

NO FUTURE?

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Huge panel estates, shabby buildings and brownfields falling into ruins. Dissatisfied citizens waiting for the rescue by government, by developer or maybe by a God. Just complaining about corrupted local government and waiting, that something will happen. Money won't come, nobody will help you. So let's make use of opportunity and be manager of your live. Take a responsibility for the place, where you live. You know, nobody else will do it.

I live in a Prague suburb called South Town. 30 years ago there were fields and nothing. After that was this area crowded by grey panels and thousands of people moved here. Generations of my parents say – "this place has no history and no future. There are just ugly grey socialistic boxes full of people." God, I was born here I was growing here and I love this place. It has a history and above all it has a great potential. You don't see it? Just look to other cities in the world. Change disadvantage into the advantage. The recipe is calling: Street art.

YOU CAN UTILIZE ONLY WHAT YOU HAVE AT DISPOSAL. THERE IS NOTHING? COME ON, BE CREATIVE!

Big grey wall of panel estate? Show a film on it! You say – you can't? Why? Connect with a local culture centre, local students of film art, or local active citizens. If you need money, ask some sponsors – to have a logo of the big place is good; people will be interested in, because it is something new. And it works. Guerrilla marketing is in great demand.



Sources: StreetArt in Germany

Are you every day walking around the flaked wall, broken fence and nobody cares? Why shall we wait, that someone will it repair. Nobody did it for ten years. So, it is your turn. Every day I see on the internet nice examples of street art. Why we don't have it at home? It is easy. In Prague emerge some groups of active citizens they step by step changing our home into better place of living. Some were arrested because of it. Our society is ridiculous.



YOU DON'T NOTICED IT? LET'S LOOK AROUND YOU

Don't give it up, if you don't feel like a big artist. Except of films, paintings or music can you do easier things. Fancy of gardening, social protest, meaningful provocation, art and adventure - it can all be guerrilla gardening. It originated in London and spread to the whole world. The aim is to ennoble neglected areas in public spaces of our cities regardless of the owner's permission. You will be rewarded with a good feeling. And maybe get followers. How to do it? It's simple. Find a place in the public space that is not so beauty - concrete containers full of dirty soil or abandoned fence along the road. You find certainly some similar place without any problems. Then just take basic gardening tools and plants that you love. And if you find a nasty little place near your home, you should establish a public herb garden. In a Prague street it exists, and who knows - may take a twig in the soup.

Urban Guerilla knitting is an activity of people who choose to decorate their surroundings with crochet or knitting. It completely changes your view of city. You will go around the by tram or bike and actually can't look for what could you decorate by knitting. This people are most interested in those objects for which it is not clear purpose, why they actually are there. And there are quite a lot of these places. Just watch what looks strange in the streets and how it would be possible to improve it. To some it might matter, but to other it seems innocent, such misbehaving.

There is a lot of ways how to enhance your city. So do it, be active.



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