Full project title: Ebenezer Gate Community Garden: Pocket Park

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Project summary
The Hands-on-Bristol collective worked with local residents, community groups artists, architects and makers to co-create a community run pocket park.
Aim
To use action-based design-research processes to explore how collaborative processes can positively empower communities in place-making.

This aim was broken down into the following sub-aims:
- To explore how can abandoned pockets of urban space be reclaimed for community use through participatory design processes
- To develop techniques which empower communities in place-making

Objectives
- To develop methods of engagement that facilitate working closely with a wide section of the community in collaboration with students and professionals
- To generate initial ideas for sustainable community place-making through organizing creative consultation and co-design events
- To identify abandoned pockets of urban space and stimulate debate around what should happen to them.
- To work with local stakeholders to negotiate the opening up of a disused pocket of land for community use
- To use co-design principles to design and build a community space
- To empower the community to take ownership of a community managed space.

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