

Chapter 6 / Activation Day and Workshop Results

In order to create an opportunity to present the results to scholars and conference visitors, on the first day of the Conference several field-based workshops were organized in collaboration with Corvinus Science Shop and selected Budapest-based NGOs. Preceded by several months of preparation, the local NGOs were invited based on the meaningful and impactful work they do and its relevance to the conference themes. Three organizations were invited to present a challenge that they currently face in a case study format: Clean Air Working Group, which focuses on climate activism in an urban context; Migration Aid, which is currently engaged in helping refugees mainly fleeing the Ukrainian war, focusing primarily on the education of children; and Shelter Foundation, which deals with the housing crisis and homelessness in Budapest. With the participation of other NGOs, experts, students, and professionals, they engaged in one-day workshops where they attempted to create design-based answers through a facilitated design thinking process. The purpose of the workshop was to collaboratively explore real-world challenges from diverse perspectives, with the overarching goal of charting a path forward. This endeavor sought to provide valuable insights not only to the specific organization at hand but also to other NGOs and professionals operating within the same sphere.

WORKSHOP 1: LEVEGŐ MUNKACSOPORT (CLEAN AIR WORKING GROUP)

CHALLENGE

How might we increase youth engagement towards cleaner air in cities through social design methods?

DESCRIPTION

The workshop focused on the topic of urban youth engagement in climate equity. The case study provided by Levegő Munkacsoport (Clean Air Working Group) focuses on a specific district of Budapest through the lens of public space use and civic ownership over them. The case required participants to identify stakeholders in relation to youth, analyze the current process of engagement, and find ways to open up new and more efficient ways of bringing youth into climate equity on an everyday level. Besides social designers, climate-conscious youth, changemakers and design theorists, policymakers, civil organizations and local stakeholders participated in the workshop to create a meaningful action plan and concepts for the future.

Pictures from the event (Photographer: Máté Lakos)

