

OPEN SOCIAL SPACES

Rethinking Third Places of Ray Oldenburg

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The idea background

- Third places are vanishing
- New communication technology era
- Change of traditional family model
- ...

... BUT WE STILL NEED ALIVE RELATIONS

This is the place where ...

- PEOPLE MEET and dialogue
 - old meet youngsters
 - native meet newcomers
- NEEDS CAN BE SATISFIED
 - individual
 - group
 - social
- SOCIAL CAPITAL RISES and isolation decreases



It can be ...

- Physical
indoors
or in the open space
- Virtual
websites
fan pages
social media



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... and there are no access barriers

- Cheap or free services
- No club members philosophy
- No physical obstacles
- Information about the place is widely spread



It is also ...

- neutral ground
not restricted
- non hierarchical
LEVELER
- field for creation
- rather with relaxed not formal atmosphere

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It can give ...

- NEW FRIENDS
or just new relations
- YOU CAN MAKE A BARGAIN
or join the barter
- FEEL OF TOGHETHERNESS
- STRONGER IDENTIFICATION WITH group or place
- NEW KNOWLEDGE or ABILITIES

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... and it serves the important values

- PARTICIPATION
- CITIZENSHIP (grass-root democracy)
- TOLERANCE
- ACCEPTANCE
- RESPECT
- CO-CREATION

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... but there are also some risk and threats

- Oversteering
- Institutionalisation
- Domination of one group over others
- Devastation

... that is why some moderation would be needed.

What have we done with this as far?

- Defined them
What is the open social space in Your City?
- Mapped them
Where and how many open social spaces do You have?
- Visited and experienced them
How open these social spaces are?
What type of open social space is it?
What the access conditions are to the open space?
- Positioned them on the innovation spiral



and we've done some notes ...

- 01 Wymiennikownia [Exchanger; formal: the Heat Exchange Plant] – Youth Centre for Social Innovation and Design
- 02 tuBAZA
- 03 Emigration Museum in Gdynia
- 04 Social Innovation Laboratory
- 05 Gdynia Główna Theatre
- 06 Friendship Garden – Community Garden – Neighbourhood Space
- 07 Neighbourhood Café
- 08 Klub 1,2,3 [Club 1,2,3]
- 09 "Open School" programme
- 10 Startup Zone Gdynia
- 11 Gdynia InfoBox – Change Observatory
- A Polanka Redłowska
- B.1 Park Rady Europy
- B.2 Skwer Arki Gdynia
- C Gdynia Film Centre
- D Beach



What for open social spaces are?

