Welcome to Saint Gilles

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Wallonie Design - Reciprocity - ID campus - Comité du quartier

Reciprocity

Expert group:

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Context.
A neighbourhood with a lack of social cohesion and social resilience. Sense of fatalism and discouragement towards the public goods/disconnect towards the local authorities.
The project.

By means of co-designed and co-produced small scale interventions, plant seeds of positive change and strengthen social cohesion within a neighbourhood of Liege (Belgium).
The process.

Students from Euregional design schools working in a collaborative way with local stakeholders, tackling many different social issues in different courses and years.
The project was commissioned by the Provence of Wallonia, and involves policy makers in all the different steps of the project. We are currently setting up a PIP in order to create continuity within the project.
Within the projects we created a street committee where to co-design and co-produce the micro interventions (street festivals, local market, urban knitting initiatives).
Social Interactions and Relations

Within the projects we are creating a PIP where to guarantee continuity to the work of the street committee.
The Provence has been promoting the project (an international conference, media coverage, etc) and is promoting it as “good” example within the whole Province (other cities also asking for such interventions.)
We are creating a local market where to sell co-produced products and share services in the street of S.Gilles.

Production, Distribution and Consumption

animate the street with a neighbourhood co-designed and co-produced market
Storytelling and Visualisation

Storytelling as research instrument (scenarios for co-design sessions) and as communication tool with the different stakeholders