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Agenda.Focus:: *Servitengasse 1938: A symbol against oblivion*

The project „Servitengasse 1938“ was started in early 2004. Since then it traces in cooperation with the LA 21 the fates of the displaced and murdered Jewish inhabitants of a whole street in the 9th district (Alsergrund). The project's aim is to commemorate this people and to anchor their life stories deeply in to the memory of the district.



An impressive highlight of the project's work was the unveiling of a **symbol of memory** on the 8th of April in the Servitengasse. Embedded in the ground, a vitrine of glass shows 462 keys with nameplates. They symbolize the displaced and murdered Jews which have lived and worked in the Servitengasse. The realisation of this project made it possible to establish a visible sign of remembrance in public space.

<http://www.servitengasse1938.at>

<http://la21wien.at/die-la-21-bezirke/9-bezirk>

<http://www.agenda21.or.at>

Agenda.Topic:: *Bicycle*

Cycling as the acme of sustainable mobility plays a big role within the LA 21. For example the Agenda-group "Grünplan 23" is working on a **plan of cycle ways** for the western part of the 23rd district (Liesing). Through common rides within the district, citizens surveyed existing rooms of improvement and developed a comprehensive concept. Right now the group is discussing this paper together with the local government and Mr. Blaha, the coordinator of cycle ways in Vienna.



High bicycle-related activities can be found in the 22nd district (Donaustadt) too. Here the Agenda-group "Rad 22" is working together with the local administration and the association ARGUS Transdanubien on an improvement of the situation of Cyclists in Donaustadt. Beside cycle way checks, organized cycle tours and the provision of information, the group developed the innovative idea of a **bicycle-wardrobe**. The concept

was tested 2007 on a local festival and because of its great success it will be repeated in 2009 too. From the 19th to the 21st of September visitors of the festival can easily dispense their bikes for free and enjoy their day. As an advancement, it is planned to establish a guidance system, to ease the approach to the wardrobe.

Meanwhile the model has become popular even wide across the borders of Vienna. The idea was enthusiastically adopted in Lower Austria by the campaign "RADLand" and in Styria by the initiative "G'scheit Feiern".

<http://la21wien.at/die-la-21-bezirke/23-bezirk/gruppen/grunplan-23>

<http://www.rad-donaustadt.la21wien.at>

<http://www.argus.or.at/transdanubien/index.htm>

<http://www.radland.at>

<http://www.gscheitfeiern.at>

Agenda.Topic:: *Public space*

From the beginning public space as a place of communication, of life quality and of social as well as political engagement was a central topic within the LA 21. A couple of ambitious projects are standing for this fact:



A good example is the project "Silengasse" in the 22nd district, which was completed in spring 2008. On the impulse of inhabitants a fallow piece of land owned by the city of Vienna which lies beside the street was reshaped to **a playground and a room of relaxation**. By the support of the LA 21 a group of committed people was formed. Together with the city administration and local politicians they coordinated the process of planning, implementation and the opening in March 2008.



Accompanied by public opinion polls an Agenda-group in Neubau (7th district) developed together with a planner an extensive concept for the redesign of the Halbgasse. It included more greenery, additional seats, a new surface coat and extended pavements. The goal was to upvalue the Halbgasse to a **living space with a high living quality and recreational value**. The local government took up the idea and construction works were started in April 2008.

Two further ambitious initiatives concerning the topic public space can be found in the 3rd and the 4th district (Landstraße and Wieden). In Landstraße the Agenda-group "Gender Plattform" has the aim to redesign the Klopsteinplatz on the base of gender-fair criterias by involving the opinions of the local inhabitants. In a



comprehensive process of participation the **ten most important needs** were collected. They are the base for further planning and probably this year the implementation will start too.

In a similar way the project “Hoch die neue Neugasse!” in Wieden plans together with the local inhabitants the redesign of the Neugasse. Historical investigations have shown that in former times a lot of pubs with bowling alleys have been situated in the street. The creative idea of **pin-like road markings** as a symbolic memento couldn't be implemented because of traffic regulations. Currently the project members negotiate with the local government and the city administration on the financing of other conversions like architectural improvements of crossroads.

