



Shaping The City

Hello there!

Shaping The City aims to reenoble the exchange of ideas of vacant spaces by creating a platform that exists online and offline. The exposition in Bara is a first test to invite people to think about a social cultural space in Sarajevo. The Bosnian crew of Toestand International decided last year they would want a skatepark in their capital. Skaters and people that have no affiliation with skateboarding at all are invited to join the dialogue and create new and exciting designs. You, as a physically present participant of the expo, can communicate with people online by drawing on the projected whiteboard with the drawing tablet or by visiting the site on your phone. At the table participants can prototype a space, with prebuild and sculptural materials, to form a design they like. In the corner you're free to use the drawing and painting materials to shape the blueprint into an interesting space.

What is Shaping The City?

Shaping The City is a participative project about placemaking in vacant spaces. Through research and dialogues Finlay Degrauwe aims to build a foundation for a platform that could help communities ideate about empty spaces. As a first case Shaping The City will be supporting the social & cultural space in Sarajevo, which will be built as a Toestand International project, that unfortunately got canceled last year due to the coronavirus. By involving people in the ideation process, focussing on what this place will become, participants create opportunities to shape a new space. By stimulating dialogue and inviting people to iterate on previous designs and ideas, new opportunities arise of what a transformed space could look like.

So...

Step inside this room and join the dialogue. Feel free to participate with the medium you want, everything is possible. Shaping The City is a research project that grows with every encounter, so feel free to share your feedback and ideas.

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