



11th Child in the City World Conference

20-22 November 2023 in Brussels



PROGRAMME BROCHURE

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11th Child in the City World Conference



Welcome to Brussels!

A Dutch saying is: children are the future! In this 11th Child in the City conference we build on the future by focusing on a better world for children!

Lia Karsten - President of the Scientific Program Committee.



Overview programme timetable

MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER

08:00-09:15
Registration & Welcome coffee

09:15-10:00
Opening Ceremony

10:00-11:00
Keynotes by Bruno Vanobbergen & Mona Meienberg

11:00-11:30
Coffee break

11:30-13:00
Parallel sessions

13:00-14:00
Lunch break

14:00-15:30
Parallel sessions

15:30-16:00
Coffee break

16:00-17:00
Poster presentations

17:00
Cocktail reception

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09:00-09:30
Keynote by Nathalia Daved

09:30-11:00
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Keynote by Fatimah Zibouh

12:00-13:30
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Field trips

19:00-22:00
Dinner

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

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Lunch

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The Conference Rooms

Museum of Fine Arts

At the Museum of Fine Arts you will find the following rooms:

- Auditorium 490
- Auditorium 120
- Zaal U



BIP

At BIP Meeting Center – House of the Capital Region – you will find the following rooms:

- Zinneke
- Lokettenzaal



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09:15-10:00 Room: Auditorium 490

Opening Ceremony

The conference will be opened with a welcoming word from the Child in the City Foundation and the City of Brussels

10:00-10:30 Room: Auditorium 490

Keynote by Bruno Vanobbergen

Secretary-General ad interim at the Flemish Agency Opgroeien

Bruno Vanobbergen was between 2009 and 2019 the Flemish Children's Rights Commissioner. Since 2019 he was appointed as the General Director of the Flemish Agency Opgroeien. He is actually the Secretary-General ad interim of Opgroeien. Bruno Vanobbergen is also guest professor at the Department of Social Work and Social Pedagogy at Ghent University and is Honorary Doctor at Hasselt University. At the Child in the City World Conference he will be presenting a keynote on the topic: 'Building on (international) solidarity'.

10:30-11:00 Room: Auditorium 490

Keynote by Mona Meienberg

Child Rights Advocacy at UNICEF Switzerland and Liechtenstein

The UN predicts that two third of the world's population will be living in urban areas by 2035. Extreme population growth, densification and global warming lead to changing social and cultural patterns and behaviors, which pose multiple challenges to the implementation of child friendly living spaces. Children are part of our society and have particular needs, interests and desires in regard to their direct living environments. The planning and design of living spaces and urban areas strongly influences and impacts children's lives and development. Child friendly living spaces do not only refer to spaces explicitly designated to children, such as playgrounds, but to all spaces: Residential areas, school routes, childcare facilities, cycle paths, public spaces and streets and many more. Children and young people are experts in their own matters. Through participatory planning and design processes that actively involve children, we ensure urban development that is based on the needs of the target group. Sustainable urban development that provides children and young people with the necessary safety and independent mobility that is important for their development must therefore take place in dialogue with children and young people.

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Coffee break

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Parallel sessions 1

PARALLEL SESSION 1.1

Room: Auditorium 490

Playscape-mapper, a PPGIS-method

Soran Mansournia

A Joint PhD Researcher in
Spatial Sciences University of
Otago, New Zealand and
University of Groningen,
Netherlands

Children's Living Environment in Rehabilitation of Coastal Villages Affected by Earthquake Disasters in Japan

Namiko Minai

Department of Housing and
Architecture, Faculty of
Human Sciences and Design,
Japan Women's University.

PARALLEL SESSION 1.2

Room: Auditorium 120

Playcation: free play in densely populated neighbourhoods

Isabelle de Meyere

Cultural policy coordinator at
the Flemish Community
Commission

Lies Van Overschéé

Center Manager at De Platoo
in Koekelberg

Ludic Street Course – rethinking the playful city through an inter- and trans-disciplinary teaching experience

Sonia Curnier

Postdoctoral researcher at the
Laboratory of Urban Sociology
at EPFL

Camille Fauvel

Teacher at EPFL

PARALLEL SESSION 1.3

Room: Lokettenzaal (BIP)

Friendly Urban Spaces: Reinventing school surroundings and grounds via the School Contract

