

For over years and centuries, first social contacts were established in the residential places. We met our neighbours and their children, we were having fun. Bonding as acquaintances and friends later on. Learning how to use the common space and its surroundings was included in the role of the neighbour. If a friendly environment was what we needed, we were responsible for it by keeping it clean and introducing new elements. Often, we cooperated with other people, also from outside the family circle. Recently, a lot has been said about the circulation of human relationships and their transfer on the Internet. The "loss" of the neighbourhood along with most of the relationships that are in it is often pinpointed as the main aspect. These dynamic changes that affect our communities inspire this project.

As part of the planned research, the abovementioned statements concerning neighbourhood life will be cross-checked for their validity. In order to do this - few questions have to be answered: What are the neighbourhood relationships in big cities today? How much are we attached to our street, yard, housing? Do we still want to work together for our environment? How do our joint actions affect the change of the neighbourhood? How does the Internet affect our neighbourhood activities? The answers to these and similar questions lead to a broader understanding of what governs the collective actions of people in their immediate environment and their development. It will also provide an insight into the future. Moreover, the further advancement of common actions of the inhabitants in their small, or even the smallest, homelands will be anticipated.

The only possibility to receive the answers to the questions posed above is to look at neighbourhood relations in detail. Therefore, I am going to get acquainted with media reports and other materials about neighbourhood life. I also plan to prepare a survey in order to acquire information obtained during various conversations with people who actively participate in their immediate surroundings and as well with less active residents in two selected cities.

The inspiration for undertaking the aforementioned activities was the growing social interest in the city. More and more people openly discuss about the city: about what should be established, who should decide about it, and about its modern form. Often, however, we forget that not all people live in the city (especially the big ones) and in their neighbourhoods. It is in the immediate surrounding that we spend a lot of time, we know most of the inhabitants and feel that we belong there. Hence the planned study of the activity of the inhabitants in favor of their own environment will be carried out on the scale of the neighbourhood.