

# WHO SHAPES THE CITY?

Traditional urban planning professions such as architecture and transport planning are heavily dominated by white cis men. Gender, sexuality and family issues have often been seen as outside the rational, material and structural framework of planning practice. Social concerns are often dismissed as secondary. The clear anchoring of gender mainstreaming approaches can help to give more value and attention to these concerns.

It is important to counteract these prejudices and promote FLINTA\* in urban planning, for example by getting them interested in technical professions at an early age and overcoming gender roles.

## URBAN DESIGN IN WUPPERTAL

The urban development concept from 2019 forms the basis for urban planning in Wuppertal. Among other things, the aim is to create a diverse Wuppertal that strengthens identities and embraces differences in an engaged community. However, current measures are mainly focussed on the disadvantages of age, class and disability. Gender issues have so far only played an implicit role.

## YOU WANT TO CHANGE SOMETHING?

Citizen participation in Wuppertal offers diverse and low-threshold participation opportunities. In accordance with their guidelines, these are open to all. Nevertheless, white cis men often occupy a disproportionate amount of space. Citizen participation is committed to ensuring that all citizens can participate, e.g. through childcare at longer events and barrier-free offers. We need courageous and committed FLINTA\* who shape the city in digital and analogue participation formats.



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