City and Performance Centre
Adaptive Artist Spaces

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Abstract

I represent the discourse around social systems that emphasise necessary artist spaces and the permanent city fabric as a shared space prototype. Its design for adaptive agents and different assemblages makes the City and Performance Centre a space for artists, community, and permanent government agencies. The focus of the adaptive system contextualises the sharing of dense spaces within the value generating context at Frihamnen. My discourse is about ways disproportionate and lacking social systems can be provided with adequate art, community, and government spaces.

The City and Performance Centre involves dense artists spaces as social systems designed for adaptive public spheres and different contexts. Its adaptive stakeholders value all fine art categories, dense city fabrics, and active planning criterion. Creating these values at Frihamnen is the state and outcome of the City and Performance Centre’s shared spaces.

My master thesis tests its discourse through prototype design, drawings, model studies, cultural studies, base precedent systems, and interviews.

My master thesis is a research for design project. I formulate my prototype to involve dense artist spaces as social systems designed for adaptive criteria. My base architectural system identifies this with design for different assemblages to represent the discourse around its social systems. The states and outcomes of the social systems at the City and Performance Centre demonstrates the intrinsic public context for the city of the future; this is shown in terms of shared spaces, culture, values, and social systems.

Keywords: artist space, community programme, government agency, shared space, adaptive agents, design for difference, social system, organisation, public context, research for design
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**WHAT?**

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Göteborg’s Kulturkalas
Inspirational Precedence

New Street Spaces: Do it yourself (DIY) mosaics was a social experience on the busy street and anyone could create their own mosaic here. By breaking apart plates into small chips, arranging them to a drawing, and then gluing them together an art experience was offered to the public.

New Artist Spaces: Many of the tents, which covered the Trädgårdsföreningen park, offered a social life for child arts and crafts, learning, etc. Barn Radion offered a carnival tent.

New Shared Functions: Atelje Vaxthuset offered a social life for visitors to paint. This greenhouse is normally used to keep the garden maintained, but for the Kulturkalas Göteborg’s Kunsthall shared this space by installing a protective floor.

Re-purposing Street Spaces: Street performances were plentiful and kept the atmosphere lively, and were organised to offer a pleasant social experience.

Re-purposing Artist Spaces: Existing organisations let cultural groups use their buildings for organised social catalyst performances.

Re-purposing Gallery Spaces: A-venue teamed up with student artists from Valand academy and made an exhibition space built up from the student’s work. At this social catalyst, the broad exhibition space was shared between the different students.

CONTRASTING TEMPORARY EVENT VS. PERMANENT BACKDROP

“In order to move towards a more distinct knowledge economy, ... [c]ulture is one of the [necessary] driving forces. It supports the service sector and is important for regional development, growth, job opportunities and new products” (Jarkiewicz, Shillingford, Andersson, 2012).
RiverCity Gothenburg
Inspirational Evidence

Low Value Waterfront Property as Potential for Artist Spaces

RiverCity Gothenburg is a strategic plan with similarities to my master’s thesis outcomes. The RiverCity Gothenburg planning report includes strategies and a researched account of why it benefits Gothenburg to develop the city in these ways. I first look at each strategy—Connect the City, Embrace the Water, and Reinforce the Centre—in more detail. I then discuss how the context in the planning report is relevant for active and dense artist spaces. I begin by discussing the prominent designs that inspire my master thesis.

RiverCity Gothenburg is very similar as a plan to the City and Performance Centre’s outcomes. It is “built around the principles of the compact city. There is a wide variety of meeting places and activities. RiverCity Gothenburg is dynamic.” (pp. 6) The compact city, variety, and dynamic contexts inform me how this planning report is offering development along the lines of shared spaces for artists at a relevant location in Gothenburg. As a system, the city context that the planning report departs from is useful for me to consider how my master thesis uses all sorts of derelict spaces to turn them into active and dense artist spaces while also following Gothenburg’s vision to be a sustainable city.

Connect the City is based off the size and density of each development district that is a part of RiverCity Gothenburg, and how that leads to better conditions to develop a strong diversified economy (pp. 10). “The large area covered by RiverCity Gothenburg, over four square kilometres, is in the very heart of the region and will be easily accessible from a large part of West Sweden” (pp. 9). The close relationship between the water and the city has had historical significance for Gothenburg, and “will be reinforced by providing cultural institutions such as museums, performance venues and public arenas alongside small working premises for studios and workshops.” RiverCity Gothenburg will take particular account of the potential offered by architecture and art to contribute to a vibrant, welcoming city (pp. 35).

