

An introduction to Stadspark West.

Sited in between Rotterdam West and Northwest, between highways, railway lines and waterways, there is a beautiful raw landscape. Full of green, full of life, alternating between peace and bustle. At a first glance at the map this area may look like an insignificant piece of Rotterdam. But if you zoom in you see a valuable "green lung" that connects the Nieuwe Maas with the polders. We call this area Stadspark West, which is already so important to many thousands of people from Rotterdam thanks to its surprising nature.

Here in Stadspark West, the residents of Rotterdam sport, walk, garden, meet, picnic and relax. It is an essential living space for people and flora and fauna in the heavily heated or wet city. And as a green lung and hiding place for the urban hustle and bustle, the park is crucial for a healthy, safe and sustainable future of Rotterdam and the people of Rotterdam.

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On Site

TU Delft

Students from landscape architecture, architecture and urbanism at TU Delft made a collective project, with the aim to explore the potential of Stadspark West as interstitial space: space outside the regulated spaces of society and as such allowing for the unexpected and the unregulated, for alternative and surprising uses and meaning. Their task was to make these spaces accessible - mentally, visually and physically - as spaces of coexistence and unexpected encounters. This led to three separate products, that mutually influence each other: 1) inventive analysis, 2) conceptual design for Stadspark West, 3) temporary intervention.



For more information visit our website: <https://hetlandvanwild.cargo.site/>

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Scenes in Stadspark West

Rotterdamse Academie van Bouwkunst

Stadspark West, a tapestry of many parks, has been the canvas for a unique exploration. From the Poldermonument, a dozen microcosms, its systems of ex- and inclusion, to the Water cathedral and via an ode to silence and the outward and retrospective to the Land lochs. From the wet winter days of February until the present day, seven students from the Rotterdam Academy, guests and tutors, each with their distinct lens, conducted their research and design projects. How do they make Stadspark West visible and experienceable, and what do they find of value here or not? Through seven situational interventions, these diverse perspectives share their experiences and insights that contribute to the hidden wealth of Stadspark West.

Scenes in Stadspark West is not just a studio but a living testament to the power of collaborative learning and making. The Rotterdam Academy of Architecture and Urbanism and the allotment community Blijddorp have been the nurturing hosts of our on-site weekly tutors, fostering a strong sense of community and shared learning.

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Building stages beyond the theatre

HKU (University of the Arts - Utrecht)

During a site-specific, public space project 15 international Master Scenography students explored and researched different areas in proximity to the allotment Streven naar Verbetering (SNV).

We wondered about practicing scenography, beyond the theatre stage and building:
What if we build our own 'stages' outside of a theatrical context engaging with existing spaces and ecosystems?
What if we think the stage not as an empty box to fill to one's liking and the 'frame' of the theatrical building not as the only structure that can 'set our stages'?
How and what do we research, what are the actors we are setting the stage for and how do we communicate to our public?

For nearly 3 weeks the students explored and experimented in the periphery Stadspark West with 'building other' stages. Several performative and scenographic performances, installations and interventions can be observed, explored and participated in.

Please come and join us on these explorations!

For more information on where and when to find the individual works follow us on Instagram: @hku.scenography and/or wonder towards the Clubhuis of SNV (see map) on 22 June between 12-16h.

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Parklife

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An essential skill for the 21st century is the close reading of what we find. The ability to see what qualities to maintain will limit superfluous production of things we don't need. Considering Stadspark West as an ensemble our changes will only be small and fragmentary. Yet by changing a part we will change the whole. Reading the park through a picturesque lens we will strategically insert missing steps into the sequences that are present on site. In the process we will weave in new narratives using elements sourced from the environment, whether natural or artificial, designed using methods of collage and assembly.

The studio is part of a collaboration initiated by Anne Karin Ten Bosch (Rotterdam) between TU Delft, the Academy of Architecture in Rotterdam, and the HKU in Utrecht. Through simultaneous site visits we will exchange experiences and collectively aim to give new perspectives to this unintended park.

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All the spots are included in a Google maps.



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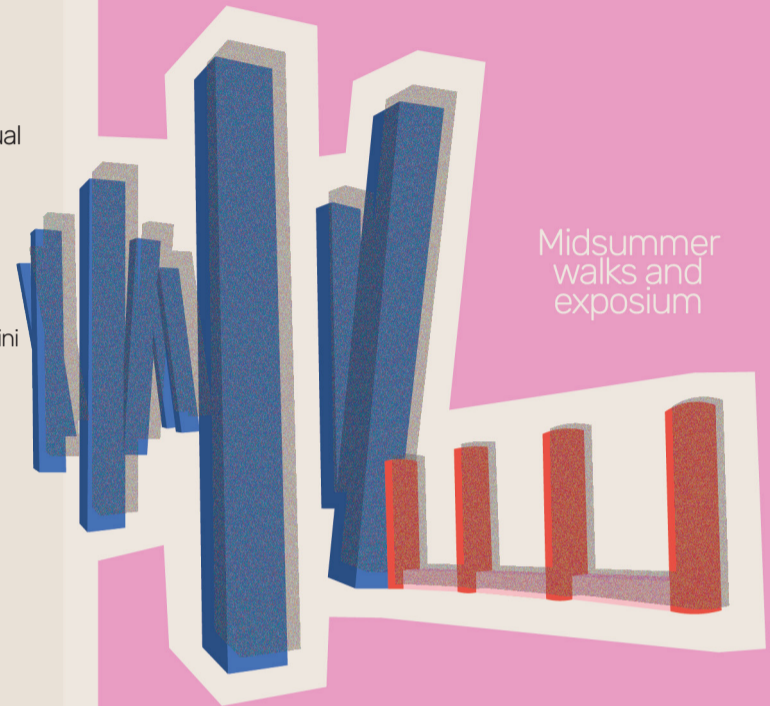
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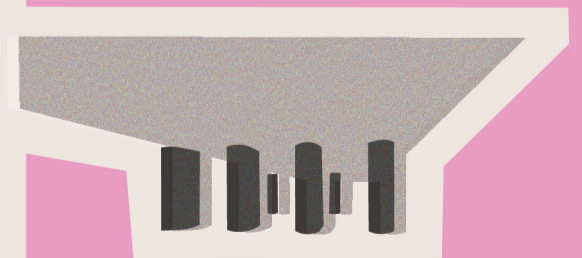
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Midsummer
walks and
exposium

Programme saturday June 22:

- 12:00 walk in
- 12:15 Introduction to Stadspark West and 4 universities
- 12:45 start midsummer walks
- 15:00 final discussion at Stadscamping Rotterdam



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