Landscapes for living?

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Public Landscapes – public ethics:
Children demand their places deliver their needs for social, mental and physical development.

This need is the same for adults.

You're never too young to dream big.
Priory Green Estate
Abbey Orchard Estate
Golden Lane Campus
St John’s Estate
Dover Court Estate
Marylebone Playground
Coram’s Fields
The Landmark
Deptford
Public Landscapes – public ethics:

Importance
Understanding
Priority
Public landscapes:

Importance
Governing a Democracy is simply a matter of managing the tension between the needs of the state and the rights of the individual.

Sophocles – Antigone
Plato – the Republic
Jefferson – The American constitution
‘Cities have the capability of providing something for everyone, only because, and only when, they are created by everyone’

Jane Jacobs
Life and Death of American Cities
Red Hot Chilli Peppers in Hyde Park ?
Public space:

Importance

Understanding
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Complexity:
The function of the landscape
It’s role as a component of natural systems
Environmental Role
Environmental Role
Social Role
Social Role
Economic Role
Economic Role
Public landscapes:

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Public Spaces should:

Be sociable and safe
Be for our children
Be accessible for all especially our elderly
Be beautiful
Be maintained
Contribute to the micro, meso and macro environment
Be plant rich and bio diverse
Be flexible
Reduce crime
Improve health (mental and physical)
Contribute to education
Etc, etc, etc ..........?
Political Priority ?
The Olympic Park
Landscape considerations should be everywhere
“To enhance the economic and social future of the Borough to meet the needs and aspirations of the community”

BBC - Strategic aim

Maritime Streets – Barrow in Furness
“Consultation events highlighted the need for improvements to be made to the local environment and public realm.”

Cumbria County Council's Community Division
First impressions

“The human brain takes seven seconds to make a first impression. In business interactions first impressions are crucial and are more heavily influenced by nonverbal clues”

Forbes.com 13/02/2011
Community engagement

Initiatives:
- Gardening
- Growing
- Horticulture
- Influencing the design
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Crossings
Some of the challenges we faced

- Desolate and harsh landscape
- Very low maintenance standards or aspirations
- Empty flats – Investment environment
- Deprivation: Poverty, Education needs, Physical fabric
- Petty Crime/drink/drugs?
- Health (Mental and Physical)
- The survival of a community
Some tools we use

- Consultation
- Raising awareness
- Confidence through understanding the issues
- Recognising landscape includes everything
- Getting involved in everything
- Worrying about the fee or being recompensed for what you are really doing
- Getting political
- Leading
The tools we all need:

• Thinking holistically is the landscape professionals specialism
• Leadership through clarity of vision
• Continuous learning and support
And finally:

Working together?