Embrace the Water references Gothenburg’s relationship to the Gota Älv river. Historically Gothenburg has had a close relationship “between the water and the city with thriving trade and the shipbuilding industry along the river.” Recently, people’s connection to Gota Älv has diminished and RiverCity Gothenburg intends to restore it back. With more defined river laws for Frihamnen, the shipping industry, upstream of the bridge Älvsborgsbron, and also by dissolving the border between the river and the city this plan restores historically relevant feelings for everyone. “The water should be part of our urban life with river traffic and marinas, walking paths and activities along the quays and banks” (pp. 22).

Reinforce the Centre connects the city centre across the river as an attractive year-round space where “everything we need in day-to-day life is close at hand” (pp. 25). Here, this is accomplished by building a large number of hubs along Gota Älv which connect the city (pp. 28). A diverse economy is historically significance for Gothenburg, and “will be reinforced by providing cultural institutions such as museums, performance venues and public arenas alongside small working premises for studios and workshops.” RiverCity Gothenburg will take particular account of the potential offered by architecture and art to contribute to a vibrant, welcoming city (pp. 35).

(Jarkiewicz, Shillingford, and Anderson, 2012)
North Sea Tall Ships Regatta
Problematic Precedence

New Street Life: As a way to offer a memorable social experience the show captured the large audience by recognising Gothenburg with an award, and Sweden by a flyby with a commentary.

New Artist Spaces: Children especially liked to engage with the social life tools offered for everyone to play with on the sailing ships, and the Swedish armed forces exhibition.

New Shared Functions: The social life at Frihamnen allowed sailing ships of all sizes ample space, the Swedish armed forces an exhibition space, a vibrant street life, good services, and performance spaces.

CONTRASTING TEMPORARY EVENT VS. PERMANENT BACKDROP
This event evaluates and as a discourse, it brings activity and life to, unused spaces at Frihammen.

Re-purposing Street Life: These social experiences were themed to sailing and the Swedish armed forces.

Re-purposing Artist Spaces: Uniforms from the sailing ship’s contexts were popular social catalysts, and also by people interacting with Swedish armed forces they got this same feeling.

Re-purposing Urban Spaces: Gothenburg knew that so many people are interested in visiting the North Sea Tall Ships Regatta, that the ferry was directed to stop here, and the masses of people were a social catalyst as expected.
This article evaluates and as a discourse, it provides a prescribed model for both existing and new shared spaces.

### Table 1. Examples of potential benefits and pitfalls when establishing a shared space

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<td>- Sustainability (fewer buildings and optimised use)</td>
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<td>- Synergy (between different users)</td>
<td>- Risk of lack of demand</td>
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<td>- Cost reduction (increasing economies of scale)</td>
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<td>- Better connection with outside world (corporate social responsibility)</td>
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<td>- Creating a more vibrant atmosphere (avoiding “dead space”)</td>
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Source: Brinkø et al. (2014)

The scope of sharing is nothing new, but over the last decade or so, the newly introduced term *sharing economy* has launched a renewed focus on sharing. A *sharing economy* is one in which the border between people’s ownership and access has been blurred, largely mitigated by the Internet and social media. However, the sharing has not stopped here and it has now started to move from being about stuff to being about spaces. The history of shared spaces has had relevance for facilities management in the forms of open office spaces, urban shared spaces which include parks, squares, and streets, physically shared spaces, and a common understanding of generic shared spaces (pp. 737-739).

Source: Adapted from Brinkø et al. (2014)

**Figure:** The typology of shared spaces was developed using this method and research tools.

**Access Over Ownership** "creates an overview of the different possibilities for working with shared spaces in practice" (pp. 743), which is what the City and Performance Centre approaches through shared space prototypes. It looks at how shared spaces are understood, managed, and what value they bring for companies and cities. Each of these points is important for my master thesis. Even though this paper is "mainly directed towards larger property owners such as municipalities and companies with a facilities management (FM) department" (pp. 737) it illustrates the problem I perceive for active and dense artist spaces too.

(Brinkø, Nielsen and Meel, 2015).
Ateljé Vaxthuset
Base Architectural System

Ateljé Vaxthuset was a shared event space which offered people spaces for painting, art and crafts, and culture.

This greenhouse is normally used to keep Trädgårdsföreningen’s gardens maintained, but for the Kulturkalas Göteborg’s Kunsthall used its central location and appealing neighbourhood as an ateljé. They worked with the gardeners by agreeing to install a protective covering on one of the building’s wings and a protective path to this room, and shared the building’s spaces.