Louison Cuvelier

Urbanist and a project
manager in the School
Department of
perspective.brussels

The school threshold as a place for interaction. Research project with the participation of elementary-school children

Natalia Bazaiou

Architect, researcher, and
educator

(Re)connecting children to nature through the greening of schoolyards

Nathalie Blanc

Director of research at the
CNRS LADYSS

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Parallel sessions 1

PARALLEL SESSION 1.4

Room: Zinneke (BIP)

Co-Generating Urban Knowledge with Children in Istanbul

Özlemnur Ataol

Urban planner, designer & researcher

#CircularCityChallenge: A competition-based Approach to the Participation of Teenagers in Creating Sustainable Futures

Özlemnur Ataol

Urban planner, designer & researcher

What kind of young people will we let to the city and the planet?

Christophe Vermonden

Head of the Education Department at Brussels Environment

PARALLEL SESSION 1.5

Room: Zaal U

Fighting against school dropout in Brussels through tutoring and mentoring

Catherine Dauvister

Project manager in the fight against school drop-out in the School Department at Perspective

Social Justice in Child Friendly Cities: An international comparison of plans, priorities and potential

Sally Power

co-Director of WISERD (Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research and Data)

This is why play is so important!

Mike Greenaway

Director | Cyfarwyddwr

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

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Parallel sessions 2

PARALLEL SESSION 2.1

Room: Auditorium 490

I want to move my house close to school so I can cycle

Sara Tori

PhD Researcher, Department BUTO, Business Technology and Operations

Active commuting to school: does walkability or safety perceptions of the school district matters? An application of audit-based and GIS-based School walkability index tool

Catarina Cadima

Researcher at the University of Porto, Portugal

The shortest vs. greenest home-school routes

Mojtaba Khanian

Member of the Social-Ecological Systems Analysis Lab

PARALLEL SESSION 2.2

Room: Auditorium 120

Playable cities for all: Towards Autism-friendly playgrounds

Raquel Colacios

PhD architect

Blanca Calvo-Boixet

Researcher and PhD student at Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

Building a 'Teenage Space Network' in Antwerp: City planning and design with and for young teenagers

Wouter Vanderstede

Urban planner at Kind & Samenleving (Childhood & Society Research Centre, Belgium)

The leisure participation of children and youth from low-income urban backgrounds in Scotland

Mairéad Murray

Occupational therapist and doctoral student at Queen Margaret University, Edinburgh

PARALLEL SESSION 2.3

Room: Lokettenzaal (BIP)

Moving from engagement to participation: Scotland's continuing journey towards Play Sufficiency

Cherie Morgan

Director of Projects at Play Scotland

Children's access to Nature-based Solutions in school settings: a comparative analysis in four European cities

Elsa Gallez

PhD candidate at the Department of Geography of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Towards guidelines for continuous professional development of early childhood education and care (ECEC) professionals in working with multilingual children and families

Lisandre Bergeron-Morin

Post-doctoral researcher at Ghent University and VBJK, Center for Innovation in the Early Years, Belgium

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Parallel sessions 2

PARALLEL SESSION 2.4

Room: Zinneke (BIP)

Unfolding children's creativity to build more inclusive cities and public spaces

Piera Medina

Founder and executive
director of Fundación Escala
Común in Chile

Carole Gurdon

Director of research and
studies in Fundación Escala
Común in Chile

MAPEA 2023

Natalya Critchley

Visual and social artist

The disruptive effects of migration on children's identities

Wadha Almutawa

PhD candidate at the
University of Pennsylvania

PARALLEL SESSION 2.5

Room: Zaal U

the APPIE project

Louise Wallerich

Research engineer and PhD
student at the University of
Bordeaux

Mapping the Extent of Unhealthy Food Advertising around Schools in Tamaki Makaurau/Auckland

Karolina Kneller

Medical student at Charité in
Berlin

15:30-16:00

Coffee break

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16:00-17:00

Poster presentations

Supporting multilingualism within Dutch-speaking education in Brussels

Piet Vervaecke
Director Onderwijscentrum
Brussel

Educate teens on sustainable ways to use space

Gisèle Vervoort
Urbanist at Kind & Samenleving
(Child & Society, Belgium)

