Exchanges and the Director of Urban Planning, Buildings and Sport of Reinach municipality. All key stakeholders were also represented in the project's organisational structure: reformed church community, senior citizens commission, youth officer, Generationstadt Reinach project management and the Kinderbüro Basel association.

First, the public – children especially – were able to submit their ideas and wishes at an event. These were collected at various workshop stations. The various demands on a generations park was discussed for the first time in a session with all future users.

The results were evaluated with Kinderbüro Basel and collated into a report that was then given to the municipality.

Three playground planners were invited to create a project outline and cost estimate. Kinderbüro Basel reviewed the projects, selected one and presented it to the public, who could then submit questions and suggestions once more. The building phase then followed.

At the opening in June 2015, the public was able to contribute to the final design tasks: filling the barefoot path, painting the stelae, mosaics. The park's regulations were set out in another workshop.

Success factors

- All key stakeholders represented in the project's organisational structure.
- High level of acceptance for the new site through participation of the population in the planning, design and regulation for use. Critical residents were also included in the project.
- Newsletters were sent to keep people up to date on the project's progress.
- Planning that considers all generations (e.g. provision of comfortable seating options and seating options for grandparents close to play equipment).
- Participation of children and young people organised by the Kinderbüro Basel association.
- Self-administration of the project. Establishment of an on-site "hub" for everyone, supervised by specialists from the field of children and young people, including the option of borrowing play materials.

Challenges

- The question of funding: sponsors had to be organised.
- The human resources costs for project management and coordination within the various groups were very high.

Conclusion

A varied, attractive leisure and recreation park was created that offers options for play and relaxation and is unique in Reinach. The Mischelipark is a venue for all generations, distinguished by the way people value it and their tolerant attitudes to each other.

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