- **Adaptive System**
  - Sharing the greenhouse was done by a polyethylene floor covering.
- **Difference Discourse**
  - The greenhouse treated the paintings like plants, and they were hung on the wall hooks.
- **Criteria Focus**
  - The gardeners did not require the windows to be covered - because of the plants health
  - The darker colours were surfaces covered with polyethylene so that the space could be shared.
  - On the blue side were full-height painting spaces, and on the red side were painting courses.
  - The entry’s polyethylene path is the blue side, and the red side was left unprotected.
Difference Discourse
Isolated Social System

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PERSONAL AND AUDIENCE SOCIAL SYSTEMS FOR TEMPORARY ARTIST SPACES

Event and backdrop models use different art spaces as social mechanisms, and my prototype mitigates these differences through discourses dealing with physical space.

I compare and contrast the inspirational precedent, Göteborg’s Kulturkalas Precedent, against the problematic precedent, North Sea Tall Ships Regatta. I focus on the social systems in the examples. The personal social systems are offered as physical play spaces. The audience social systems scale to people’s social spheres.

New Street Spaces: GÖTEBORG’S KULTURKALAS:

- Personal social experience

Re-purposing Street Spaces: GÖTEBORG’S KULTURKALAS:

- Audience social experience

New Open/Interaction Spaces: NORTH SEA TALL SHIPS REGATTA:

- Audience social experience

Re-purposing Built/Interaction Spaces: NORTH SEA TALL SHIPS REGATTA:

- Personal social experience

ATELJÉ VAXTHUSET, BASE ARCHITECTURAL SYSTEM

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- Personal social life

- Audience social catalyst

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- Personal social catalyst
Adaptive System
Isolated Social System

ADAPTABILITY BETWEEN PERSONAL AND AUDIENCE SOCIAL SYSTEMS FOR PERMANENT ARTIST SPACES

Permanent backdrop models work with adaptive art spaces as undiscriminating social systems.

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**New Street Spaces:**

**Re-purposing Street Spaces:**

**New Open/Interaction Spaces:**

**Re-purposing Built/Interaction Spaces:**

**GÖTEBORG’S KULTURKALAS:**

Personal **social experience.** The gardens demonstrated a revisited social system.

Personal **social experience.** Urban art placed on the busy street.

Audience **social life.** The museums were free and worked with this social system.

Audience **social catalyst**

**NORTH SEA TALL SHIPS REGATTA:**

Audience **social experience.** Göteborg’s Lord Mayor receiving a reward and opening the event.

Audience **social experience.**

Personal **social life.** People connected to the Göta Älv.

Personal **social catalyst**
Part 2: Prototype

Shared Space Discourse

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WHO?

My prototype explores the potentials of adaptive artist spaces for its agents. This stakeholder discourse responds to social systems designed to work with adaptive assemblages and different discourses that create spaces for artists, permanent government agencies, and community context. The importance of adaptive systems and different discourse values are extracted from my Base Architectural System, which lead to workable shared assembly blocks for the City and Performance Centre. I affirm the assemblage’s design for adaptive agents, states, prototype elements, prototype consequences, and prototype parameters as a design for difference exercise. Discourse responding to my master’s thesis social system research places the City and Performance Centre in its Frihammen context by considering design solutions for states and formations that provide people with adequate art, community, and government spaces.

WHY?

Social systems have an intrinsic public context for values, culture, audience, and personal organisations. The response of my master thesis to social systems for its important stakeholders is a study which has potential to modify enough contexts so that social systems are constructively upheld, and approachable for future uses and generations. Exploring the public considerations for this project to find gaps that artistic interest, the community, and government agency functions exhibit is a part of my master thesis with a relational structure that I hope gives the reader a perspective into the working of the adaptive artist spaces.
**Isolated Prototype**

Adaptive Agents

**SPATIAL ELEMENTS AS PROTOTYPE FORMATION FOR ASSEMBLY BLOCK CRITERIA**

I focus on how to create a prototype which includes adaptive agents, different design discourses, and on how the assemblage criteria work with the City and Performance Centre's social systems.

I work with the different discourses of artist space's adaptive agents by comparing them with precedent social systems. Artist spaces which value all fine art categories, active communities, and appreciate permanent government contexts define the prototype's assembly block formation. Sharing these spaces for the stakeholders is best accomplished by discourses which spatial element's don't discriminate one space over another based off their backdrops: this is accomplished through their adaptive agents.