Facilitating smooth transitions to school within a split system

Caroline Vos
Coordinator of 'Opgroeien in
Brussel', a service of the
Flemish Community
Commission (VGC)

Kim Engels
Onderwijscentrum Brussel

Relying on the creativity of youth to improve the school climate in Brussels

Marie-Eve Joret
Project manager at
perspective.brussels

Children Reshaping Cities is a joint initiative by Cities Forum and Save the Children, India

Manish Thakre
Head of Urban Programme and
Policy at Save the Children,
India

Simranjit Singh
Architect and a transport
planner

Early literacy in urban environment

Stijn Callewaert
Public library service of the
Flemish Community
Commission (VGC)

Caroline Vos
Coordinator of 'Opgroeien in
Brussel', a service of the
Flemish Community
Commission (VGC)

Redefining Urban Spaces to Promote Child-Friendly Environments: A Data-Driven Approach in Jundiaí, Brazil

Ursula Troncoso
Urban planner specialist on
child inclusive policies and
participation

Children on Campus – Integrating the needs and aspirations of preschool children into the process of pedestrianizing a university campus

Sonia Curnier
Postdoctoral researcher at the
Laboratory of Urban Sociology
at EPFL

Youth and solidarity in a European perspective

Ernst Radius
Senior advisor youth at Social
Work Netherlands (SWN)

The PARTICIPA Project: Professional Development Tools to Support Participation Rights in Early Childhood Education and Care

Nadine Correia
Researcher at Iscte – University
Institute of Lisbon

Bolstering Wellbeing of Families by Increasing Proximity to Destinations and Mobility Services

Iwona Alfred
Program Manager at the
Institute for Transportation and
Development Policy



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Poster presentations

Building inclusive spaces where teenage girls feel safe and welcome is what we aim to achieve with the G.I.R.L. research

Lore Cuypers

Researcher and lecturer at
Howest University of Applied
Sciences

May I also have an impact? – Learning the skills to grow up into an active citizen

Merja Tiusanen

PhD student at the Faculty of
Education at the University of
Turku, Finland

How Czech Children Spend Time Outside

Hana Veljačiková

Children and Youth program
manager

Bridging the digital divide in childcare access thanks to a large partner network

Annelies Gryffroy

Coordinator of the not-for-profit
organisation

Samenwerken aan
Kinderopvang Brussel
(Collaborating for Childcare
Brussels)

StudioSteph music studio

Jeff Nuyttens

Founder StudioSteph

Urban spaces' adaptability by way of a playful network in Brussels

Roxane van Ginneken

Playfulness expert

Home, Childcare, and In Between: Best Practices in Creating Thriving Environments through Connecting Land Use, Mobility Planning & Childcare

Joe Fretwell

Manager of Advisory Services
at the Low Income Investment
Fund (LIIF)

Shelly Masur

ECE Vice President of Advisory
and State Policy for the Low
Income Investment Fund

Iwona Alfred

Program Manager at the
Institute for Transportation and
Development Policy

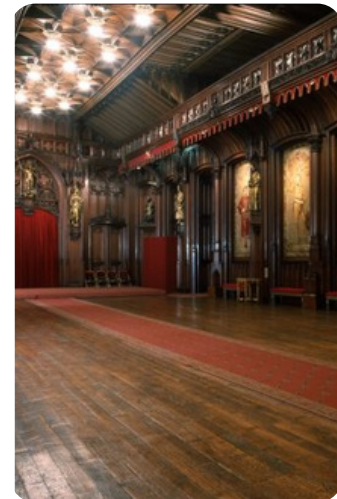
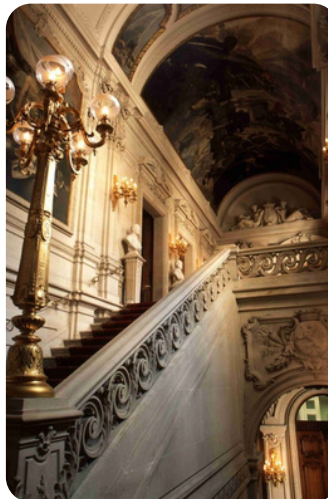
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17:00

Cocktail reception

The city of Brussels invites you to join the cocktail reception. Mingle with other delegates and enjoy some drinks and snacks.

