Open Your Space: 
Design interventions for local community

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The quality of community public environment is vital for public life. Questions like how to integrate new things and existing cultural landscape, or how to maximally engage local residents with new public facilities, environment and service, rather than disregard or resist, need to be considered in depth. In this process, we could also think about how to (re)activate passive yet potential public spaces by various means of spatial narrative, place-making, experience and service design to regenerate spatial sensory and community innovation capacity.
The project Open Your Space is a collaboration between College of Design and Innovation and Siping community. It featured by participatory process, acupunctural intervention and design activism. It also convened scholars, artists, architects, and planners to engage contemporary critical discourses and practices on urban space.
We identify the new role of design as bridge between public institutions and local users, and the initiator of an open social innovation platform in this project. Designers apply different approach to make the platform open, attractive and visible for stimulating collective ideas and actions from the local place.