Culture of innovation and experimentation

Third places embody a culture of innovation and experimentation, serving as a laboratory for testing new ideas.

Support and skills enhancement

Third places play a key role in supporting and strengthening skills, offering resources and training tailored to local needs.

Eco-responsibility and resource awareness

Third places are managed with an emphasis on ecology: recycling, waste reduction, energy transition, responsible purchasing and consumption, and environmental awareness.

Autonomy and hybrid business model

To ensure its long-term viability, a third place must adopt a mixed economic model: public subsidies, member contributions, private partnerships and income generated by services.

A welcoming and friendly space

A third place is characterised by an open, welcoming environment, conducive to meetings, relaxation and exchanges.

10 key principles of a third place

Understand them better and help them evolve



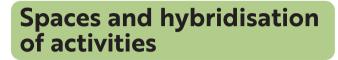
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Accessibility and inclusion

An inclusive third place must guarantee universal financial and physical access to all citizens by integrating adapted facilities, solutions for sensory accessibility and adapted activities.



A third place must be designed as a flexible, modular space, allowing a mix of uses according to the needs of the community.

Co-construction and shared governance

A third place must favour collaborative governance, actively involving its users in decision-making and management.

Local roots and territorial impact

A third place responds to local needs and acts as a driver of economic, social, cultural and environmental development.

Ecosystem for collaboration and meetings

A third place is a meeting point for people from different backgrounds, stimulating informal encounters and interdisciplinary collaboration.

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