

TALKING CITIES
THE MICRO-POLITICS OF
URBAN SPACE

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But a state exists for the sake of a good life, and not for the sake of life only.

Aristotle









From Union Terrace Gardens to Central Park









Thirteen Tactics for the Good Life:

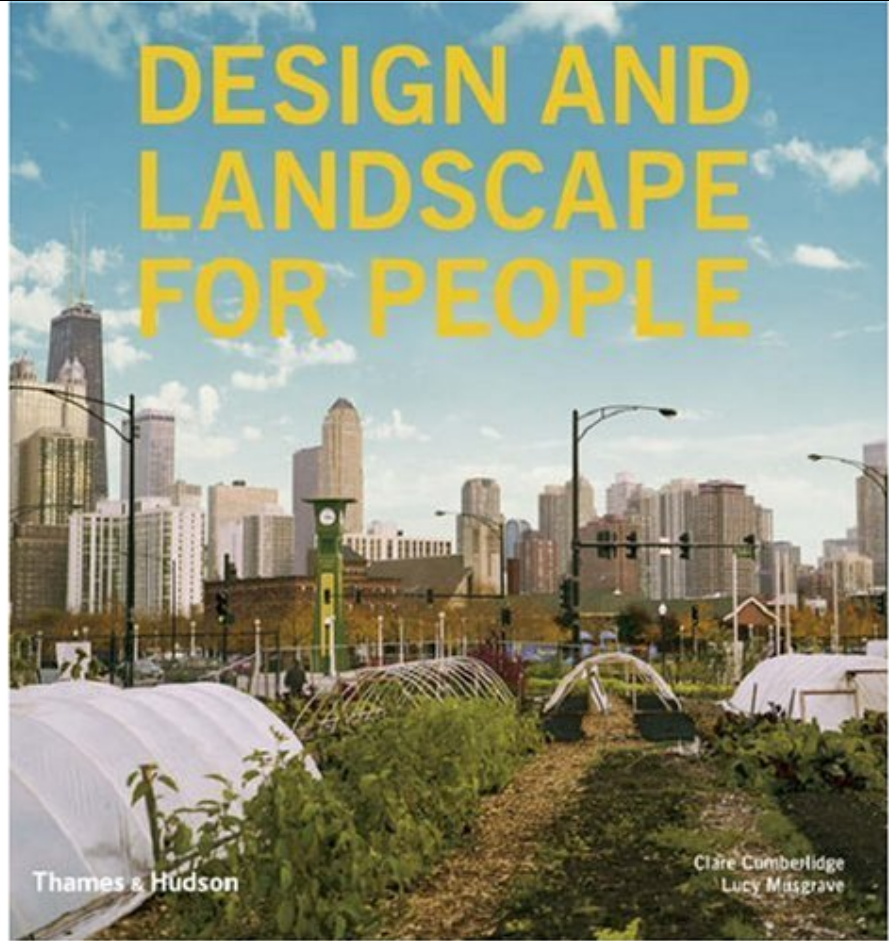
1. Temporalities
2. Performance
3. Media
4. Remembering
5. Quietude
6. Uncertainty and Risk
7. Provisional identities
8. Fluidity
9. Interventions
10. Play
11. Active Health
12. Active thinking
13. Emotions

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DESIGN AND LANDSCAPE FOR PEOPLE

Thames & Hudson

Clare Comeridge
Lucy Masgrave



Awareness of symbolic value,
Significance of meaning in place.

Three aspects;

1.a belief in the effectiveness of the small action

2.an emphasis on local distinctiveness & values

3.an interdisciplinary approach

4. Transformation Design

Design and Landscape for People, Clare
Cumberlidge & Lucy Musgraves (2007)

5 High Priorities for Local Authorities:

1. Exceed your legal responsibilities
2. Consult; build a track record of involvement and listening
3. Use imaginative methods of involvement
4. Use accessible, plain language
5. Promote environmental quality and cohesive, sustainable communities

CABE; Inclusion by Design (2008)

Wikipedia, in its definition of Design Thinking, describes design as the "transformation of existing conditions into preferred ones".

