

# Learning Towards a Better City

Reflections on the 2018 Europe Sustainability Field School



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# Europe Sustainability Field School (2018)



## Vancouver housing ranked 3rd most unaffordable by international study



Demographia International Housing Affordability Survey links median house prices to median household incomes

Chad Pawson · CBC News · Posted: Jan 22, 2017 8:41 PM PT | Last Updated: January 23, 2017



## Humans have wiped out 60% of animals since 1970, says WWF

Earth's ability to provide for humankind's increasing demands has been exhausted and the world's wildlife is paying the price.

19:56, UK,  
Tuesday 30 October 2018



'Life on earth is being wiped out by humans'

## Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change releases special report on global warming targets

THE United Nations has released a “wildly alarming” report on climate change and given the world just a 10 year deadline to take action.

# In a spirit of critical optimism

When asked if I am pessimistic or optimistic about the future, my answer is always the same: If you look at the science about what is happening on earth and aren't pessimistic, you don't understand data. But if you meet the people who are working to restore this earth and the lives of the poor, and you aren't optimistic, you haven't got a pulse. What I see everywhere in the world are ordinary people willing to confront despair, power, and incalculable odds in order to restore some semblance of grace, justice, and beauty to this world.

Paul Hawken

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## Enghave Square: 'A bench where everybody can sit'



**"You are very welcome to come and sit... This is actually the longest bench in Denmark! Everybody can sit here!"** (user of Enghave Minipark)

At the far end corner of Enghave Square in the neighborhood Vesterbro in Copenhagen, a small shelter, benches and a table form a meeting point for a group of the area's more marginalised citizens. The Minipark is a temporary space, created following the extension of the metro in 2010, which turned most of the former square into a building site. The shelter is an initiative between local community groups, artist Kenneth Balfeldt, Spectrum Architects and most importantly, many local beer drinkers. It continues a tradition of placemaking in Copenhagen, where instead of installing hostile architecture or excluding marginalised citizens from behaving in ways that are not considered 'social', inclusion is seen as an essential part of creating a resilient neighbourhood.



...and active  
collaboration



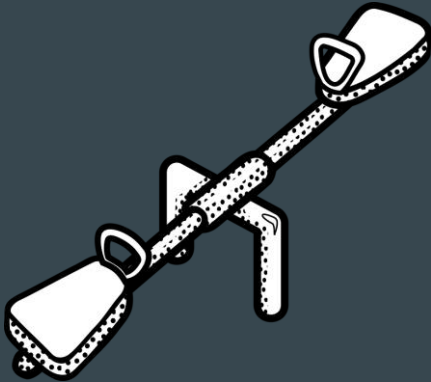
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# Bringing Playgrounds Downtown

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Clare Suggett





Who is privileged?

Who is not?



# East Side Platz

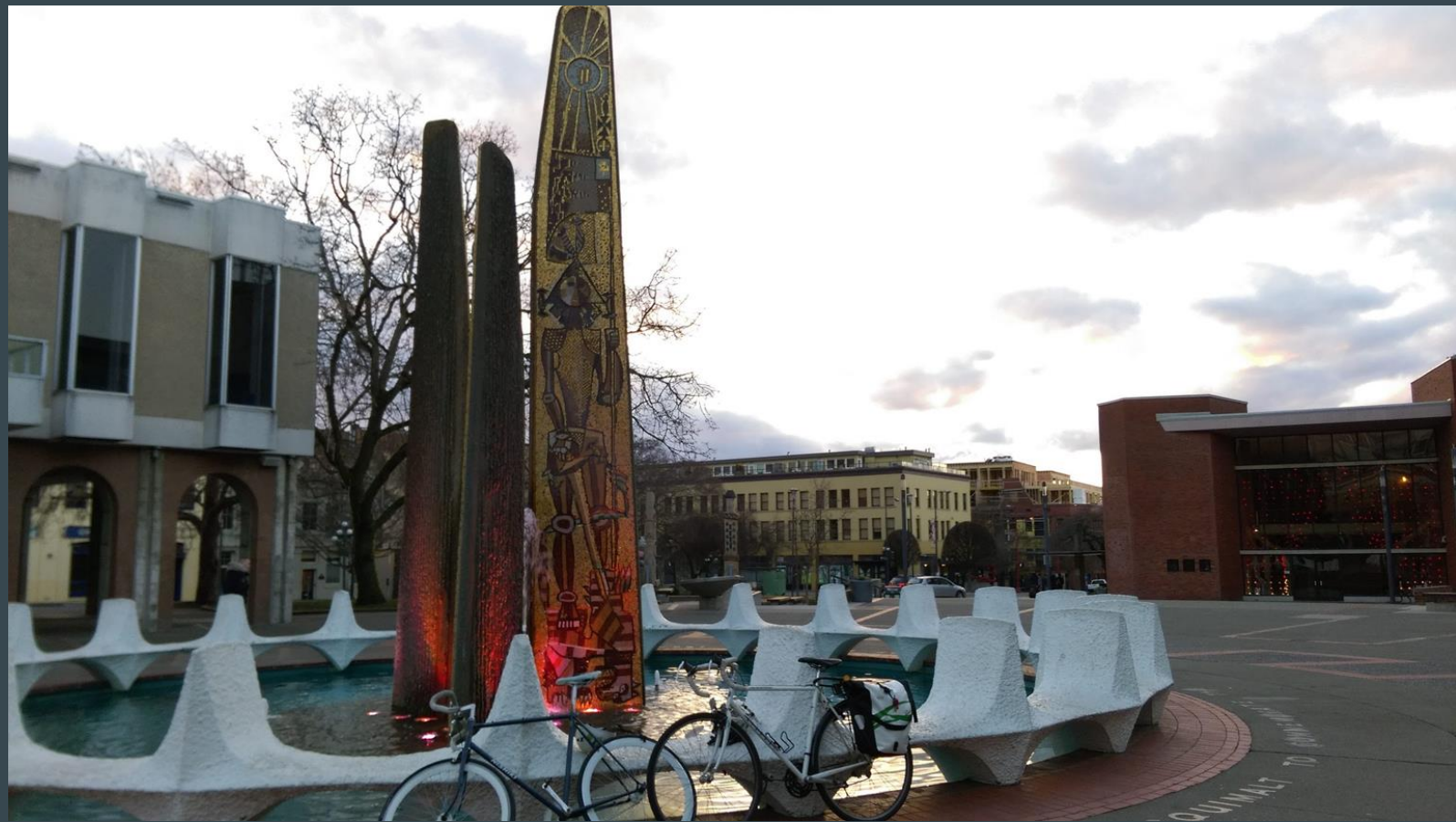


# Guldberg School



# “Play Street”





# Enhancing and Activating Victoria's Waterfront

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Hannah Boczulak

# Inspired by Copenhagen





# Islands Brygge Harbour Baths





# Gorge Waterway



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