**1:200, MOVING OF AN ASSEMBLY BLOCK**
Isolated Prototype
Adaptive Agents

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Shell assembly block:

- Reinforced concrete 80 mm
- Wood web truss floor structure
- Floors designed for “Manufacturing, Light” Uniform loading

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Wood assembly block:
- Wood columns 200 mm x 200 mm, O.C. 1250 mm
- Wood web truss floor and ceiling structures
- Aluminium sheet roof 1.2 mm thick
- Fibrous plaster ceiling 10 mm
- Plasterboard 10 mm interior walls
- Lime on plasterboard exterior safety walls
- Floors designed for "Manufacturing, Light" Uniform loading

Loading Mass Appendix

State

ASSEMBLY BLOCK DEAD WEIGHT AS A GENERIC PRO-TOTYPE STATE

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**EXTRACTED ASSEMBLY BLOCKS ARE INTRINSICALLY SPATIALLY SIMILAR**

The extracted assembly blocks are chosen to fit along side one another through intrinsically similar spatial criteria, and offer spaces which accommodate shared spaces and various artist programmes.

**Long Assembly Block:** This space is good for having a decent floor area for exhibitions, gallery typologies, and production length work. The assembly block’s length engages people more contemplatively, having the same width and height as the most common assembly block.

**Square Assembly Block:** This space has a decent square floor area with the same length and height as the most common assembly block. Its width makes this a unique assembly.

**Tall Assembly Block:** This space is good for stacked seating and tall ceilings, with the same length and width as the most common assembly block.
Spatial Narrative
Prototype Element

ASSEMBLY BLOCKS EMPHASISE STAKEHOLDER’S VALUES

Adaptive elements are generated as prototypical discourse and consequences of the shell’s spaces for the City and Performance Centre’s stakeholders.

The assemblage façades create a discourse. It talks about the interesting inside/outside criteria through the number of assembly blocks, their locations, and their different ground-level contexts.
Spatial Narrative
Prototype Element

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Public Context, Ground Level
1. Green Access
2. Playground and Botanical Pool
3. Singing Stage
4. Collective Workshop

Artist Spaces, Level 1
5. Artist’s Workplace and Offices
6. Art Exhibition
7. Stage for Events- e.g. Fashion Shows

Permanent Government Agencies, Level 2
8. Classroom and Instructor Office
9. Exercise Programming
10. Psychiatry Office
11. Canteen and Stage
Spatial Narrative
Prototype Element

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Spatial Adaptability
Prototype Element

ADAPTIVE STRUCTURES AS PROTOTYPE FORMATION
FOR ASSEMBLY BLOCK SPACES

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So that assembly blocks are adaptive for all the fine art categories, dense city fabrics, and active planning criteria they are reconfigurable. This flexibility takes place between floors, assemblies, and formations based on their ability to be moved around by forklift and telehandler cranes. The City and Performance Centre offers a permanent structure which the assembly blocks can be plugged into without problems.
Spatial Adaptability
Prototype Element

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SEASONAL HABITATION SYSTEMS AND THEIR DESIGN PARAMETERS

Spring colours, summer cooling, autumn contexts, and winter sanitation parameters are replicated throughout the year for the assembly blocks.

Green plexiglass fabric façades welcome the new season’s growths, temperatures, and cool exteriors. During summer, white perforated plexiglass fabric façades easily cool the assemblages. For autumn, the amber plexiglass fabric façades welcome the season’s transitions. When its cold the radiator can be turned on, and for winter the black plexiglass fabric façades bring in needed warmth from the sun and weather. The insulation in the roof and floor keep the temperature stable during all the seasons, and doors and windows can be customised onto the assembly block’s façades.

1:100 SEASONAL DESIGN DIAGRAM

1. Reinforced Concrete Shell 80 mm
2. Insulation Ceiling 80 mm
3. I-Beam Floor Joist 325 mm
4. Hot and Cold Sanitation Connection
5. Insulation
6. Cork Underlay 2 mm
7. Floor Board 7 mm
8. Cork Floor 6 mm
9. Winter, Black Plexiglass Fabric Façades
10. Spring, Green Plexiglass Fabric Façades
11. Summer, White Perforated Plexiglass Fabric Façades
12. Autumn Amber Plexiglass Fabric Façades
An exterior path is configurable on the shell roofs, and it brings people from one level to another one.

DIFFERENT NARRATIVES ANSWERED BY THE SHELL'S PATH SEQUENCES

Path Sequence
Prototype Consequence

Path Increasing Phase 1
Path Increasing Phase 2
Path Increasing Phase 3
Path Increasing Phase 4
Path Decreasing Phase 1
Path Decreasing Phase 2
Path Decreasing Phase 3
Path Decreasing Phase 4
DIFFERENT CRITERIA DISCOURSES ANSWERED BY THE SHELL'S PATH PARAMETER

An exterior path is configurable on the shell roofs, and it brings people from one level to another one.

The roofs and heights of the assembly blocks may become a path, bringing people into the shared spaces in a playful manner. If flexibility is not too important for a specific assembly block, the shell exterior can also become a park.
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This final model beautifully represents the City and Performance Centre’s stakeholder’s interests, with only minor construction concerns.

