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## IZVLEČEK

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## KLJUČNE BESEDE

ograjevanje, javni prostor, mesto, urbanizem, izobraževanje mladine

## ABSTRACT

The School Under the Bridge, a metaphor taken from Ivan Cankar, was used as a way to raise awareness and inform the youth about the importance of shared public space. This was done in an informal way, outside the classroom in the chosen public space. The project addressed the topic of (non-) fencing off public spaces, a current problem in Slovenia and particularly in Celje. In addition, the project discussed the question of another current topic – why and what do we fence ourselves from? Aren't fences the reflection of political situation in Slovenia and in Europe that is currently putting up its fences? The project responded to this provocative question through incorporation of architecture: the material, normally used to construct fences, was transformed into urban furniture that encourages socialising and social contacts among public space users.

## KEY WORDS

fencing, public space, city, urban planning, education



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predstavili neskončne možnosti, ki jih ponuja kvalitetni javni prostor in s tem posredno skušali vzgojiti odgovorne uporabnike teh prostorov.

Projekt je ozaveščal o pomenu kvalitetno grajenih in oblikovanih javnih prostorov kot skupni vrednoti ter aktivno vključil mlade pri njihovem snovanju. Javni prostor in njihova ponovna revitalizacija so namreč eden od večjih izzivov celotne države, ki bo terjala veliko strokovnega znanja, angažiranja civilne družbe ter političnega aktivizma.

Poleg tega smo s projektom načeli še eno aktualno problematiko - zakaj in pred čim se danes ograjujemo. Torej, ali niso ograje okrog naših javnih prostorov v mestih le odraz ravnalanja na ravni države in Evrope, ki se prav v tem času pospešeno ograjuje. Projekt je na provokativno vprašanje odgovoril z elementi arhitekture: material, s katerim se ograjujemo, smo transformirali v elemente urbane opreme javnega prostora, ki spodbujajo k druženju in socialnim stikom med različnimi uporabniki javnih prostorov.

Projekt je imel širše učinke tako v smeri prostorskega ozaveščanja, kot iskanja alternativnih bivanjskih oblik in osveščanja glede pomena javnih prostorov, prispeval je k višji stopnji zavedanja o pomenu kvalitetno urejenih javnih prostorov in o primerenem odnosu do le-teh; mladi so se seznanili s prepoznavanjem problemov v skupnem javnem prostoru in aktivno sodelovali pri iskanju rešitev. Dosegli smo tudi konkretni cilj: dejansko smo opremili izbrano območje - javni prostor v Celju - z elementi, ki vabijo k srečevanju in druženju v javnem prostoru in ki pokažejo, da je ograjevanje

to educate responsible users of public space. The project raised awareness about the significance of well-built and well-designed public space and encouraged the youth to actively participate in its creation. The revitalisation of public space is one of the major challenges for the entire country and will take much expertise, engagement of civil society, and political activism. In addition, the project discussed the question of another current topic – why and what do we fence ourselves from? Aren't fences the reflection of political situation in Slovenia and in Europe that is currently putting up its fences? The project responded to this provocative question through incorporation of architecture: the material, normally used to construct fences, was transformed into urban furniture that encourages socialising and social contacts among public space users.

The project was effective in terms of space awareness as well as in seeking out different housing alternatives. It contributed to greater awareness about the meaning of well-maintained public spaces and the appropriate attitude towards them; the youth was introduced to recognising problems and played an active role in finding solutions. We achieved a solid goal: we actually furnished the chosen area – a public space in Celje – with pieces that invite people to meet and socialise and that prove that fencing off public spaces is a wrong approach. The material used was the material typically used for fences – panels, wires, tape, slats. And finally, we posed a question: (why) is fencing off ... truly necessary?

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javnih prostorov napačen pristop k njihovi rabi. Kot material smo uporabili gradiva iz katerih sicer izdelujemo ograje - panele, žice, trakove, letvice. Po- leg tega smo postavili aktualno vprašanje: ali (in zakaj) je ograjevanje javnih prostorov, držav, regij, ... res potrebno?

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