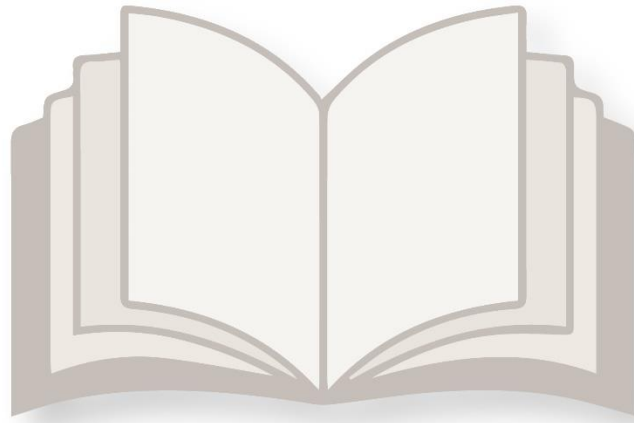




Sustainable Accessible Future Environments



LEARNING DIARY

ISP BYDGOSZCZ – DAY 1

DATE: 15.04.2024

The first day was really hectic for us, but it was all good once we got at the faculty and started to get to know other people. The first thing on the agenda was Jane's walk, and later on presentations about design workshops, how to incorporate universal design and include the needs of different groups of people. Professors from the university in Finland talked about safety. I enjoyed this topic, because they talked about what actually safety means and tried to reason to us that safety is different for everyone. Starting with most basic things, like cameras on every building to designing spaces like, under bridges, making them safer. Also, the students from Finland had their presentation and left me in memory the picture of Helsinki, where we talked about how we can design this space to feel safe, or if we feel safe/unsafe there. There were many comments on this, but I think that we all agreed on bringing more lights into this space. I'd say that the lunch on day one was the most fun for me, because we all went at the same time and met each other. Another thing that was really helpful was the workshop at the end of the day, themed inclusivity I'd say. We went upstairs into a room and there were many gadgets helping us get under the skin of different disabilities. I tried the visual impairment one on the VR and then the wheelchair. I got downstairs, using the lift, which was very frustrating, because I had to wait so long... then outside the road was made of these stones and I almost fell, as the wheelchair got stuck. Also, the pavements had no slopes, so a nice lady nearby had to help me (for which I felt guilty, because she actually thought I was in trouble and was really nice).



1. lighting on the floor, good to orientate in bigger open spaces



2. bad choice of decorations to hide water systems, not safe and it's not stable



3. traffic signs only in polish



4. scooters don't respect the traffic rules & signs



5. narrow alleys that don't have enough lights create unsafe environments at night



6. kind of a shared space, but pavement too narrow, so it's not safe and comfortable

MEMORY OF THE DAY:

Using the wheelchairs, trying to pick up the toothbrush in VR for 5 minutes.

ISP BYDGOSZCZ – DAY 2

DATE: 16.04.2024

The second day was focused on accessibility, how we go through the space and how each of us perceives it, what are the difficulties, ideas on how to make it better. We listened about accessible tourism and more importantly, how this initiative includes all of us and not only people with different types of disabilities. It's really the small things that happen to us every day that we, as future generations of designing the space around us, should take into account and most of the population would just say "oh, it's not that big of a deal", but in fact, it is. For example, the simple thing of our Spanish professors not having where to leave their suitcases while exploring Gdansk is what made their experience there a bit more difficult, so coming from small situations and examples we find greater ideas and solutions. There are many barriers that we should look out for: language, space connectivity, accessibility... Also, I appreciate the presence of the students and professors that come from the social studies background, because they see the space more theoretically and philosophically. I, as a more technical student and person, find it very useful to hear different perspectives. When I'm writing about this, I'm talking about the presentation from prof. Britta. She explained about how we use quantitative and qualitative analysis, which is something I'm already familiar with, but haven't interpreted the answers in the way she presented. Quite useful tip was, always use questions that require elaborate answers, never yes/no, cuz that way you don't get much. Gender equality, another great theme in these presentations. This is something that many of us have already encountered, and not in the positive sense. Some of the countries are a bit more progressive, others not so much. I come from a country where gender equality is taken as a joke and that's normalized, and I found it refreshing that people talk on this matter. A great note here is, when we make assumptions of others, we should take a mental note: what is this assumption based on? Then Aleš talked about urban mapping, which is an integral part of my studies. These different types of analysis have already taken a part of me, as I really enjoy my course. I find myself walking around and non-intentionally making analysis in my head, like, why'd they have to choose this type of tiling right here, and so on. On day 2, also the students from Granada had their presentation, and I found the apps that they mentioned very useful.