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**Physical Media Experiment**

**Prototype Parameter**

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**THIS EXPERIMENT LOOKS AT THE ASSEMBLY BLOCK CONSTRUCTION METHOD**


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**CRITERION MODEL FOCUS STUDY**

- Event and Backdrop Spaces
- Inside/Outside Façades
- Intrinsically Similar Dimensions
- Adaptability Criteria

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**EXPERIMENT ON METHODS OF MAKING A PROTOTYPE MODEL AND STRUCTURAL DIFFICULTIES**

**ASSEMBLY BLOCKS DERIVED FROM STAKEHOLDER’S CONTEXTS**
ADAPTIVE SYSTEMS ARE CREATED WITH UNRESTRICTED DESIGN DIFFERENCES

Different spatial discourses are possible because of the assembly block's design in equilibrium and while being moved by cranes.

1:100, DETAIL DIAGRAM
1-4 Details. Details of Reconfiguring the Assembly Blocks by Cranes
5-7 Details. Details of Assembly Blocks in Equilibrium
8-10 Details. Detail Steps to Attach Assembly Blocks with the Remaining Structures
ADAPTIVE SYSTEMS ARE CREATED WITH UNRESTRICTED DESIGN DIFFERENCES

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DETAILS OF RECONFIGURING THE ASSEMBLY BLOCKS BY CRANES

1. **Cable Tie 1:10**

2. **Corner 1:10**

3. **Detachable Cable 1:10**

4. **Corner and Detachable Cable 1:10**

5. **Truss-Cable Connection 1:10**

(Gimsing, Georgakis, 2012)

6. **Detachable and Structural Cable Ties 1:10**

7. **Construction and Assembly 1:10**

8. **Fixed Truss 1:10**

9. **Truss-Truss Connection 1:10**

10. **Assembly Block-Remaining Structure Connection 1:10**
Design for Difference
Prototype Parameter

ADAPTIVE SYSTEMS CREATED WITH UNRESTRICTED DESIGN DIFFERENCES

Different spatial discourses are possible because of the assembly block’s design in equilibrium and while being moved by cranes.

The assemblies are reconfigurable from one location to another one without losing any functionality, thereby contextualising their adaptive criteria. This discourse around Intrinsically similar dimensions, events, and backdrop spaces are important for artist stakeholders. I explore these criteria situations through model studies, while the detail drawings show the assembly block’s stability.
Part 3: Base Organisational System

Site Context

WHEN?

The City and Performance Centre is a research for design project. My Base Architectural System identifies this with design for different discourses to represent adaptive artist spaces. My master thesis contextualises the design for difference parameter through extracted catalogue options, which are movable by forklift and telehandler cranes. I contextualise a design for adaptive artist spaces by researching light-weight and modifiable assembly block prototype consequences formulated at Frihamnen. Discourse around the City and Performance Centre’s stakeholders lead to criterion which I work with as research for design assignments that lead to adaptive artist spaces which benefit formations having unsuccessful policies and elements through their public contexts.

WHERE?

Frihamnen is where the City and Performance Centre is contextualised. Frihamnen is not the place that you would let children play at after dark since theft, damage, derelict, illegal sports, and graffiti are widespread here. Frihamnen is a successful formation for my master’s thesis stakeholders since their values are directly contextualised with urban qualities and their social systems.
**History of the Port**

**Inspirational Evidence**

**HARBOUR ZONES ARE USED PRIMARILY FOR INDUSTRY AND HAVE NOT SUSTAINED A SOCIAL SYSTEM FOR SHARING SPACES WITH ARTISTS**

*Frihamnen opened in 1922 but it is not vital for Göteborg. It acquires its name since in the past it was possible to bring goods ashore “free” here, meaning that people did not pay a customs duty or VAT.*

In the 17th century Göteborg’s first harbour was Stora Hamnkanalen. This was a canal dug out in the 1620s and the water was so shallow that larger ships were forced to anchor offshore, beyond Klippan, or at Gamla Varvet (now Stigbergskajen). Exports comprised largely of iron and timber.

In the 19th century the Port of Gothenburg become a major port. Thanks to steam power, the ships could make their way up the Göta Älv river. The first modern riverside quay was Stenpiren, which was completed in 1845.

Frihamnen (Freeport) acquired its name since it was possible to bring goods ashore “free” here, without a customs duty and VAT tax. Frihamnen was officially opened in 1922. Located on the Hisingen side of the river, it comprises three piers – Södra Frihamnspiren (“banana pier”), Norra Frihamnspiren and Kvillspiren. Now, Frihamnen is used exclusively for cruise ships.

