

Responding Together

Visit of local initiatives that contribute to the fight against inequalities
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Small report

Initiatives visited

The aim of the visit was to meet different projects carriers that propose creative ways to facilitate access to resources and build social ties. Each experience that was discovered during the visit contribute to the fight against poverty and strengthen social cohesion at local level. Although the approaches and relations with institutions vary from one project to another, there are common elements such as the idea of actively include the people that participate to the projects and of reusing or sharing common resources (such as clothes, knowledge, spaces, etc..).

Friperie le Léopard

Giving a second life to clothes

The Leopard is an "exotic and solidarity" charity shop where original and good quality secondhand clothes, shoes, bags and other objects are sold at very affordable price to customers from different social backgrounds. This boutique is part of the Relay network which creates employment in rehabilitation at regional level.

8 Rue des Veaux - 67000 Strasbourg

Maison Mimir

Self-managed social space

The Mimir house emerged from the encounter between homeless people and social workers, wishing to develop a space for residence and creation, and who occupied together a municipal building that had been abandoned for 11 years. Enjoying today a 20-year emphyteutic lease, Mimir is an alternative self-managed space offering cultural and social activities. Mimir also provides solidarity services such as a social luggage, small market and low-cost exchange space.

18 rue Prechter - 67000 Strasbourg

Jardin partagé place Sainte-Madeleine

Community garden and urban gardening

The Community Garden Sainte Madeleine is one of the four community gardens of the Krutenau neighbourhood. It was created in 2009 and is inspired and managed by the neighbours who meet at the garden at least twice a week in order to share ideas on current activities (sowing, harvesting, etc.) and to recover organic waste which is used as compost for the garden.

Place Sainte Madeleine - 67000 Strasbourg

Bretz'selle

Bike self-repair workshops

At Bretz'selle, you're the bicycle mechanic! Bretz'selle was founded in April 2010 along the lines of a simple idea: to promote the use of bicycles by learning how to repair them in self-repair workshops. Today, the association is developing around two main axes: the creation of innovative, "green" and fulfilling jobs; and the expansion of similar experiences in other parts of the city.

10 Rue des Bouchers - 67000 Strasbourg

Restaurant L'étage

Social Restaurant and day center

The Youth Club L'étage has been working in many activities with youth at high risk for more than 30 years. A reception centre and a restaurant were opened in 1981 and in 1984, in the city centre of Strasbourg, to establish and maintain contact with vulnerable young adults, often homeless, who

rarely frequent the usual places of social action.

19 quai des Bateliers - 67000 Strasbourg

Participants to the visit

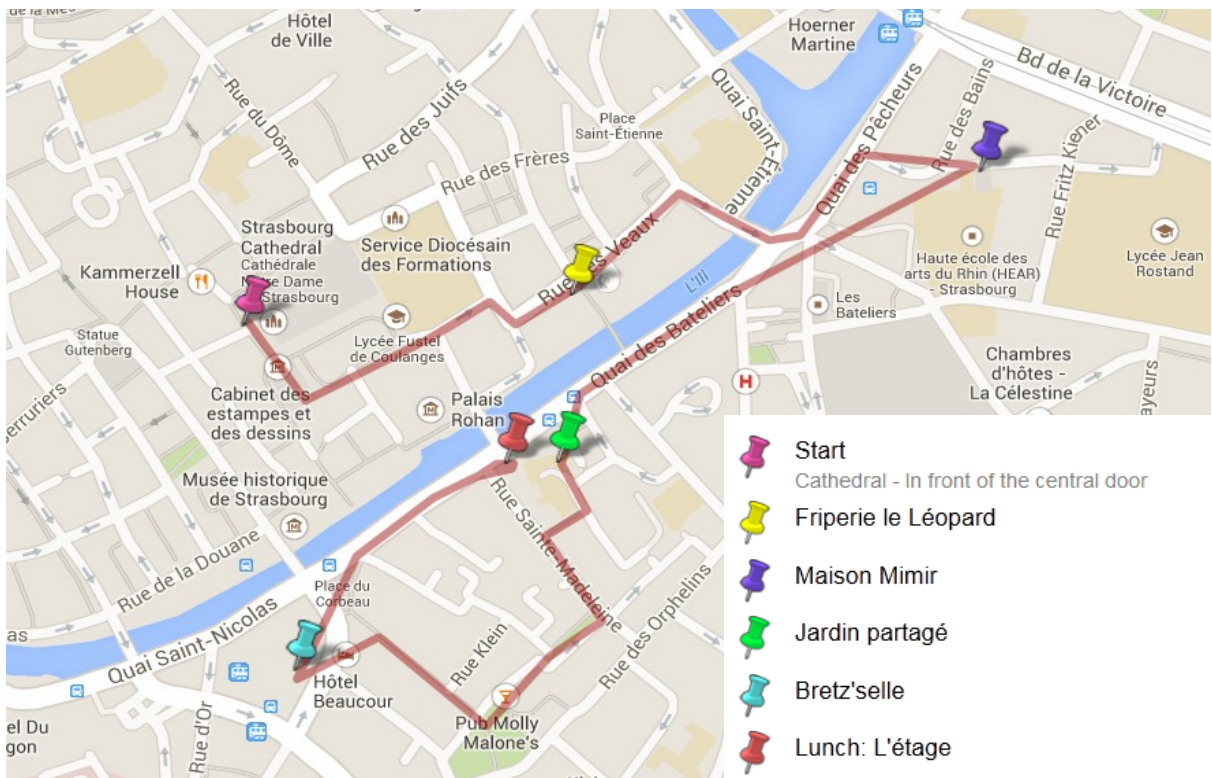
Over twenty actors from different countries and backgrounds participated to the visit. This included citizens' engaged in original projects, researchers from academia and policy makers who are interested in the transformative capacity of these initiatives.

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The paths

Visitors were divided in two groups during the morning to facilitate the discussion with the project carriers and the two groups met for the last visit at the social restaurant L'Étage.

Red path



Green path

