



# Interventions for play in inclusive cities

## Cicilia - better urban space for the youngest of children @ CeceVacajones

Early experiences shape the brain and the future

If you could experience the city from 95cm - height 3yo - what would you change?

→ we can design healthy urban environments

- reduce car dominance
- social interaction
- active & walkable streets
- welcoming & inclusive
- connection to nature
- access to services & play

Example: Tirana: 48 new playgrounds in 48 months and symbolic square redesign for all

Libreville: temporary play streets with sand boxes

Public Space street design: Copenhagen, centred on the school

Traffic park where children learn how traffic in the city goes

Reaching Scale neighbourhood planning:

- Bogota
- community engagement

NACTO's Streets for Kids

Air Pollution!!

# Chris Yuan - Head of Play environment + playwrights and play association

- inclusive playgrounds
- safety

## [Child lockdown index](#)

Kinderen zelf speeltuinen laten ontwerpen!

- [Playright Junior Playground Planner](#) (Youtube)
- [Playright Play Space](#) (Facebook)

Riccardo - Lebanon (CatalyticAction)  
Designing Inclusive Play in Lebanon

Speeltuin funded by crowdfunding

- feedback krijgen van de kinderen, children learn from designers and designers from children
- Kinderen hebben er vaak geen plaats voor play spaces
- Unicef ook gesponsord

Inclusive play → children with disabilities can also interact  
Caresavers are also very important

# Kieran Brophy - Australia

73% of adults said they played on the street when they were young compared to only 24% of their kids

## [1000 Play Streets](#)

Learnings:

1. Build local trust from the outset
2. Play Streets builds parent confidence to support play on streets
3. Some communities need more help than others

# Kirti Zala

Child → city  
Play

## Interventions:

- Parents of the park
- Mov'in experience
- Street Smart
- City on cycles
- City as my landscape
  
- Car Free days
- Green & open spaces
- Pop up parks
- Cycling lanes
- Community places

## Q&A

- Megha Tyagi

Thank you Chris for an engaging presentation. It looks like a very interesting project. I just wanted to know if you can share any document or material related to playground audit tool used in Sze Shub and Anderson road development project. Thank you!

- Robin Sutcliffe

Some really wonderful examples, I would, as ever, be interested in how policy makers/politicians were engaged to support these initiatives?

→ kijken naar het grote plaatje, de investering

- Cynthia Gentry

Chris mentioned natural playgrounds in dense areas of the city. Could you elaborate on design considerations, benefits, maintaining environment, etc.?

- Margaret Westwood

Consideration of children and community consultation in the design local play spaces is key as shown by the first 3 excellent presentations. The examples of equipment used in Hong Kong are similar to the majority of modern designed public play spaces in many places, including the UK. The key difference between the resulting organic play spaces from Cecelia and Riccardo's examples, in comparison to HK and UK may be rooted in the design of available commercial equipment. There have been many improvements in design, but does the panel think that the attitude of authorities to things like 'safety' and maintenance have outweighed the benefits of play and challenge, which has driven the manufacture of commercial equipment to the detriment of children's play? If so how can we challenge this and encourage better design of public play space in cities which may currently only use commercial equipment?

- Rachel Nesbit

Kieran, thanks for a great talk and showcasing some great work to open up streets for play. I wondered if you could speak of any work/plans to evaluate the impact of these projects on children's physical and mental health?

- ROBEN DASS

@chris what standards do you follow in HK ? ASTM ? EN1176 ? Or have you developed your own ? Are safety standards mandatory or voluntary in HK

- Jackie Boldon

During this pandemic would we have a better chance of getting the government (local & national) to fund or support play initiatives if we linked with other agendas such as food poverty, mental health or environmental stewardship rather than just focussing on the need or right to play as a single issue.