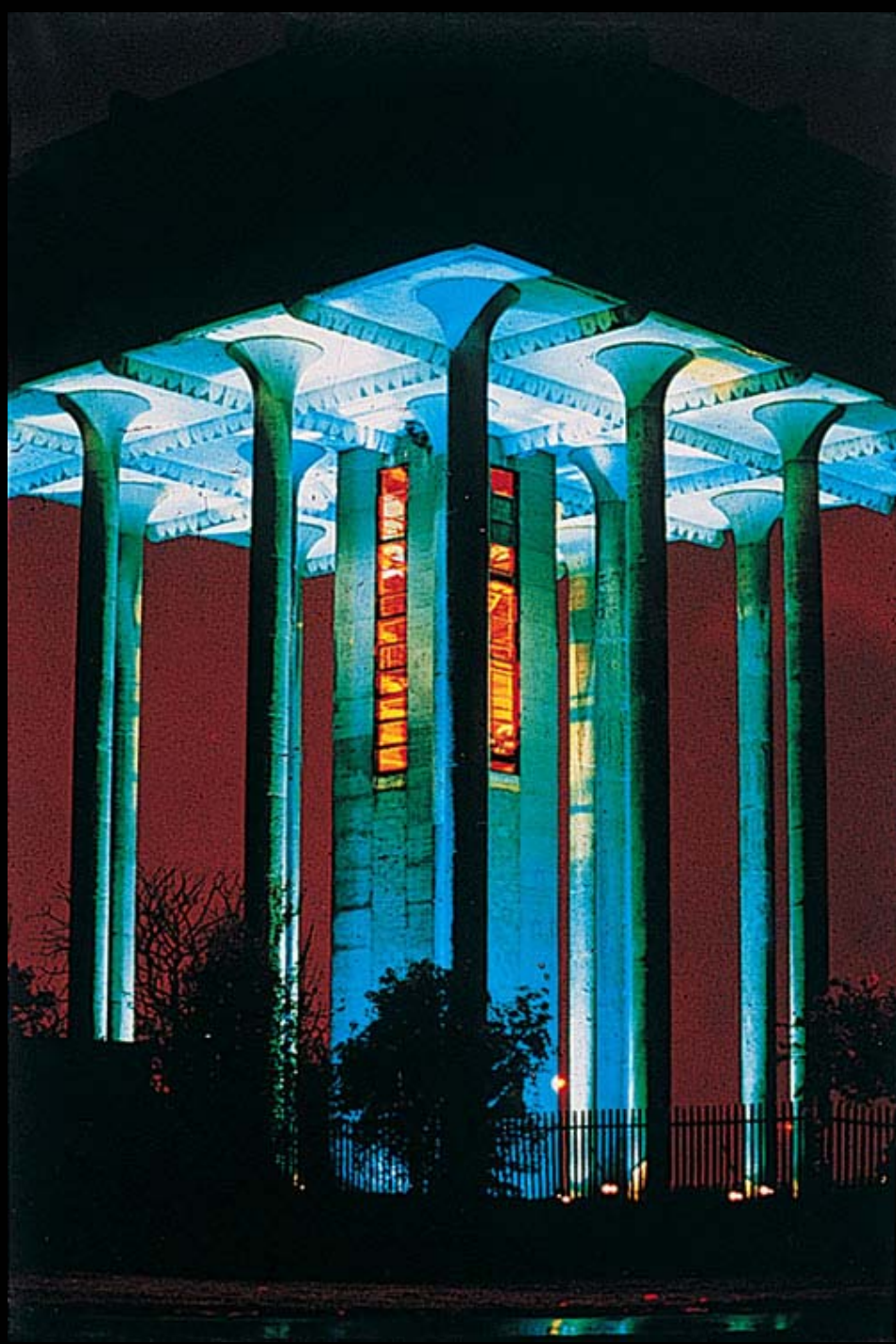
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Transformation Design

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what they saw and what
they brought back.

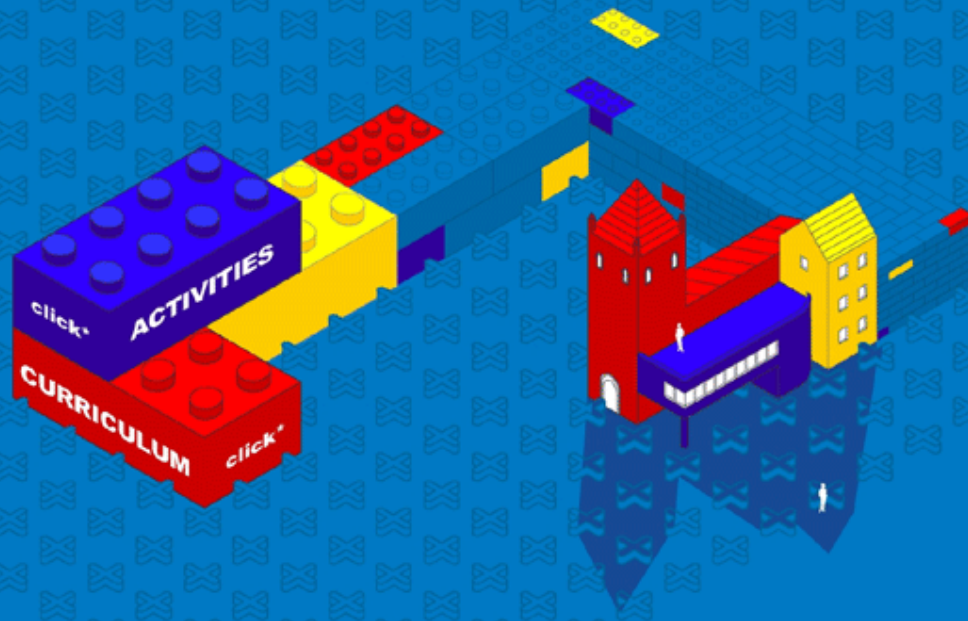
TRANSFORMATION DESIGN TOOLS FOR CITIZENSHIP

- design thinking
- co-design
- site-based workshops: professionals and non-professionals working together
- digital, web-based tools
- interdisciplinarity: practitioners + community
- co-curation
- cultural probes
- field trips

TRANSFORMATION DESIGN

Six Characteristics

1. Defining and redefining the brief
2. Collaborating between disciplines
3. Employing participatory design techniques
4. Building capacity, not dependency
5. Designing beyond traditional boundaries
6. Creating fundamental change



about building connections

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Actions:

- review all tools available to create comprehensive toolkit for effective engagement
- exploit opportunities in Curriculum for Excellence to make design and the built environment experiences integral
- set up broad-based access groups for all major schemes
- encourage all design professionals with a role in the public realm to see themselves as public educators or public servants
- promote the idea that democracy in the public realm isn't a referendum or poll but a process that can accommodate dispute, media scrutiny and change
- in the public realm we need to know more about what "public" really means in terms of diversity and capability.

