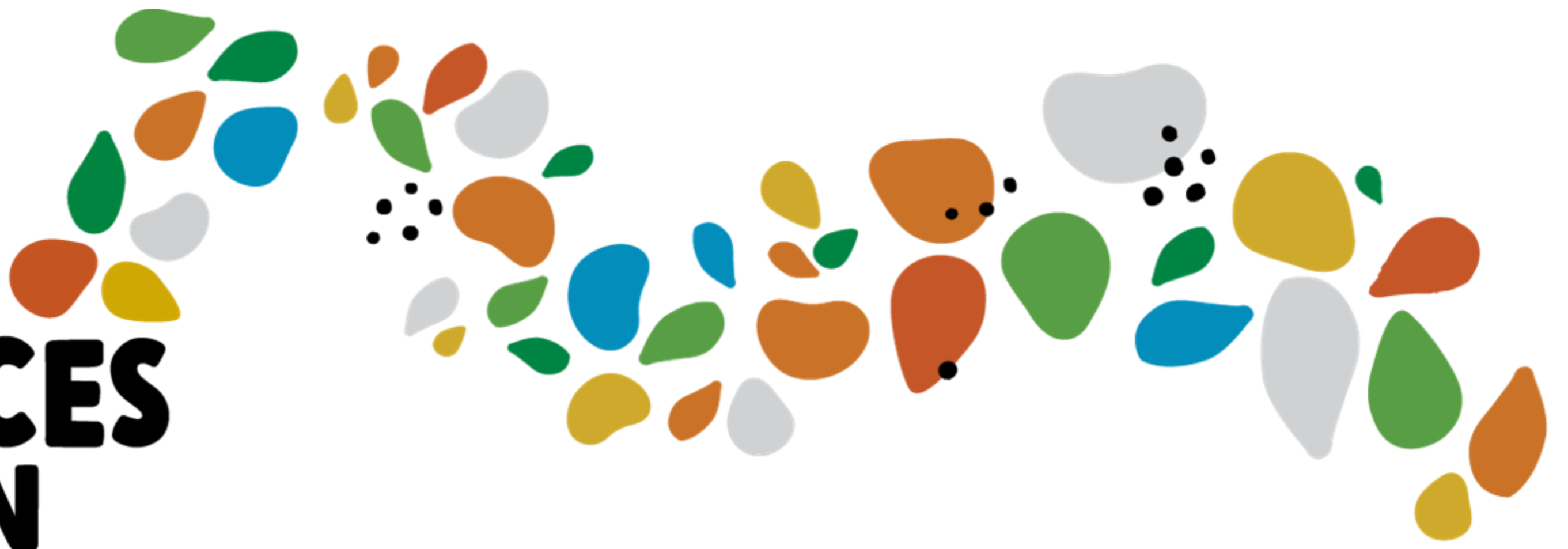


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NATURAL PLAYSPACES FOR CHILDREN



Patio de Escuela Centros Educativos Impulso

Theme/Place:

Outdoor play - Montevideo, Uruguay

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Context and objective:

Centros Educativos Impulso aims to bridge the learning gap in children and adolescents residing in Casavalle, a disadvantaged neighborhood in Uruguay. The objective is to establish a schoolyard for 600 children, as well as create an outdoor learning environment that fosters socialization, play, and nature.

Methodology:

To ensure a meaningful participation, we have engaged children, educators and the admin staff to share their needs and ideas for designing the play space. The subsequent phase involved developing a comprehensive design project for the schoolyard, encompassing the organization, design of spaces, play equipment, native vegetation, and incorporation of the center's identity elements.

Results:

In 2023, the initial phase of construction was completed using the resources at hand. This phase involved the inclusion of 50% of the planned play equipment, and 20% of the proposed vegetation. As a result, the outdoor experience for children was enhanced, providing new joyful experience for various age groups that were previously unavailable. This development also contributed to the establishment of an identity and an open space for families, starting with the schoolyard.

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