



### The Brick Bench

Many residents of the social housing area Charlottekvarteret were not familiar with the local history of the place they live, because they grew up in a different culture or because they were never told the local stories. Through participatory design workshops residents dug into their local history as well as into the mud to mark the beginning of the building process.

### Reclaiming the public space

In social housing areas there are strict rules about how much residents can influence in the public space, but in this project residents were given the possibility to create an impact on their surroundings in a very concrete way.



The lawn before the work on The Brick Bench was started.



Residents gather with the chairman of the local business association to mark the beginning of the building process.



The clay quarry for the brick production from 1850. This is the area where the social housing area was later built.



Pupils from the local school lay the foundation for The Brick Bench.



One of the most profound results of the co-creation process is building community among residents of all ages.