

## Urban Playground



How child-friendly planning & design can save cities

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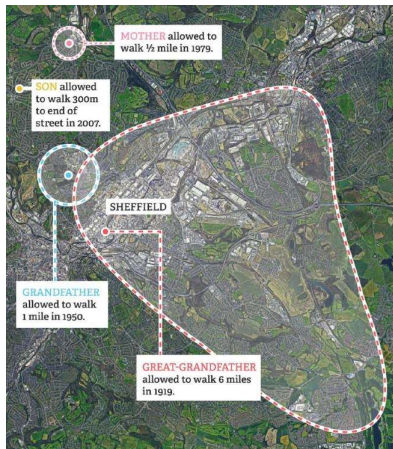


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1. What is child-friendly planning & design?
2. Which cities are leading the way?
3. What about Barcelona?
4. Making it happen



For more about the book: <https://rethinkingchildhood.com/urban-playground/>

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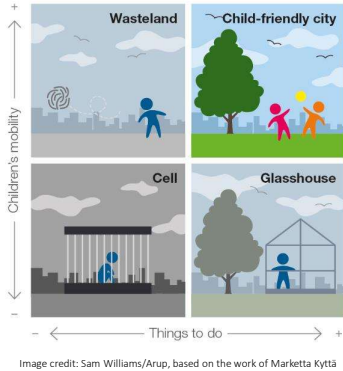
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1. What Is Child-Friendly Planning?



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The Ultimate Child-Friendly Neighbourhood?



Image credits: City of Freiburg (left); Tim Gill (right)

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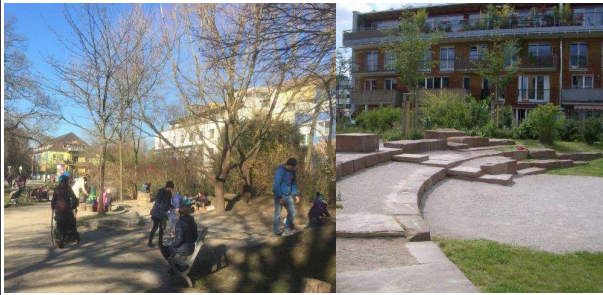


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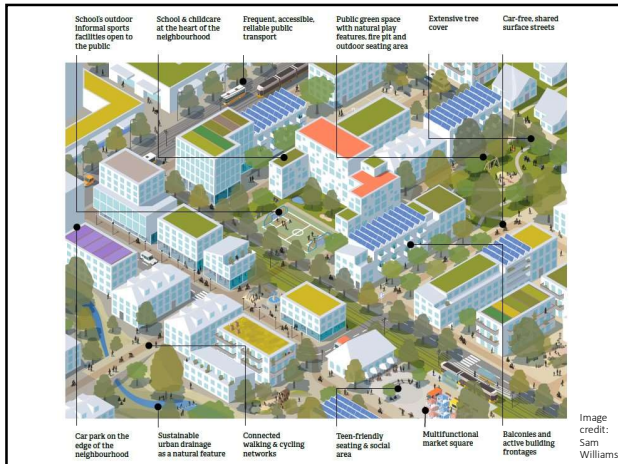


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## 2. Which cities are leading the way?

Calgary  
Vancouver  
Boulder



Fortaleza  
Recife

Oslo  
Antwerp  
Ghent  
Rotterdam  
London  
Freiburg  
Barcelona  
Tirana  
Tel Aviv