*(Port of Gothenburg, 2016)*
Jubileumsparken
Inspirational Precedent

New Street Spaces: The skateboard playground seating and backdrop elements offer users an inspirational shipyard and industrial history social experience. The boardwalk, rough wooden planks, and its response to time are characteristic of Frihamnen contexts.

New Characteristic Spaces: The sauna and library offer a social life for people to relax and work in the community. The playground uses contextual materials for a characteristic genius loci.

New Shared Functions: During summer this space offers visitors a social life for picnics and to hold workshops without care for the weather. In winter and spring these shared functions change to become a greenhouse.

Re-purposing Street Spaces: The dynamic community gardens and seaside themed sandbox playground offer a social experience with the possibility to largely define Frihamnen contexts.

Re-purposing Characteristic Spaces: A swimming pool in the Göta Älv, and creating spaces to play boule acts as a social catalyst for how people define Göteborg and its community.

Re-purposing Characteristic Spaces: Frihamnen has event spaces which are themed for its harbour heritage. As a social catalyst it ends up offering a performance platform for all its stakeholders.

CONTRASTING TEMPORARY QUALITIES VS. PERMANENT CHARACTERISTICS

Älvsstranden Utveckling is working hard to change Frihamnen’s character to an inclusive, green and dynamic city centre around the Göta Älv river. By thinking with a child’s perspective, they have preserved Frihamnen’s shipyard and industrial history while bringing it together with Göteborg’s 2020 vision for Jubileumsparken.
Gävle Fire of 1869
Problematic Evidence

CONTEXTUAL CITY FIRES HAVE LEFT CARNAGE WHERE ONLY SMOKESTACKS REMAINED

The Gävle fire of 1869 burnt down everything except for brick smokestacks. This burnt tower typology gives a sombre context for the City and Performance Centre’s remaining structures.

The Gävle fire started at the carpenter Erlandssons workshop. The building was wood, it was not properly cared for, he had left wood shavings on the floor, and there was no way to access the water and stop the fire once it sprung out of the fireplace. This workshop, owned by the city council chairman, was surrounded by other wooden buildings, and soon the fire was jumping from structure to structure in the dry summer of 1869 because of the conditions and the gale-full winds.

Erik Soderstrom recalls hearing the roar of the fire not too far away. Even the window where he was standing became so hot that they knew the fire would soon engulf their entire house. They rushed to gather what they could, got their carriage, and made a desperate attempt to not lose everything because of the fire. He was only six years old, watching the massive flames engulf the theatre, city hall, and shooting up into the sky. 530 houses burned down and 8,000 people were left homeless by the Gävle fire of 1869; It was one of the most terrible accidents that ever hit a Swedish city.

The fire blew burning embers across the water, and as soon as it engulfed the dense streets it could no longer be contained. Although this piece of cultural history takes place in 1869, its relationship to the water, government agencies, dense industrial precedents, and the typology of towers all define a certain narrative for people’s relationship to the remaining structures I propose. To work beyond this unfortunate precedent, I create mixed-use spaces in the zones where the remaining structures offer the structural support for the City and Performance Centre’s assemblages.

(Danielson, 2012)
Frihamnen Characteristics
Problematic Precedent

**New Street Spaces:** Bicycle parking at Frihamnen enters a discourse on vandalism, and its railroad freight corridors no longer offer the *social experience* this harbour used to.

**New Characteristic Spaces:** Leased buildings at Frihamnen are not maintained well enough to bring in new industrial *social life*, and the streets do not have sidewalks.

**New Shared Functions:** To use the spaces offered at Frihamnen businesses need tall barbed-wire fences. As storage spaces they are not inviting and do not work as *social life* catalysts.

**Re-purposing Street Spaces:** The police presence is an attempt to curb the site qualities which have entered the social sphere of Frihamnen. These *social experiences* include car races, and other illegal activities.

**Re-purposing Characteristic Spaces:** Graffiti and theft are widespread as *social catalysts* which define the qualities of Frihamnen.

**Re-purposing Characteristic Spaces:** Frihamnen is a leftover space, and as a *social catalyst* it ends up showing the unsuccessful policies and elements which have come to define this derelict harbour.

