

The Bratislava Summit 2024

**Start with
Children**

The urban playscapes of Bratislava

better playgrounds

Capacity: 15 participants

Duration: 120min, 14:00 – 16:00 28th May

Meeting Point: Old Market Hall, 13:45

Urban walking tour

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**Map: red lines – walking,
yellow – tram**

Urban playscapes as an opportunity for more liveable public spaces for all. A short but intense walking tour where we will experience and learn about 4 different playscapes.



1. Freedom square – inviting children into a monumental public space

Freedom Square is one of the largest squares in Bratislava with a monumental fountain and a location close to Government Office of the Slovak Republic. It is also a magnet for children - during the summer days it is a lively public space where neighbours meet and where people from other parts of Bratislava travel to visit. Why and how? Peter Lényi from the studio behind the transformation will tell you more about the reconstruction, its goals and the values behind the safe, playful space

2021 – An architectural studio that works almost exclusively on commissions from the public sector with the aim of delivering socially beneficial projects that reach as wide a range of people as possible. They have been behind the organisation of numerous competitions and are also the laureates of several architectural awards. The co-founder of the studio, Peter Lényi, founded and led the competition section at the Metropolitan Institute of Bratislava, which has run dozens of competitions for architectural assignments.

Transfer – 15 min walk



that radiates joy for everyone present.

2. Račianske mýto – landscape design of playgrounds in climate crisis

The park at Račianske Mýto, with more than 60 years of history, underwent a transformation last year. Thanks to the comprehensive revitalisation of one part, it has become a modern and functional place for rest and relaxation for all generations, with an emphasis on sustainability and water conservation measures. The revitalisation has not only brought new surfaces and elements, but has also created new content. It responds sensitively to the place and its history, and builds a new relationship between residents and the

park. Peter Pasečný from 2ka landscape studio will explain the secrets behind this successful playscape.

Atelier 2ka was established in 2009 after Peter and Ivana returned to Slovakia after their work in several renowned architectural studios in Switzerland, Barcelona, Ireland and the Czech Republic. We specialize in landscape architecture and public space with an emphasis on quality content and sustainability at scales ranging from private gardens to landscapes.

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3. Urban residence yard

A playground, a bakery, a park, and lots of neighborhood buddies all in one place. What is behind the success of the lively courtyard of the new residential development in the wider centre of Bratislava - Urban Residence? At first glance, it is obvious that the magnet is the playground from the Studio21. But what else are the important ingredients in this playscape design? Jana Adámková from Studio21 will talk more about the

design of inclusive and fun playgrounds.

Studio 21 is a family-owned company that has been creating playful and welcoming public spaces for over 20 years. It cooperates with renowned playground manufacturers such as the Swedish HAGS or Berliner Seilfabrik. Our company was the first to introduce wet-casting surface treatment on Slovak playgrounds. Inclusion is one of the core values of Studio 21 and through educational events and projects in public space we strive to change the mindset of society towards a more inclusive and equitable future for our children.

Transfer tram no. 3 to stop „Biely kríž“, 10min.



4. Adventure playground – Rozmanita school yard

Swings and slides are fun, but... Children's play is also one of the most effective forms of education. But what kind of play? The kind they experience on playgrounds? Do children have the freedom to co-create the space they use? Do playgrounds allow them to learn how to deal with risk? How to build something or how to negotiate with others? The Adventure Playground for Rozmanita primary school looks very different to all the urban playgrounds you know. And it's not just what the playground looks like that's important, but what happens on it and among the children who make it up. Michal Štassel from inclusive

school Rozmanita will introduce us the concept of free play and adventure playgrounds. Rozmanita is building a model inclusive school and nursery of the future, accessible to all children. In its pilot years, in addition to the education and holistic development of children, it is dedicated to developing methods that will serve other schools in Slovakia. Its vision is to build a high quality, replicable, scalable model of an inclusive nursery, school and community where everyone can develop, regardless of background, needs, skills or age. With its concept, Rozmanita responds to the high level of segregation in Slovak society and the low level of children's skills for the future. In socio-economic segregation, Slovakia ranks 62nd out of 63 OECD countries - poor and rich children do not attend the same schools.

Transfer back to Stará tržnica, tram no.3, 15min