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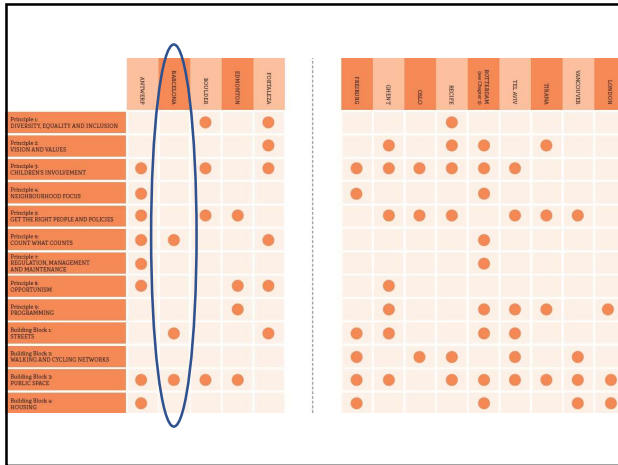
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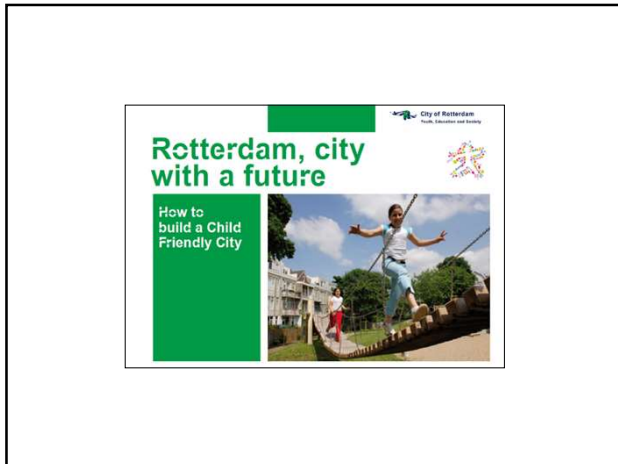
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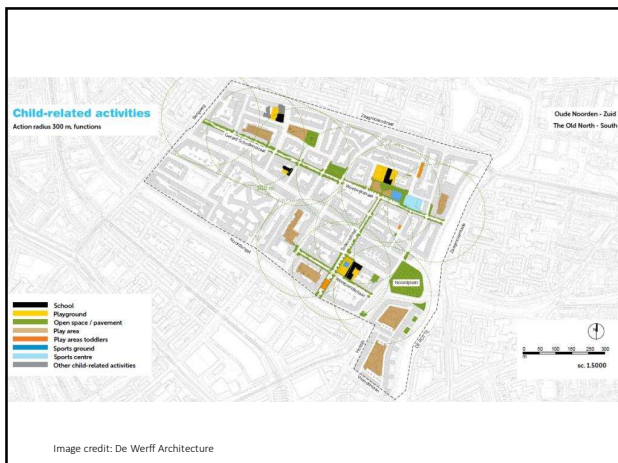
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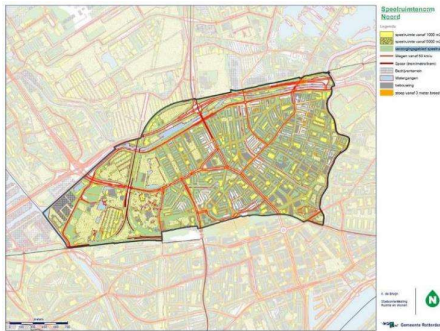
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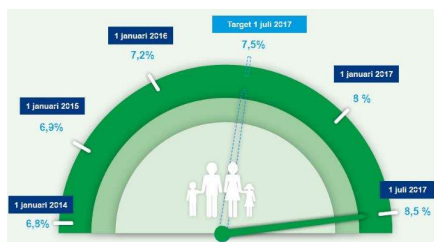


Image credit: City of Rotterdam

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Soccer pitch in Buriti favela, Recife (left); Jardim do Baoba, Recife (right). Image credits: Tim Gill

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Public space outside library, Tirana. Image credit: Adonel Myzyri

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New playground in Tirana Grand Park. Image credit: Adonel Myzyri

*“The focus on children  
[in Tirana] helped  
create a common  
ground that softened  
the rancorous tone of  
national politics.”*

Gabriel Kuris, Princeton University

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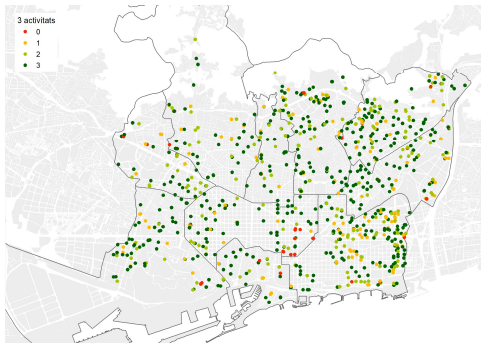
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### 3. What About Barcelona?




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### ¿QUÉ ES UN ENTORNO ESCOLAR PACIFICADO?

EN LAS CALLES CERCANAS

EN LOS ACCESOS A LAS ESCUELAS

Menos tráfico y contaminación

Ampliación de las zonas de estancia

Velocidad reducida

Más verde y zonas de sombra

Mejora del alumbrado

Más mobiliario en el espacio público

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### 4. Making It Happen

- The challenges are moral & political (not technical)
- Get the right people & policies
- Seize any opportunity
- Children as a unifying lens



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