

# Urban Living Room

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## Project Details

Practice:	Max Dewdney Architects
Designer:	Max Dewdney
Title:	Urban Living Room
Output type:	Playground / Park
Function:	Outdoor Play Structure and Park, including Stage and Library
Location:	Walthamstow, East London
Client:	London Borough of Waltham Forest
Property:	The land is owned by London Borough of Waltham Forest
Practical completion:	2017
Dates:	Invited competition organised by the Waltham Forest Parks & Leisure 2015-16
Funding:	Waltham Forest Parks & Leisure
Budget:	£40,000
Area:	200m <sup>2</sup>
Structural consultancy:	Heyne Tillett Steel
Contractor:	Adventure Playground Engineers

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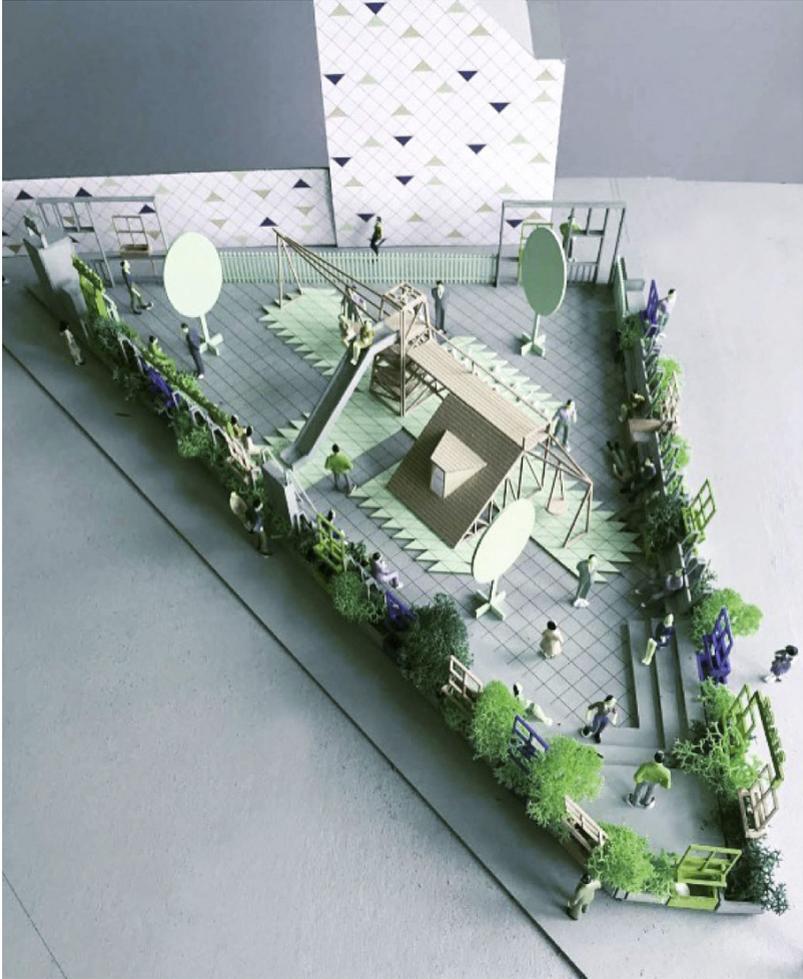
Brokkys Crofte; is an innovative and experimental pocket park in the London Borough of Waltham Forest that transformed an under-utilised fragment of the street and reinforces the typology of the residential street-scape to transform it into a safe space for play, learning and performance for the public. The design adds contemporary architectural value to the public park and play space and introduces a model for an imaginative and self-sustaining community-led activity and play space.

A secondary more speculative research model forms part of the overall project. This explores the relationship of play to the architectural avant-garde of the 1970s with the work of Archizoom's take on play within the No Stop City as a vessel for experimental design and critique. As such the research project exists in-between the built Urban Living Room within the unbuilt Playful City, between the reality and the memory of the site as well as with the history of the unbuilt and paper architecture.

## **Dissemination:**

Walthamstow Independent (April 2017), Shortlisted for 'Love Your Borough Award' (May 2017), Interviewed for 'Urban Commons' Research based at Tokyo University. Selected for LFA 2017 Event: Experimental Design & The Playful City (June 2017).

*NB: Project just completed so dissemination in progress.*



Urban Living Room - Concept Model 2016

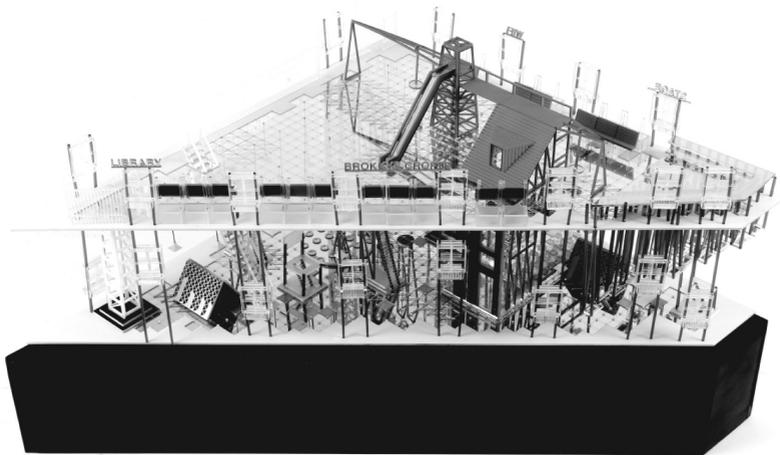




The Playful City (model) 2016



Urban Living Room (Site photograph) - 2017



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