

## Ideas for urban design interventions

### Innovative urban design

The design of public spaces can have a huge impact on actual and perceived safety. Good design takes a holistic approach that promotes liveability and community participation, taking into consideration the ongoing engagement, activation and management that is necessary to ensure a safe, welcoming and inclusive community space. Further information on [preventing crime through urban design](#) can be found on the crime prevention website.

This resource contains some national and international examples of innovative design that aim to activate spaces and encourage prosocial use of public space. These are provided as a source of inspiration rather than an indication of the types of projects that will be funded through the Community Crime Prevention Program.

Below is a list of nine good urban design elements followed by a selection of images of public spaces which have incorporated one or more of those nine design elements. The pictures are labelled with numbers to show which of the nine design elements have been included in the design of the public spaces pictured:

1. Ambient lighting that provides clear lines of sight and avoids creating dark pockets or high contrasts between light and dark areas.
2. Artistic or interactive lighting, that creates interest and attracts visitors including projections, glowing street furniture, use of colour etc.
3. Fun activation elements that make the site a destination for social interaction and lingering.
4. Sustainable or 'green' elements which provide opportunities to interact with and appreciate nature eg. green walls, water play.
5. Programmatic elements which allow the space to be shared by a mix of different users, generating a sense of ownership and increasing social cohesion.
6. Murals or artistic elements that challenge the senses and create a focal point for visitors of diverse ages and abilities.
7. The use of 'smart' technology to encourage interaction or multiple uses of a space such as wifi, recharging points, solar or piezo-electric power generation etc.
8. Re-purposing existing spaces into inviting, accessible spaces that meet the current needs of the community eg. parklets, pop-ups
9. Good access and ease of movement across the space with multiple entry/exit points



Coal Drop Yards, Kings Cross, UK <https://www.trendingcity.org/#/culturalcoal/> This image contains elements 1,2,3,8 and 9.



River's Edge Park, Council Bluffs Iowa <http://dancorson.com/author/dan> This image contains elements 1,2,3,4 and 9.



Glow footpath, Gosford NSW <https://www.trendingcity.org/#/glow-footpath-gosford/> This image contains elements 1 and 2.



Street Scrabble, Seattle <https://www.trendingcity.org/#/street-scrabble-seattle/> This image contains elements 3,5 and 8.



Northbridge Piazza, Perth

<https://www.visitperth.com/see-and-do/public-spaces/Venues/northbridge-piazza#eventenddate=20201229|&e=0>

This image contains elements 1,2,3,5 and 9.



Maag Square, Zurich <http://landezine.com/index.php/2019/09/maagplatz-by-studio-vulkan-landschaftsarchitektur/> This image contains elements 1 and 4.



The Lawn on D, Boston <http://landezine.com/index.php/2016/08/the-lawn-on-d-by-sasaki/> These images contains elements 1,3,5,6 and 8.



Moving Dunes street art, Montreal, Canada <https://www.thiscolossal.com/2020/11/nos-moving-dunes-montreal/> This image contains elements 3,6 and 9.



Yagan Square, Perth WA by Aspect Studios <https://www.aspect-studios.com/au/locations/australia/wa/perth/>  
This image contains elements 1,2,3,4,5 and 9.



Mary St Piazza, Highgate, Perth <https://www.placelaboratory.com/project/mary-street-piazza-day-1/>

This image contains elements 1,2,3,4,6,8 and 9.



Finsbury Avenue Square, London <https://www.pocketlondon.info/guide/attractions/finsbury-avenue-square#.X-rJYUBOKUK> This image contains elements 2,3,6 and 9.



Playa Vista, California by Oculus Light Studio <https://oculuslightstudio.com/projects/google-youtube/> This image contains elements 2,3,5 and 7.



ChillOUT Hub, Hurstville NSW <https://streetfurniture.com/chillout-wins-pia-nsw-award/> This image contains elements 1,4,7,8 and 9.



Vattentorget, Växjö Sweden <https://www.selux.com/aus/en/exterior/inspiration/vattentorget-vaexjoe> This image contains elements 1,2 and 9.



Lightweave by Futureforms, Washington DC <https://www.futureforms.us/lightweave> This image contains elements 1 and 2.



Parked Bench by WMB Studios, London <https://wmbstudio.co.uk/parked-bench> This image contains elements 4,8 and 9.



San Francisco Parklet by Interstice Architects <https://www.floornature.com/blog/recognition-for-the-sunset-parklet-by-interstice-architects-in-san-francisco-10750/> This image contains elements 4,8 and 9.