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Agenda.Focus::

Youth moves - Opening of the "Jungen Boxen" in Aspern & Eßling

The "Jungen Boxen" in Eßling and Aspern (Donaustadt) are completed and were ceremonially opened by the deputy major Grete Laska, the district major Norbert Scheed and the deputy district major Josef Taucher. Both facilities offer a **meeting point** for all teenagers in the district **without the force of consummation**, a room for chatting, celebrating and for events.

The projects were initiated by youth-interested adults and teenagers who formed Agenda.Groups. Through inquiries the **needs of juveniles** were raised and the results showed that a place for meetings was needed, which can be used during periods of bad weather too. The district set an additional impulse by implementing the mobile youth work Aspern-Eßling. Its staff supports the Agenda.Groups in the work with the juveniles. In a **strong cooperation of the Agenda.Groups, the future users and the district** the realisation of the projects was developed.

The city of Vienna and the district Donaustadt financed the construction of the facilities. On an area of 70 sqm. a lounge, a CaféBar and a toilette is provided. The innovative character of the projects shows itself in their **emancipatory form of organization**: The teenagers have to organize the usage of the rooms by their own responsibility. Hence the further planning of the interior and of the rules of the house is their task. Of course they get support through the mobile youth work and the members of the associations JUNE (Essling) and EFJUCA (Aspern), which developed out of the Agenda.Groups.

<http://la21wien.at/die-la-21-bezirke/22-bezirk/agenda-projekte/die-la-21-bezirke/22-bezirk/agenda-projekte/june-essling/june-essling>

<http://la21wien.at/die-la-21-bezirke/22-bezirk/agenda-projekte/jugendtreff-aspern>



Agenda.Topic:: Gender Mainstreaming

Mainstreaming a gender perspective is the process of **assessing the implications for women and men** of any planned action, including legislation, policies or programs, in all areas and at all levels, so that women and men benefit equally and inequality is not perpetuated. The ultimate goal is to achieve **gender equality**. According efforts are an integral part of all Agenda.Activities:

The Agenda.Group Gender Platform, which is engaged in the planning of the **redesign of the Klopsteinplatz** in the 3rd district, highly commits itself to the principle of gender equality. The great diversity of installations consider both, the needs of girls and boys and allow to break up traditional patterns of behavior. An enhanced lighting of the place improves the security for girls as well as for the elderly and pedestrians, who predominantly are female. The latter benefit as well from the extensions of seating-accommodations. The expected start of construction is October/November 2008 and the completion is planned for June 2009.

Another example is the **rearrangement of the Augustinplatz** in Neubau (7th district). Women, who do 60 % of all footwalks in Vienna, are highly benefiting from the improved situation for pedestrians. The additional seating-accommodations are another big advantage for women, who are a major part in the age group 65+. The project was one out of three which were nominated for the **walk space award**, a price which is granted for good solutions for pedestrians in communities and cities.



Since May 2008 the Agenda.Group MEDEA has a special offer for women in the 4th district: The **Frauen.Info.Corner**, which is sponsored by the woman department of Vienna (MA 57) has a highly committed team of experts who offer free counselling concerning the topics marriage and family law, sexuality, problems in the family or the job and medicine/health. Beyond that every month a women café deals with a special topic (e.g. domestic violence) and gives the possibility to communicate, to build up networks and to gather information.

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

<http://www.walk-space.at/>

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

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

<http://www.medeawieden.at/index.php>

Agenda.Topic:: Local economies

Local economies play a crucial role in the sustainable development of a district. A well developed local infrastructure is the basis for economical prosperity as well as for the well-being of citizens. At the same time processes of disaggregation and disaffection can be noticed in some parts of Vienna. The consequences for the districts are a decline of quantity and quality of the local supply and a loss of attractiveness of the affected area.

This development is an important topic within the LA 21. In Alsergrund (9th district) a group of committed persons are intensely working on the **vitalization of the Nussdorferstraße**. In cooperation with the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration a concept for the enhancement of the attractiveness of the street was developed. Through the **buildup of mini-clusters** (health - culture - gourmet) the degradation of the local supply shall be reduced and the appeal of the street shall be raised. On the 30rd of September 2008 the concept was presented and gained a lot of interest by abutters and entrepreneurs.

Also in Margareten (5th district) a group of people try to do something against the growing loss of attractiveness of their quarter. The Agenda.Group WIR (Wir in Reinprechtsdorf) commits itself to the **appreciation of the Reinprechtsdorferstraße** and to the **strengthening of the local supply structures**. Currently the street faces problems like unoccupied salesrooms and a one sided concentration of economic sectors. The group is right now working on an inquiry on the needs of the habitants. The results shall be a base for future measures concerning the raise of attractiveness of the street.



<http://www.agenda21.or.at/projektgruppen/aktuell/belebungNussdorf.php>
http://la21wien.at/die-la-21-bezirke/5-bezirk/Gruppen/WIR-Wir_in_Reinprechtsdorf

Agenda.Process:: Status report from the young Agenda.District Josefstadt

Since the opening event of the LA 21 in Josefstadt (8th district) in May 2008 a lot of things have happened. Numerous citizens are currently committing themselves in six Agenda.Initiatives for their visions of a liveable Josefstadt. "**More room for children**", "**Environment and energy**", "**Redesign of the Bennoplatz**", "**Slow City Josefstadt**", "**Rooms for women and girls**" or "**Public space as living space**" - these are the topics formulated by the citizens.

In the next steering group their acceptance as Agenda.Groups considering their meaning to a sustainable development of the district will be discussed. This board, consisting of politicians of



the district, citizens and representatives of the association LA 21 in Vienna, has an advising function and guarantees the link between active citizens and the political system in a district.

Detailed information concerning the activities of the Agenda. Initiatives in the Josefstadt can be found on the homepage:

<http://la21wien.at/die-la-21-bezirke/8-bezirk/projekte>

Agenda.Process:: LA 21 Platform on the 25th of November 2008

This year's LA 21 Platform was dedicated to the topics "**Participation in Europe**" - results of the EU research project "CINEFOGO" (Civil Society and New Forms of Governance in Europe – the Making of European Citizenship) and "**Standards of public participation**" which were decided in the Council of Ministers on the 2nd of July 2008.



Mag^a. Eva More-Hollerweger (Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration) and DIⁱⁿ Kerstin Abter (Office Abter - Office of engineering and spatial planning) gave two professional inputs and joined the following discussion. The Platform tried to make a contribution to the professional discourse and was highly welcomed by the experts and interested citizens.



<http://la21wien.at/der-verein-la-21-in-wien/LA%2021%20Veranstaltungen/la-21-plattform/la-21-plattform>

Agenda.Participation:: Standards of public participation

On the 2nd of July the Austrian Council of Ministers decided on the "Standards of public participation" to encourage the participation of the public on the federal level. The paper addresses members of the public administration and wants to **support the preparation, execution, monitoring and evaluation of participatory processes**. This includes the target group-specific information of the public as well as the organization of participatory processes for the development of policies, plans and programs. Beyond that important principles, goals and the numerous benefits of this approach are highlighted in the concept.



The standards were initiated by the Austrian Federal Council and the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management. One principle of their development was the involvement of interest groups, NGOs and external experts, like representatives of the LA 21 of Vienna. Regarding the content the standards orient themselves on international models like the British "Code of Practice on Consultation".

http://www.partizipation.at/standards_oeb.html