The very exclusive venue for the cocktail reception is the Town Hall of the City of Brussels. This is a landmark building and the seat of the City of Brussels municipality of Brussels, Belgium.





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08:30-09:00

Registration & Welcome Coffee

09:00-09:30 **Room: Auditorium 490**

Keynote by Natalie Davet - Breaking the “Intergenerational Silence”: a Step Forward on Building Intergenerational Cohesion

Doctoral Student in the Department of Education, Communication and Learning at the University of Gothenburg

Current demographic trends demand progressive political solutions to avoid societies with escalating generational conflicts because of increased inequity between generations, increased dependency (Bengtson & Oyama 2007) or intensified ageism (Bytheway 2005). The problem of age segregation can also be accounted for by concerns regarding the economic and political implications of an ageing society in which there is a consequent need for greater social and economic solidarity between generations (Fitzpatrick 2020). Intergenerational interventions, such as joint cultural activities, intergenerational education and learning, multigenerational housing options, community building or other initiatives, has in recent years become an increasingly well-established ideal in many societies around the globe (Davet 2020; Kaplan et al 2020). Despite being perceived as challenging to arrange in practice, the intergenerational idea is embraced both in research and practice as something universally good that benefits "all people". Intergenerational interventions therefore appear to be something that society should fruitfully engage in, but rather avoids because it is demanding and time consuming.

My presentation is based on extensive ethnographic fieldwork combined with policy analysis and it focuses on how intergenerational ambitions runs the risk of reinforcing monogenerational divisions, if not considered and dealt with as a comprehensive political and social concern. By uncovering some of the hidden barriers of intergenerational interventions in the case of Sweden, I will discuss how a permeating “intergenerational silence” become a way of representing and reproducing the actual problem construct of age-segregation.

09:30-11:00

Parallel sessions 3

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PARALLEL SESSION 3.1

Room: Auditorium 490

Austrian klimaaktiv mobil program connects climate, sustainable transportation and environmental education

Petra Vökl

Master of spatial planning
(University of Technology
Vienna & KTH Stockholm)

Inclusive Cycling Infrastructure for Children and Caregivers

Allison Phillips

Active Mobility Planner

UrbanTestbeds.JR – Young Citizens Engagement in Urban Experimentation

Jens Bley

Initiator UrbanTestbeds.JR

PARALLEL SESSION 3.2

Room: Auditorium 120

Snow-Friendly City

Maria Sokolova

PhD, childpsychologist

Anastasia Yurkevitch

Landscape architect Planit-IE,
playground designer

Alku; a design method to create child-friendly outdoor environments.

Lotta Pulkkinen

Visual artist and architect at

Nomaji Landscape Architects
Ltd

Young people's agency and the potential of 'carving out' youth-friendly spaces in disadvantaged communities

Maria Jesus Alfaro-Simmonds

Architect and researcher on
urban childhoods

Sue Bond-Taylor

Senior Lecturer in Criminology
and chair of the Child Friendly
Research Network at the
University of Lincoln

PARALLEL SESSION 3.3

Room: Lokettenzaal (BIP)

Jonge Wegweters (Young Trailblazers)

Sabine Miedema

Sociologist and urban planner
at Kind & Samenleving

Somewhere private we can sit down with Wifi and chargers and shelter: Eliciting the voice of youth about their outdoor play and recreational needs

Carol Barron

Associate Professor in Child
Health and Wellbeing, Dublin
City University, Ireland

Simon Wallace

Senior Parks & Landscaping
Officer

PARALLEL SESSION 3.4

Room: Zinneke (BIP)

Connecting green and play in rural villages

Hilde Wierda-Boer

Senior researcher | HAN University of Applied Sciences, School of Social Studies

Experiences with the participation of children and young people

Alexandra Beweis

Head of the WIENXTRA-department Stadtbox

Art exhibition specifically designed for children

Uno Lin

Founder and designer of "studio uno"

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11:00-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-12:00

Keynote by Fatima Zibouh

Expert/Analyst on Diversity, Inclusion and Discrimination

Fatima Zibouh is an Expert/Analyst on Diversity, Inclusion and Discrimination and a researcher in Social and Political Science (PhD Candidate). At the Child in the City World Conference Fatima will be presenting a keynote on the topic: 'Building on participation and democracy'.

