



Pro Juventute Play Festival 2018

Play Conference «Playable Cities» & Pop up Play Action

May 25 and May 26, 2018
Biel Congress House/ Esplanade

Call for proposals:
Presentations and workshops wanted!

How can public urban areas be organised to improve play for children and adults? Can play be used in the public domain as a catalyst for urban development? How can play instigate participative processes of appropriation? How can playgrounds become spaces for the live culture of play and encounter? Can playgrounds also be challenging and playable for adults?

Play is rarely actively promoted in urban areas and is even more rarely integrated into the actual urban planning process. Yet play offers a wide range of resources, methods, processes of appropriation and atmospheric potential for change so as to radically improve cities. The Pro Juventute Play Festival 2018 should support the development of cities of play and further develop discussion of the role of play in urban development processes. The Play Festival 2018 is composed of a conference on the topic of «Playable Cities» and a Play Event for World Play Day 2018 whereby the right to play is celebrated at an international level.



The Play Conference «Playable Cities» (25./26 Mai 2018, Biel) is an invitation for playful reflection on play and people as playful beings as well as the city as a living space. The «Playable City» concept is an attempt to meet the need for more integrative, child-friendly and playful public spaces in a city. Together with invited experts, play will be discussed as a tool to participate in shaping urban culture. The various perspectives and experiences are to be made accessible through the exchange between play activists, planners and designers of playgrounds from the disciplines of urban design, architecture, landscape architecture, spatial planning, social work, and art and design. The Play conference combines professional inputs and lectures with concrete play activities and workshops, which create a playful atmosphere and flesh out the notion of «Playable Cities» in urban space.

The Pop up Play Action «Playable Esplanade» (on the occasion of the International World Play day 2018), at the Esplanade, a diverse public play space will be created where visitors of all ages will be invited to play. The usual play range in the public domain will be contrasted with a potential play range which falls outside of the usual safety standards and will seek to discover and develop new uses in a playful and experimental way. Interaction and designability instead of rocking ducks and slides!

In cooperation with DOJ – the umbrella association for child and youth work in Switzerland and Counterplay, an international NGO, festival & community aiming to make the world more playful.

Call for Papers

Anyone interested in giving a talk or workshop should send an abstract of max. 1 A4 to spielraumprojekte@projuventute.ch.

Conference documentation is envisaged.

Deadline for submissions: 31 January 2018.

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