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LA CITÉ DES ENFANTS



DE KINDER STAD

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À LA DÉCOUVERTE DE L'ARCHITECTURE
ET DE L'URBANISME OP ONTOEKKING
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THE CHILDREN TOWN

16 May 2012 > 31 December 2013

Fondation pour l'Architecture (CIVA)

1st floor

Rue de l'Ermitage 55

1050 Brussels

Press conference: Tuesday 15 May at 11a.m.

Vernissage: Tuesday 15 May at 6 p.m.

The Fondation pour l'Architecture is pleased to announce its next exhibition – **The children town** – that opens on 16 May 2012. Designed for children and their families, it aims to increase awareness of the architecture and planning of Brussels among the widest possible public.

The exhibition offers an interactive and educational approach to the city and its components - its shops, houses and apartments, leisure facilities, offices and parks - organized into four sections: **“living”, “learning”, “playing”** and **“working”**. With plans, drawings, models and photographs from the Archives d' Architecture Moderne, the exhibition will present the city in a way that is of interest to children as well as adults. In particular, a series of games and an educational booklet will allow young visitors to participate in the exhibition experience to the full.

At the centre of this reconstituted city, the “mini-museum” will focus on a particular theme or element of the city and its heritage, such as planning, sgraffitti or the utopia of the city. The subjects will be varied and change periodically, as in a real museum.

The central exhibition room - devoted to the home and presenting a **giant model** – will allow young and old alike to discover and learn about the external and internal elements of our homes - dormer windows, baluster, bull's eye, etc. – by way of an introduction to the vocabulary of architecture. If they identify the elements, the house lights up!

A reading room, model workshop and other presentations complete the exhibition that ends with a section on the various trades and materials associated with the urban heritage.

In addition to the permanent section, **La Cité des enfants** will regularly welcome temporary exhibitions presenting various aspects of city life. Of particular note is a series of photographs by Didier Serplet on such “forgotten treasures” of the urban heritage as shoe-scrappers, basement windows and drain covers. Dates : **13 April to 13 May**.



To launch the exhibition, the Fondation pour l'Architecture is organising a drawing competition entitled “**Imagine your town**” [Imagine the city] for children aged between 5 and 16 and with two subject categories: my neighbourhood in colour and Brussels in 20 years’ time. Subjects chosen to inspire the young artists to express their dream of an ideal city!

Drawings should be recent and sent to or deposited at the Fondation pour l’Architecture by 30 April 2012 at the latest.

Information and regulations:
www.fondationpourelarchitecture.be

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Opening hours

From Tuesday to Friday from 12 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday from 10.30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Admission

Adults : 4€

Free admission for children under 12 years

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