Percurso CoCriança: design, construction and citizenship experience at Samba Square

Theme/Place:
Greening spaces for children and youth - São Paulo / SP

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Context and objective:
The project took the children from an after-school program as protagonists in the co-creation and renovation of a square in São Paulo. Its aim was to strengthen the bonds between children, public space and nature, involving the whole community.

Methodology:
The “Percurso CoCriança”, an authorial methodology, goes from recognition to intervention in the space together and starting from childhoods. In 20 workshops, the children co-create the project from dream to reality, planning the intervention and putting their hands to work to make their ideas come true.

Results:
With 48 children and 4 educators directly impacted, the square was upgraded with a court, furniture, toys, a rain garden, and a large slide. "We started to plan the square and it was really cool. We decided to paint the benches and make the garden and the slide (...) The square is beautiful and without your help it would be lifeless!" said one of the children.

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