**CONTRASTING TEMPORARY QUALITIES VS. PERMANENT CHARACTERISTICS**

Frihamnen is not the place that you would let children play at after dark since theft, damage, derelict, illegal sports, and graffiti are widespread here. Frihamnen is a successful formation for my master’s thesis stakeholders since their values are directly contextualised with urban qualities and their social systems.
Site Analysis: Jubileumsparken

Contextual Forces

JUBILEUMSPARKEN CONTEXT FOR DENSE ARTIST SPACES AT FRIHAMNEN

Jubileumsparken 1:5000. As a project of the city, the park intervenes as a public space in the centre of private spaces, invites a steady flow of people to Frihamnen, and creates a public context in unused space.
Site Analysis: Public-Private
Contextual Forces

PUBLIC-PRIVATE CONTEXT FOR DENSE ARTIST SPACES AT FRIHAMNEN

Public-Private 1:5000. Lots of Frihamnen has no public context.
Site Analysis: Zoning
Contextual Forces

ZONING CONTEXT FOR DENSE ARTIST SPACES AT FRIHAMNEN

Zoning 1:5000. Frihamnen is highly accessible from the sea. The municipality owns and leases out most of its land parcels.

- Municipality Owned Land
- Industrial Zone
- River
- Housing Zone
Site Analysis: Traffic Flow
Contextual Forces

TRAFFIC FLOW CONTEXT FOR DENSE ARTIST SPACES AT FRIHAMNEN

Traffic Flow 1:5000. Frihamnen offers access for multiple levels of traffic.

- Highway
- City Street
- Industrial Street
Site Analysis: Figure-Ground
Contextual Forces

FIGURE-GROUND CONTEXT FOR DENSE ARTIST SPACES AT FRIHAMNEN

*Figure-Ground 1:5000. Frihamnen is mostly empty parking lots or private asphalt formations*
Site Analysis: Public Transit
Contextual Forces

PUBLIC TRANSIT CONTEXT FOR DENSE ARTIST SPACES AT FRIHAMNEN

*Public Transit. Frihamnen is mostly inaccessible*
Site Analysis: Fine Art Types
Base Organisational System

FINE ART FIELD CONTEXT FOR DENSE ARTIST SPACES AT FRIHAMNEN

Applied investigation 1:5000. Frihamnen stages rich conflicts for active and dense artist spaces, and how they generate value together.

See my MSS Preparatory Investigation coursework for an explanation of how these categories are classified and their contexts.

Public sphere art
1. Cruise ship and go-cart spaces, limited venue
2. SVT Television, media audience

Spatiality art
3. Industrial heritage materials, restricting interior
4. Frihamnen iconic installation, genius loci

Viewer art
5. Port-themed playground, abstract art
6. Göta Älv swimming pool, rational art

Community art
7. Södra Frihamnspiren (‘banana pier’) mixed-use performance space, visual expression
8. Limited venue performance space, programming
**Part 4: Formation**

*Formulated Adaptive Artist Spaces*

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**HOW?**

The principle for my master’s thesis is that artist, permanent government, and community agents at Frihamnen value all fine art categories, dense city fabrics, and active planning criterion. The values which are formulated with the City and Performance Centre is the state of successful artists, an artistically interested community, and government agencies which are interested in Göteborg’s culture. The dense city fabric and active planning criterion benefits the production and work outcomes for artists, permanent government agencies, and also for community programmes. These adaptive artist spaces bring successful formations into the urban fabric at Frihamnen for all the City and Performance Centre’s stakeholders. Changes in function within artistic expression, for government agencies, and increased urbanisation make formulating shared space prototypes purposeful today for my master’s thesis stakeholders and their discourses.

**HOW MUCH?**

The City and Performance Centre looks at the value base of its Frihamnen context but does not yet expand these unsuccessful policies and elements for a context manifesto. My master thesis is delimited by not yet detailing the adaptive artist spaces between all its stakeholders formations. It also does not yet cover if instead a government and community centre is the best possible shared space architecture with artistic interventions.
Formation Test: Hybrid
Building Göteborg

HYBRID FORMATION TESTS DEMONSTRATE SUCCESSFUL QUALITIES FOR SHARED ARTIST SPACES

The hybrid formation references the existing city fabric and it explores ways to integrate the current permanent government agency contexts with assemblages.
Formation Test: Linearity
Building Göteborg

LINEAR FORMATION TESTS DEMONSTRATE SUCCESSFUL QUALITIES FOR SHARED ARTIST SPACES

The linear formation is oriented to the Göta Älv river, and it provides an argument to integrate mixed use spaces together with the remaining structures.
Formation Test: Curves
Building Göteborg

CURVED FORMATION TESTS DEMONSTRATE SUCCESSFUL QUALITIES FOR SHARED ARTIST SPACES

The curved formation is an iconic image between the shell roofs of the assembly blocks, and an urban context between the existing city fabric and shared space functionality.

