

“Simply Multiple” A strategic project by the City of Vienna

Physical activity and sports is more than just acting under a specific set of rules

To give children space for free use means to encourage them to physical activity and sports.

“Simply multiple” is a program that was established in 1998 to open up leisure time areas, especially for kids, in a densely built-up city. The aim of “simply multiple” is to open up areas in the city for an increasing number of interested citizens, e.g. to open school playgrounds and sports facilities for the public in the evening, on weekends and during school holidays.

Multiple usage / focus on schools

School sports facilities are very popular with kids, also outside school hours. There are different models: e.g. opening school sports grounds for several hours only or free access to unfenced school sports facilities. This enhances the roles of schools as centres of local infrastructure.



22., ACTiN Park



17., Dr. Josef-Resch-Platz



2., Bundesportwiese in Augarten



3., Joe-Zawinul-Park

22nd district, ACTiN Park in Hirschstetten

The first school sports ground in Vienna without fences and gates; open, central leisure time infrastructure for the housing estate. The local youth centre and its mediation competence were vital for the success of the project.

17th district, Dr. Josef-Resch-Platz

Originally a run-down public playground. After the renovation: A fantastic school sports ground and in the late afternoon, on weekends and during school holidays: A leisure space for the whole neighbourhood ...

2nd district, Augarten

Temporary public use of a school sports facility during summer holidays

3rd district, Joe-Zawinul-Park

Agenda 21 and local initiative: combining a schoolyard, a former street and the former Klopsteinplatz park to become an attractive outdoor facility for everybody, opened in 2009 as Joe-Zawinul-Park

Temporary usage

Temporary usage focuses on areas that are not or not yet being used; vacant lots are often only viewed as car parks even though they would often be better suited as additional outdoor facilities in the district.



17th district, Parhamerplatz

One-time event: “summer in Hernals”, beach volleyball on a vacant lot



11th district, Bauspielplatz Leberberg

An undeveloped area, which later became a shopping centre, was used as adventure playground while the public parks in the area were still being realized

The Viennese way of reducing conflicts: additional offers instead of closed areas

Providing alternatives and guiding behaviour



2nd district, Central Garden



21st district, underground playground

2nd district, the Central Garden at the Danube Canal

In 2008 the Central Garden at the Danube Canal was established as a contrast program to the European Football Championship. Girls' football tournaments and club atmosphere in the evening are organized as temporary events during the summer season (www.centralgarden.at).

21st district, “underground playground”

Outdoor facilities were developed below a new highway exit in the vicinity of a large shopping centre in the north of Vienna. The development was based on participation workshops (www.juvivo.at) and sponsored by “Spielraum” (NIKE and DKJS).



5th district, Gürtelfreiflächen



23rd district, indoor skateboarding

5th district, Gürtelfreiflächen

Requested and confirmed by intense, daily use. The playgrounds and sports facilities along the Gürtel outer ring road are an alternative to the overcrowded parks of the neighbouring districts and are also used by girls for football training.

23rd district, indoor skateboarding in Perfektastraße

Trend sports as expression of youth culture and example for a new young creative economy (www.skatearea23.at)

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