12:00-13:30

Parallel sessions 4

PARALLEL SESSION 4.1

Room: Auditorium 490

Free spaces for culture, leisure and experiment for young people

Sander Van Thomme

PhD student at the department of Social Work and Social Pedagogy at Ghent University

A comprehensive interdisciplinary overview of research on the correlation between playgrounds and children's health

Mette Toftager

Associate professor at the University of Southern Denmark, Researcher in World Playground Research Institute

Building a future: for and with which children?

Piet Tutenel

Researcher at the Research[x]Design group, KU Leuven

PARALLEL SESSION 4.2

Room: Auditorium 120

Seattle Safe Routes to School program

Ashley Rhead

Pedestrian & Neighborhood Projects Manager at the Seattle Department of Transportation

Rapid urbanization in China

Rui Wang

PhD student at the University of Sheffield

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PARALLEL SESSION 4.3

Room: Lokettenzaal (BIP)

Older people who have childcare responsibilities' use of outdoor space in their neighbourhood in China

Yichao He

Postdoc research associate at the Department of LandscapeArchitecture, University of Sheffield

Why and for whom to evaluate local policies. Governments in the face of the system of indicators of Child Friendly Cities Initiative of UNICEF

Gonzalo Navarrete

Founding partner of TRAZA

Paula Jiménez

Consultant at TRAZA

the S2Cities programme

Andrea Betancourt

Senior Programme Officer at GIB

Jens Aerts

Teamleader at BUUR Part of Sweco

PARALLEL SESSION 4.4

Room: Zinneke (BIP)

Does the promotion of child participation in ECE support child development? Associations between participation practices, children's perceived participation, and self-concept.

Nadine Correia

Researcher at Iscte – University Institute of Lisbon

How can we create involved young citizens and democratic cities?

Jeanette Frisk

Architect and Urban designer, Partner in arki_lab – Designing Cities With People and Professor at DIS – Study Abroad

Planting Languages... Seeds of Success

Patrizia Civetta

Teacher in Foyer, an integration centre in Brussels

PARALLEL SESSION 4.5

Room: Zaal U

Coming from Both Sides of the Track

Simeon Smith

Founding member of MaSamba Samba School

Sound-based participatory methods: Empowering Young People in Urban Placemaking Projects

Line Dalile

PhD candidate at the department of Educational Sciences at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel

Healing from tragedy: a toolkit for and by young people

Maddie Frank

Development and Operations Coordinator at Growing Up Boulder

13:30-14:15

Lunch break

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14:15-17:30
Field trips

KAPPELLEKERK NIEUWLAND

URBAN DIVERSITY

Walking Tour



DE NIEUWE SPEELPLAATS (THE NEW PLAYGROUND)

**VISIT URBAN SCHOOL
PLANNING IN BRUSSELS**

Walking Tour



HEYVAERT ABATTOIR

**RECONVERSION OF AN
EMPOVERISHED INDUSTRIAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

By Metro



NOORDWIJK - MASUI

CULTURE & CREATIVITY

By Tram



BOCKSTAEEL

**CHILDREN IN BETWEEN OLD
NEIGHBOURHOODS AND NEW
DEVELOPMENTS**

Bike Tour



BIZET/BIESTEBROECK

**TEMPORARY OCCUPATION
FOR PLAY, SPORTS &
CULTURE**

Bike Tour



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14:15-17:30
Field trips

BELGIAN COMICS: ADULTS ALLOWED

COMICS ART MUSEUM &
COMIC BOOK WALL TOUR

Walking Tour



ANNESENS BOURSE DANSAERT

(INTER)NATIONAL
SOLIDARITY FOR TEENAGERS
AND YOUNG ADULTS IN
BRUSSELS HISTORIC CENTRE

Walking Tour



WORKSHOP DEMOCRACY BELVUE MUSEUM

PARTICIPATION AND
DEMOCRACY FOR
TEENAGERS

Walking Tour



19:00-22:00

Networking dinner (optional)

Bouillon Bruxelles

Predikheerenstraat 7-9

1000 Brussel

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Panel sessions

PANEL SESSION

Room: Auditorium 490

Is the 21st century a good time to be a child?

