

WALKING DEBATE: Inclusivity in the North District Tue 13.11.18 09.00–13.00

What is it all about?

To transform the North District into an international business centre, more than 12,000 people were expropriated from their homes. Today, more than 10% of the offices are empty, there is hardly any urban life, and the empty streets form the backdrop of a ghost town at night. However, the North District is extremely well located between the North Station and the city centre, it is perfectly accessible via the Petite Ceinture and the canal, and it also has a large amount of underused public space. The vacancy in the office district, the demographic growth in the surrounding quarters (with the associated real estate projects) and the arrival of hundreds of migrants at the foot of WTC-I present an opportunity to make a turnaround for the North District. We seize this opportunity in a coalition with designers, local associations and a real estate cooperative. In the coming months, we will first and foremost assemble an atlas of actors that are able to change the North District from within. This forms the basis for a shared agenda and a widely supported vision for the future of the Northern District.

We are placing major transitions for the neighbourhood on the political agenda, from the reuse of office buildings for new functions such as housing, care and education, to creating space for the urban economy, biodiversity and new forms of mobility. In order to achieve this, we have to organize the interaction between public and private forces differently. Step by step, we are looking for the conditions for a decisive and inclusive North District alliance. The North District can thus become an important link in Brussels.

Atelier North

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This walk is the kick-off of a shared process to start changing the North District from within. Various associations in the North District collaborate to compose a walk that brings you to places where possible new projects for the North District become imaginable. Through the formula of a walk we want to get to know each other better, in order to imagine new coalitions, shared ambitions and projects in the neighborhood. We want to prevent that new building programs neglect the potential of the people in the neighborhood. These organisations that know the people and the history of the neighborhood are a very important factor for change.

We will start the walk at 09.00 at the entrance of WTC-I and finish the walk with a shared lunch.

**Free participation, but limited places!
To register (obligatory), [click here](#)
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In collaboration with Bravvo (prevention service of the City of Brussels), De Harmonie (local service center), Klavertje 4 (primary school), and together with Logements 123 Woningen, Samenlevingsopbouw and Lab North

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