<http://www.agenda-wien-sieben.at/halbgasse.htm>

<http://la21wien.at/die-la-21-bezirke/3-bezirk/agendagruppen/lag-gender-plattform>

<http://la21wien.at/die-la-21-bezirke/4-bezirk/AgendaGruppen/hoch-die-neue-neugasse>

Agenda.Participation:: *Internet as a new chance of political participation*

A current strategy of the LA 21 in Vienna is the extension and diversification of models of public participation. The main focus lies on the new possibilities of the internet and Web 2.0. The aim is to reach new groups of citizens and to be open to different needs and lifestyles.



At the moment two Agenda-districts use the internet as an innovative way of political participation. On the homepage of the LA 21 in Neubau (7th district) people can deposit their opinions concerning the planned goals of the continuation of the Agenda-process.

In Josefstadt (8th district) an online questionnaire made it possible to give comments concerning the quality of life in the district and to make suggestions for improvements. The contributions of 143 persons will be involved in the analysis of the district, which is the fundament of the further work of the LA 21 in Josefstadt.

http://www.agenda-wien-sieben.at/verankerung_meinung.htm

Agenda.Process:: *Closure of LA 21 in the 15th district*

After 5 years of successful work the Agenda-process in the 15th district ended this spring. At the final ceremony on the 26th of March 2008 information about the various activities of the LA 21 were given and Agenda-employees as well as local politicians told about the past years.



Through linking up existing projects and Agenda-groups to local institutions, associations and to the local system of administration and politics their continuation is assured.

The Agenda-team of the 15th district thanks all active citizens, the network partners, the (local) politicians and everyone who was a part of the process for the good cooperation.

<http://la21wien.at/die-la-21-bezirke/15-bezirk>

Agenda.Special:: 1st Viennese neighbours' day

Lokale Agenda 21 creates the framework for a good neighbourhood

On the 27st of May 2008 the 1st Viennese neighbours' day was opened by the Viennese alderman of urban planning, Rudolf Schicker, together with the district major Norbert Scheed and Josef Taucher from the Verein Lokale Agenda 21 in Wien. This event was an initiative of the LA 21 Vienna in the context of the European neighbours' day. In cooperation with Viennese institutions like the Wiener Gebietsbetreuung, the Verein Wiener Jugendzentren and the Wiener Hilfswerk over 66 activities were organized in the whole city area. The main idea behind the event was to promote social cohesion through strengthening neighbourly networks.

Neighbourhood - An important factor for sustainable life quality

At the opening in the Raphael-Donner-Alle in Donaustadt (22nd district) the meaning of neighbourhood was discussed in a round table consisting of Rudolf Schicker, the Viennese alderman of urban planning, district major Norbert Scheed, Andrea Binder-Zehetner and Josef Taucher (Verein Lokale Agenda 21 in Wien), Peter Nemeth (Verein Wiener Jugendzentren), Ursula Weber-Hejtmanek (Wiener Hilfswerk), and Josef Cser from the office of the Viennese alderman of domestic architecture.

For the LA 21 Josef Taucher asserted: "Neighbourhood is a central topic within our work because the majority of our groups is dealing with the improvement of life quality within their district. The process of discussing, negotiating and solution finding brings people together and builds up new relationships and networks." Andrea Binder-Zehetner confirmed too, that through Agenda-projects friendships emerge, which outlast the concrete Agenda-work. She accented: "This are sustainable successes too!"

Rudolf Schicker explained the meaning of the topic for his department: "Neighbourhood needs adequate rooms in an accordant quality. The department of urban planning of Vienna is highly engaged with the question how to allocate this room for social contacts, communication and neighbourly relationships. Participation is an important contribution."

After the discussion, balloons with messages for a good neighbourhood were sent into the sky.

Colourful plurality all over Vienna

The events of the LA 21 on the Viennese neighbours' day drew a wide bow over the topic: In the 3rd district (Landstraße) new acquaintances could be made by joining a culinary world tour of common cooking. At a generation-crossing celebration of neighbourhood in Margareten (5th district) the young and the young at heart had the possibility to meet each other by common playing and eating. In other districts the living room was transferred onto the street or a pick nicks were organized. During the neighbours' day the visitors had the opportunity to meet new people, to become informed over the work of the LA 21 and to get in touch with politicians of their district.