Claire Freeman

Professor in the School of Architecture at The University of Victoria Te Herenga waka

Sarah Turner

Professor in the Department of Geography at McGill University

Helen Woolley

Professor of Landscape Architecture, Childrens' Environments and Society

PANEL SESSION

Room: Auditorium 120

The preliminary results of Platform C

Emily Mortier

Researcher at Ghent University

Pieter-Jan Teirlinck

Regional youth officer in the rural area Meetjesland, East-Flanders, Belgium

Hannes Vanmeenen

Programme director child-friendly city at the City of Kortrijk, Belgium

Jolijn Dehaene

Coördinator of Network Youthfriendly

PANEL SESSION

Room: Zaal U

Panel session to allow youth representatives, experts working with and above all youth

Jens Aerts

placemaker, Sweco Belgium

Viviana Cordero

Huasipichanga

Anaïs Maes

deputy major in charge of Urbanism and Public Spaces

WORKSHOP

Room: Lokettenzaal (BIP)

Children, Cities, and the Changing Climate: Centering the unique needs of young children in city climate change policies and strategies

Caroline Cassidy

Director, Public Engagement & Strategic Communications at Capita

Nicole Bondi

Vice-Chair, Capita Board of Directors

Joe Fretwell

Manager of Advisory Services at the Low Income Investment Fund (LIIF)

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

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11:00-12:30

Parallel sessions 5

PARALLEL SESSION 5.1

Room: Auditorium 490

Children in Public Space

Helena Szewiola

PhD Candidate, Faculty of Architecture, Silesian University of Technology, Poland

Unleashing Potential: Non-School Spaces Empowering Children's Well-being

Angela Million

Professor of Urban Design and Urban Development at TU Berlin, Germany

Katrin Schamun

Urbanist, architect, and media theorist

Girls and public space

Gitte Van Der Biest

Part of the Team Participation to Public Space of JES Brussels

Jessica Vosters

Part of the Team Participation to Public Space of JES Brussels

PARALLEL SESSION 5.2

Room: Auditorium 120

Empowering youth members in sports clubs

Floris Coffernils

Sports policy maker the Flemish Community Commission

Dieter Truyen

General coordinator of the Brussels Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy

Young Explorers

Jacob Krupnick

Filmmaker

PARALLEL SESSION 5.3

Room: Lokettenzaal (BIP)

the Clean Cities Campaign

Inés Valls

Research technician at the Institute for Global Health of Barcelona (ISGlobal)

Playgrounds are not enough

Raimund Kemper

Lecturer at Department of Social Work at Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences

PARALLEL SESSION 5.4

Room: Zaal U

Participatory methodologies with children in vulnerable urban environments: co-produce experiences and storytelling of their path to school

Marcela Soto

Professor and Coordinator of Urban Planning in the Department of Architecture of the Universidad Técnica Federico Santa María, Chile

the Participatory Children and Youth Million

Nada Taha Ali Mohamed

Head of Junges Wien

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12:30-13:00

Closing sessions

13:00-14:00

Lunch

About Child in the City

Child in the City is an independent foundation. The main objective of the Child in the City Foundation is to strengthen the position of children in cities, promote and protect their rights, connecting people around these shared objectives and giving a platform for the exchange of research results and good practices directed at the creation of child-friendly cities.

The foundation does this by providing communication platforms for the communities of interest (academics, practitioners, (local) authorities and campaigners for children's rights) where they can disseminate research and develop good practice. In so doing the Child in the City foundation wants:

- To strengthen the position of children in cities and to develop child-friendly environments,
- To promote children's rights and to translate children's rights in local urban planning.
- To connect professionals around these shared objectives and giving a platform for research and interesting practices.
- To give children and youngsters a voice in creating supportive environments.
- To improve opportunities to play and to enjoy a rich social and cultural lives.

The Scientific Program Committee

The Child in the City Foundation organizes seminars and conferences together with the members of the Scientific Program Committee. The SPC is the first responsible for the speakers program, the quality of the meetings and its presentations. They do so by initiating highly relevant topics and by inviting expert keynote speakers for each of the topics discussed. Important part of the work done by the SPC is the writing of the call for papers and the reviewing of submitted abstracts. The members of the SPC are present during all seminars and conferences and easily accessible for all participants to discuss new initiatives for future meetings. The Scientific Program Committee has an international board, presided by professor Lia Karsten. Its members are rooted in different countries and have different disciplinary backgrounds. Meet the members of the Child in the City Scientific Program Committee [here](#).



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