



METAMORPHOSIS

STREET OPENINGS

The street is a living room. Temporary openings of streets or public spaces will transform those streets and spaces for example into "holiday streets" or "birthday squares". We talk about openings instead of closures, because we open them for people and only close them for cars.

AIM

Temporary street openings differ in duration: short time, one day, several days. The aim is to move from just once to regular, from short-term to long-term and from temporary to permanent change. Openings are organised throughout the city and activities are held to show the potential of the space.

GOALS

- **Increase** the quality of life
- Raise the **awareness** for the topic public space.
- **Appropriation** and **adoption** of public space
- **Increase** communication in the neighbourhood
- **Empowerment** of people using the street as their "living room"
- Show people an **alternative** for the usage of public space

Examples

Graz- from parking lot to action

For seven days, a parking lot was cleared of cars. During this time, various projects took place on this site. With the aim to show what qualities this place has when it is not full of cars. One day children from schools in the neighbourhood were playfully acquiring the public space

Southampton- Road opening Valentine Primary School

During the school's starting and finishing times the road was opened. This to encourage play and the use of active travel to and from school by creating a safer, more child friendly area around the school by reducing traffic movements around the area.

More information: <http://www.metamorphosis-project.eu/>

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