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AgendaFocus :: New start LA21Plus Landstraße

Since November 2011 the Agenda office Landstraße sets new impulses with the Local Agenda 21 Plus. Two new initiatives have been already supported: The **silofASANmarkt** – a weekend market with regional and seasonal tidbits and a cultural program at the Fasanplatz – as well as the neighbourhood garden in the Arenbergpark. During three information evenings more than 130 people interested themselves in community gardening. Starting in April 2012, residents as well as schools and kindergardens can use plots to grow vegetables, herbs and flowers.



Additionally local people were invited to a workshop to bring forward own **ideas for better life** in the district. The creative minds are looking for further participants on the issues of: barrier-free district, farmers' market on the Radetzkyplatz, business life in the quarter Fasanviertel, gender & diversity, planning of the Paulusplatz, playgrounds and leisure areas for children as well as living room culture in the third district. Existing Agendagroups and –projects will be supported as always.

Local Agenda 21 Plus sets priorities on key areas of **sustainable development** such as **districts for old and young, intercultural dialogue, public space and sustainable mobility**. The projects will be supported by an innovative governance model for citizens, policy-makers, administration, science and civil society to enter into a common dialogue about sustainable urban development.

<http://la21wien.at/die-la-21-bezirke/3-bezirk>
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AgendaFocus :: Debate „Participating in the City“

At the end of the **exhibition „We care about the City“** a controversial debate on the topic of „Participating in the City“ took place in the Vienna City Hall on the 13th of December. The central question was, which kind of involvement in civil society can be expected in the future as well as the associated risks and changes. The podium was filled with an urban researcher, an artist, a politician and several international experts.



An interesting example from **Hamburg** provided the project **University of Neighbourhoods** in the district Wilhelmsburg. This project unites teaching, research and practical application and researches sustainable development on the basis of socio-economic relations.

The projects **Blue House** and **Freehouse** from **Amsterdam** and **Rotterdam** demonstrated concepts of participatory art. These concepts react with cultural participation on segregation as a cause for deficient urban development.



Further, the **handbook of participation** from the Senate Department for Urban Development and Environment **Berlin** focuses on citizen participation processes. Ultimately, due to imbalanced distribution of social classes in citizens participation processes **Equity Planning** as a planning instrument was discussed. Thereby experts implement various ideas into a democratic process.

The exhibition „I care about the City“ was open from September till December 2011 in the Viennese Planungswerkstatt. **Numerous projects**, including several of the LA21 Plus demonstrated **how citizens participate in the city development**. The exhibition provided a colourful and varied program including lectures, film screenings and discussions.

www.wien.gv.at/stadtentwicklung/veranstaltungen/ausstellungen/2011/partizipation/index.html
<http://udn.hcu-hamburg.de/wordpress/>
http://www.blauwehuis.org/blauwehuisv2/?page_id=560
http://www.stadtentwicklung.berlin.de/soziale_stadt/partizipation/de/handbuch.shtml

AgendaThema :: Traces of Life

The Agendagroup Generational Dialogue conducted an outstanding project in the district Liesing during nine months of work: The **book „Traces of life“** contains life episodes of inhabitants of the retirement home Haus am Mühlengrund as well as other important persons of the district. The process of documentation was handled by pupils from the school Antonkriegergasse. **85 people provided biographical insights** and took part in conversations about amusing, serious or exciting incidents of their lives. This impressive collection was presented to the public in the Haus am Mühlengrund on the 24th of November. As important as the book itself were the numerous **encounters between old and young** as well as the **exchange of experience between the generations**.



<http://la21wien.at/die-la-21-bezirke/23-bezirk/gruppen/generationendialog-1>

AgendaThema :: New information and field reports on Agendawork

The knowledge database „**mehr wissen**“ was updated recently and provides several new pieces of information and field reports on the LA21 Plus Vienna. An important subject is the **implementation of community gardens** including tips for negotiations with property owners and funding activities. Further emphasis is placed on the **organisation of farmer- and organic markets** in the city. What are the key success factors? What partners are needed and where stumbling blocks have to be considered? Further subjects are activation of citizens, possibilities of digital participation through crowdsourcing and much more!

mehr wissen gives access to the various subjects and working methods of the LA21 Plus. Alongside concrete information of projects, the basic aim are **ideas and tips for imitation**. We are convinced that sharing of experience and mutual learning are basic conditions for sustainable development.

Frohe Feiertage und alles Gute für 2012 wünschen
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