



2nd Annual Conference of the Cities for Children Network
May 6 and 7, 2008 in Stuttgart City Hall

Meeting of the Working Group 2 Housing and Outdoor on May 7, 2008

Participants	City
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Daniel Bloch	Zurich
Karl Stammnitz	Zurich
Joel Kobi	Zurich
Vreni Nufer	Zurich
Marianne Labre	Gent
Jürgen Schroer	Essen
Rina Palmas	Sassari
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Saulius Lukosius	Kaunas
Peter Schnyder	Bern
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Agenda

1. Planning 2008/2009 Gent
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1. Planning 2008/2009

Moderation: The City of Gent, Belgium (represented by Marianne Labre) will take over the moderation of the Working Group 2 for the period 2008/2009.

Next topics: All participants were invited to propose topics and to give votes according to their choice to the propositions.

There are two projects in Gent:

- a. Essen: rate of children using playgrounds and activities is not very high. Multimedia situation is very comfortable for children. How to strengthen playing? (7 votes)

- b. Gent: Working together in the town - Manual: Planning group from 7 different departments – success factor to work in an interdisciplinary way. Ambassadors of ideas and goals - how to involve people of own administration? (6 votes)
- c. Zurich: Initiate research work parallel to our activities (6 votes)
- d. Comparability of child friendliness related to social and economical situation of a town. (6 votes)
- e. Kaunas: Outdoor activities in dark times spring and autumn – need of indoor activities $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year (4 votes)
- f. Gent: Mapping project – planning manual, principles (4 votes)
- g. Gent: Identity card for every member city – benchmarking resources - Scale to estimate standards. (3 votes)
- h. Gent: Problem with groups that claim a park. Occupy in a negative way. “Unfriendly takeover” (3 votes)
- i. Kaunas: would like to know about planning processes involving cities and parents (2 votes)
- j. Zurich: Animation on playgrounds (1 vote)
- k. Gent: Outerspace work in Gent. Tradition of working together with other departments. Combination of the fields housing and outerspace. Cooperative playground participation
- l. Gent: Old hospital closed – lofts, park, community facilities for young and old
- m. Gent: Play area policy – organize parks in natural way.
- n. Bern: Contribution of City of Bern Children’s parliament child friendliness of school house renovations – how children have been involved. Micro manual checklist school renovations and participation.

2. Agenda setting

Definition of priorities for Gent from all proposed topics by the participants (votes)

Possible date for the meeting in Gent? To be decided.

Possible towns to offer meeting in 2010. Kaunas is interested in hosting the meeting but needs to wait for positive answer from local administration. Essen is not yet member of the network but could also be candidate.

Peter Schnyder will send a translated copy of the identity card, which can be placed on the platform on internet. Each participant can fill it out with its own data.

3. Standards for the award

The WG 2 Housing was invited by the Coordination Office to propose possible criteria for the 1st “City for Children Award” 2009 in the field of housing and outdoor space. These draft standards would take into account the results of the three meetings of the WG 2 which took place in Stuttgart in 2007 and 2008 and in Zurich in 2008.