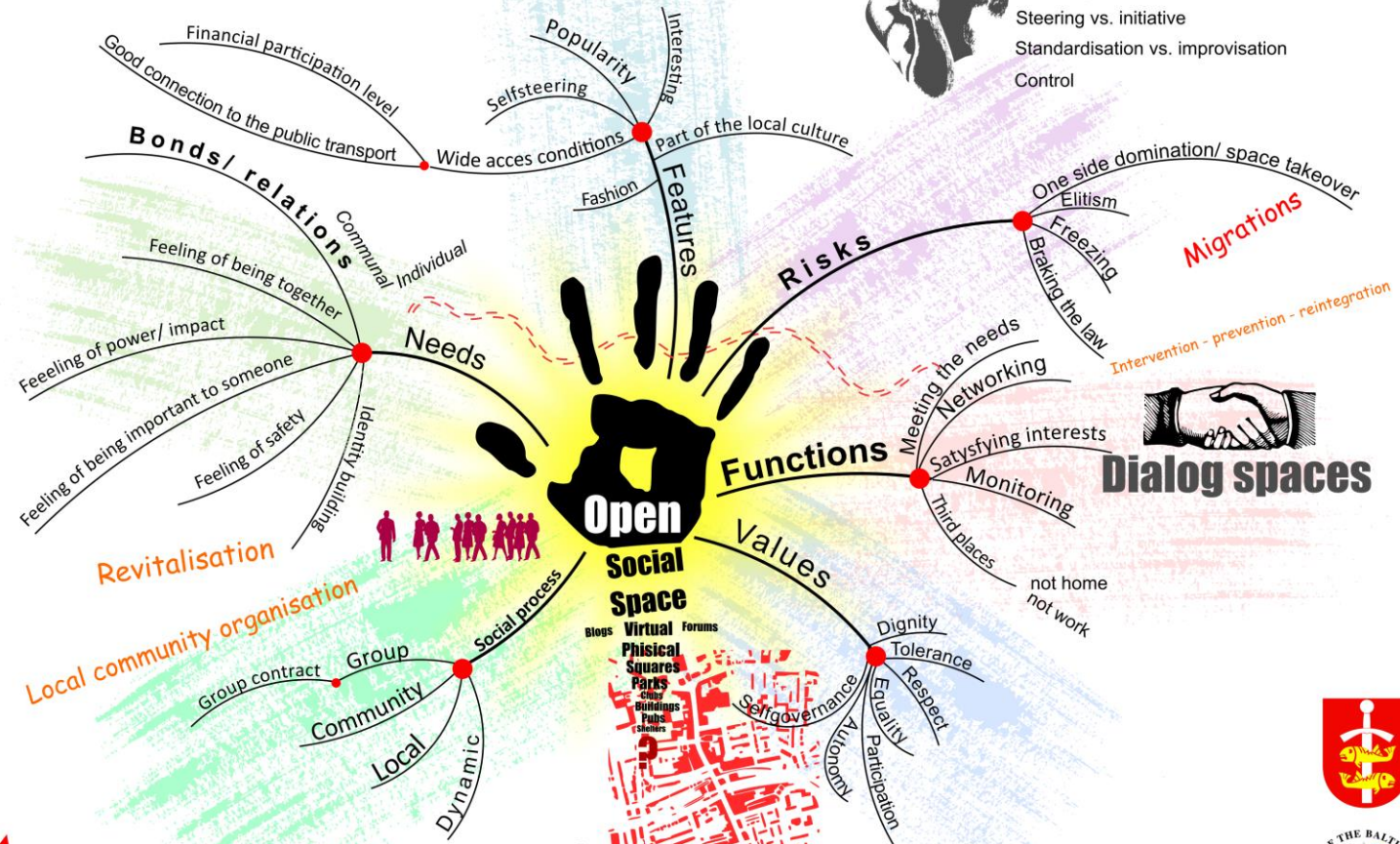
3 Development conditions

What is inevitable for emerging and developing open social spaces?
 What obstruct/ make impossible to create or function open social space?

D y l e m a s



- Private space vs. public space
- Freedom vs. regulations
- Consumption vs. creation
- Steering vs. initiative
- Standardisation vs. improvisation
- Control



1 What is open social space?

2 Map of the OSS in the City



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Open spaces in Karlstad – a city for all

October 2015

Karlstad municipality is participating in the Commission for inclusive and healthy cities. The theme of the coming years is "Meeting places" or "Open spaces". To learn more about what is important when we develop and operate meeting places we have met some of the visitors and managers for one of the municipality's "open space" called Meeting Place Tingvalla. Here are some of our questions:

How can good open spaces/meeting places be developed?
How can information and invitation be spread?
What is the best thing about this meeting place?
What would you change if you could or want to?
Who can have influence on these activities?

Meeting Place Tingvalla

Meeting Place Tingvalla is situated in central locations in the centre of Karlstad. The activities are open three days a week and are targeted at people with mental illness but are also open to all citizens of the municipality of

In one of the room you can find computers, books and a music player, and whoever wants to bring a lunch box here and prepare in the kitchen. A couple of hours one day a week volunteers comes and assist with common knowledge and leading a creative team much appreciated!



Vasti shows me into the main room where about a dozen guests are seated. After

Municipality of Trelleborg

Fagerängsdagen - integration
Ett jämställt Övre – gender equality
Trelleborg Tillsammans – partnering with civil society

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Friendship Garden



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TU BAZA

SUMMARY

- There are lots of open social spaces around us.
- We have piloted a methodology of diagnosing this phenomenon.
- We can build a local strategies for strengthening and development.
- We can use them as a tool to achieve serious goals (e.g. better integration: cross generation, migrants etc.).



to Trelleborg

From Gdynia



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