PERSPECTIVE 1: VIEW ACROSS THE GÖTA ÄLV RIVER
PERSPECTIVE 2: STREET VIEW FROM FRIHAMNEN
BELOW, PERSPECTIVE 3: VIEW ACROSS FRIHAMNEN
Site Selection
Building Göteborg

FRIHAMNEN SITE ANALYSIS OVERLAY FOR CITY AND PERFORMANCE FORMATION AT FRIHAMNEN

Site Selection 1:5000. The City and Performance Centre has a site which Frihamnen analyses identify as ideal for sharing spaces between artist and government agency spaces.

The City and Performance Centre is accessibly located along the Göta Älv river. Here, the land is owned by the municipality and the assemblages are leased out from them. The buildings on the site are mostly government agency buildings. The City and Performance Centre brings a public content to the Frihamnen site for adaptive artist spaces.

- City and Performance Centre
- Private
- Figure
- Industrial Zone
- Housing Zone
City and Performance Site
Frihamnen Formation

THE CITY AND PERFORMANCE CENTRE OFFERS ICONIC AND ADAPTIVE
SHARED SPACES AT FRIHAMNEN

Site Plan 1:1000.
- Re-purposed bridge and the new elevated infrastructure
- Hisingsbron, the new bridge proposed for Göteborg
- Existing buildings
- Assembly blocks

Re-purposed bridge
Hisingsbron
Elevated access infrastructure
ADAPTIVE ARTIST SPACES BENEFIT FROM FRIHAMNEN’S PERMANENT GOVERNMENT AGENCY STAKEHOLDERS

Stakeholders 1:5000. The municipality-owned private land is leased out to government agency and community programme stakeholders for the City and Performance Centre’s adaptive artist spaces.
Site Summary
Applied Investigation

Site Plan 1:1000. These fine art categories are all part of the City and Performance Centre’s formation. As a future strategy, more fine art categories will be researched, given a context at Frihamnen, or current fine art formations can be repeated in their contexts.

- Assemblage gate to each of Frihamnen’s piers, visual expression
- Adaptive storage spaces for art, functional art
- Promenade, media audience
- Cruise and go-cart entertainment, limited venue
- Assemblage wall icon, rational art
- High-traffic image of prototype assemblage, sculpture
- Programmes under the bridges, urban art
- Community material bank area, programming
- Shared office spaces, institutional art
- Shared office spaces, institutional art
- City park, restricting interior
- Attached temporary and artist housing, monument
- Quay collective workshop, abstract art
- Quay, existing narrative art
- Public transit stop, contemplative art
- Göta Älv pier, genius loci
- Shared ferry and events, activist narrative art

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**RENDER 1: VIEW ACROSS THE GÖTA ÄLV RIVER**

**BELOW, RENDER 2: STREET VIEW FROM FRIHAMNEN**
Context 1:1000. Fine art field’s social sphere audience engagement categories work with the number of infrastructure development parts in the City and Performance Centre by being long spaces oriented perpendicular to the Göta Älv river.
RENDER 3: VIEW OF THE SHARED GOVERNMENT AGENCY SPACES
Art Spatiality Contexts
Applied Investigation

SPATIALITY FORMATIONS ARE LINEAR TO THE GÖTA ÄLV RIVER

Context 1:1000. Fine art field’s spatiality audience engagement categories work with the visual appeal when the City and Performance Centre engages with people’s personal social life’s connections to the Göta Älv river by being formulated linear to the river.
The iconic curved formation, adaptive heights, assembly blocks, and shared spaces between artists, this public context, and permanent government agency's successfully generates value for the stakeholders at Frihamnen today, and for its future.
Context 1:1000. Fine art field’s viewer audience engagement categories work with intervening within the site hubs for the City and Performance Centre. In these ways they link together the City and Performance Centre’s site plan and create value in this balance.

**Public transit stop, contemplative art**
(Kriken 2010)

**Assemblage wall icon, rational art**

**Adaptive storage spaces for art, functional art**

**Quay collective workshop, abstract art**
Ferry Assemblage
Contextual Details

SHARED SPACE FORMATIONS AS CITY FERRY’S FOR THE CITY AND PERFORMANCE CENTRE AND ALONG THE GOTA ÄLV RIVER

Axonometry 1:100. These new ferry’s offer convenient shared spaces for artists to engage with their public context in multiple ways. They replace the standard ferry model for Göteborg city.
Art Community Contexts

Applied Investigation

COMMUNITY FORMATIONS WORK AS SITE GATES

Context 1:1000. Fine art field's community audience engagement categories work as gates for people accessing Frihamnen. They work to engage disinterested stakeholders to interact with the City and Performance Centre.

Assemblage gate to each of Frihamnen's piers, visual expression

Quay, existing narrative art

Community material bank area, programming (Kniken 2010)

Shared ferry and events, activist narrative art
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