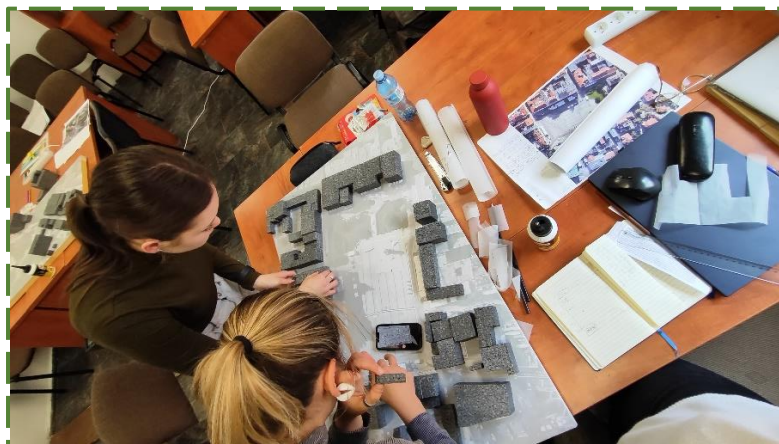
MEMORY OF THE DAY:

Visiting the cathedral on our walk. It was beautiful.

ISP BYDGOSZCZ – DAY 3

DATE: 17.04.2024

In my opinion, day 3 was the most intensive of all. Me and my colleagues started the day off by presenting the book on urban design including people with dementia, which I think was a great choice for reading and that it really gave all the groups ideas and advices in developing the scenarios and improvements. There was also another student presentation, and this was from the university in Kiel, Germany. These students all study social studies and their presentation was more focused on emmigrants, different situations in society including this group of people... The way I understood it, was how these people are seen in society, what difficulties they face and then one of the girls told us about do's and don'ts on the same topic. At the end they presented posters, showing different "agencies" or projects in Europe that care about this cause. Then, the german teachers presented about gender, gender equality. Then, Alenka and Janez presented about the use of xps materials, how to work on the styrocutter and how to be creative on our work models. After that, they left us to work on the already existing building situation and show this on our models. In my group, we devided our area on a few smaller areas, because we had the location Stary Rynek and showing the difference in number of floors and defining the shape of the area was very important. After awhile, we started cutting and gluing the xps. Near the end we had a presentation about role playing and were given different roles as to play scenarios out. I got the role of investor, which I thought was quite interesting, considering our target group was Asperger's syndrome. It was quite a challenge to think about how the investor was trying to integrate generic and biosimilar medication into this environment. At the end of the day, I did gather that when it comes to a project, there are many different roles that have a say in making a decision. It's not that easy to find a compromise.



MEMORY OF THE DAY:

For me, how excited Marie got when she got the hang of the styrocutter (I know it's a tricky bussiness).

ISP BYDGOSZCZ – DAY 4

DATE: 18.04.2024

This day we had presentations from the Finnish team of professors and the Polish team of professors and students. Our professors from Germany educated us on what scenarios are by definition and then how do we make them & use them in our work. When we do scenarios, mostly always there are distinct circumstances that we make up in our mind, i.e. time, place, characters... Magda and Ewelina were talking about social policies. Ewelina gave as a simple task, to close our eyes and imagine where we are feeling well, that influences our good mood and well being. For me, this is in the morning and in my hometown, drinking Turkish coffee with my parents and sunbathing in our backyard. Our friends from Poland gave the presentation about a 15 minute place, which I really enjoyed, because I'm familiar of Jan Gehl's ideas, that I quite support. We were then given the task to make up scenarios in our areas in 5, 10 and 20 years. This is where everybody's specialty was most visibly shown and where you can see how important interdisciplinarity is. Each of us has different ideas and however we might not want to, we all look through the lens of our profession, our background and also, culture. For me, for such an abstract disability for target group, it was very important to hear everyone out. We agreed that the most helpful thing that we could propose and do in the future, is raising awareness and getting inclusive in the environment, meaning public space as much as the people in it that don't have this disability. After our conversations, we moved onto making the model and showing our ideas into the model. We worked simultaneously and this is also the day that we worked on the presentation. Each of us contributed with their part, showed their thinking side and their creative side.

MEMORY OF THE DAY:

Having the premade layout of our presentation not work and having to do it all over again.

ISP BYDGOSZCZ – DAY 5

DATE: 19.04.2024

Day 5, on a first look might sound the most relaxing, but I have to say the anxiety while waiting for 15:30 to come definitely got to me by the afternoon. In the morning, we worked on finishing our projects, making some final touches on our .pdf presentation and our poster... I also added the main statue on the old town square, so that's one highlight of the day. We practiced our lines real quick and had Fran listen to us and give us his opinion and advices. So, big thanks to Fran, he was of great help. After lunch, I remember the Bydgoszcz TV coming, as I understand it was the city's birthday so we were also mentioned there, amazing. Come 15:45, our presentations started with Magdalena and Ewelina showing gratitude, and then all of the teams presentations. I think everyone did awesome in showing their projects. All of the projects were done in a great manner, considering we only had one week for them. Now, we all have a bit more knowledge on inclusivity, disabled groups, migrants, families with children, the elderly and syndromes, like Asperger's. We finished off with having snacks, which were really tasty by the way. Also, the coffee was a great thought, because I believe all of needed it very much by this time.



much love to team 3 and huge thanks to Fran, too!

MEMORY OF THE DAY:

Stefi being so proud of her flower pots on the modelle, she had to mention it while doing the presentation.