OCCUPY#PublicSpaces,
a method for metropolitan collaborative mapping and citizen-led plan.

OCCUPY# is an action research started in 2013. It is a method to include a much larger and diverse citizen participation in metropolitan planning.

OCCUPY# aims to map **the public spaces occupations** of the greater Paris:
- The different **practices** that take place in
- The different **actors** that interact there
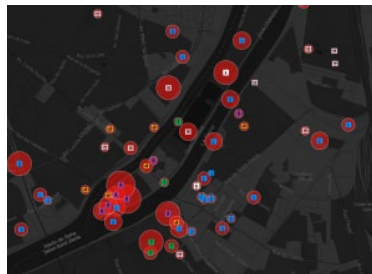- The various **landmarks** that make up these spaces
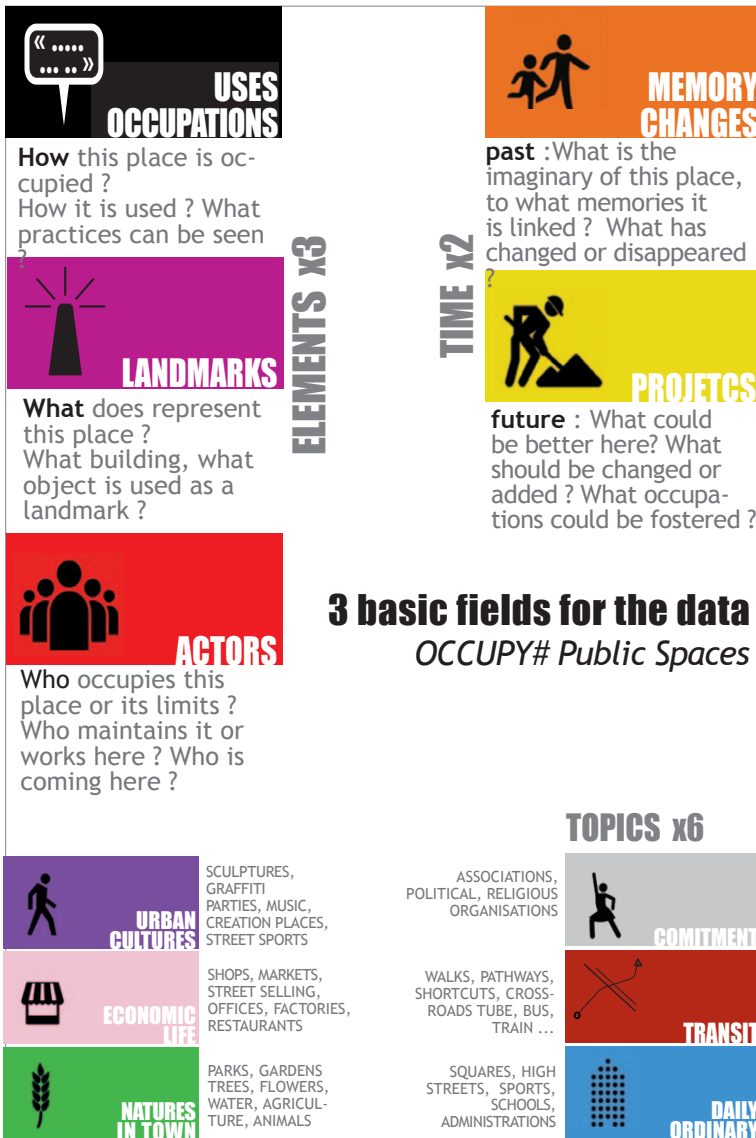
An the time dimension :
- **past** : what has changed or disappeared ?
- **future** : what could be transformed ?

Thanks to a collaborative way with greater Paris inhabitants and users, who are expert in everyday life practices of their territory.

The basis of this method are public workshops at neighbourhood festivals. This method has been successfully proven in already 15 workshops with each time a significant participation of differentiated audiences.

Legend 1 : Data is sorted according different fields to tease the imagination of the participants and to scan the main characteristics of public spaces.

USES OCCUPATIONS

How this place is occupied ?
How it is used ? What practices can be seen ?

LANDMARKS

What does represent this place ?
What building, what object is used as a landmark ?

ACTORS

Who occupies this place or its limits ?
Who maintains it or works here ? Who is coming here ?

ELEMENTS x3

MEMORY CHANGES

past : What is the imaginary of this place, to what memories it is linked ? What has changed or disappeared ?

PROJETCS

future : What could be better here? What should be changed or added ? What occupations could be fostered ?

TIME x2

3 basic fields for the data
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TOPICS x6

URBAN CULTURES	SCULPTURES, GRAFFITI PARTIES, MUSIC, CREATION PLACES, STREET SPORTS	**COMITMENT** — ASSOCIATIONS, POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS
ECONOMIC LIFE	SHOPS, MARKETS, STREET SELLING, OFFICES, FACTORIES, RESTAURANTS	**TRANSIT** — WALKS, PATHWAYS, SHORTCUTS, CROSS-ROADS TUBE, BUS, TRAIN …
NATURES IN TOWN	PARKS, GARDENS TREES, FLOWERS, WATER, AGRICULTURE, ANIMALS	**DAILY ORDINARY** — SQUARES, HIGH STREETS, SPORTS, SCHOOLS, ADMINISTRATIONS

It gathers now almost 1500 data, mostly in the North *banlieue* of Paris.

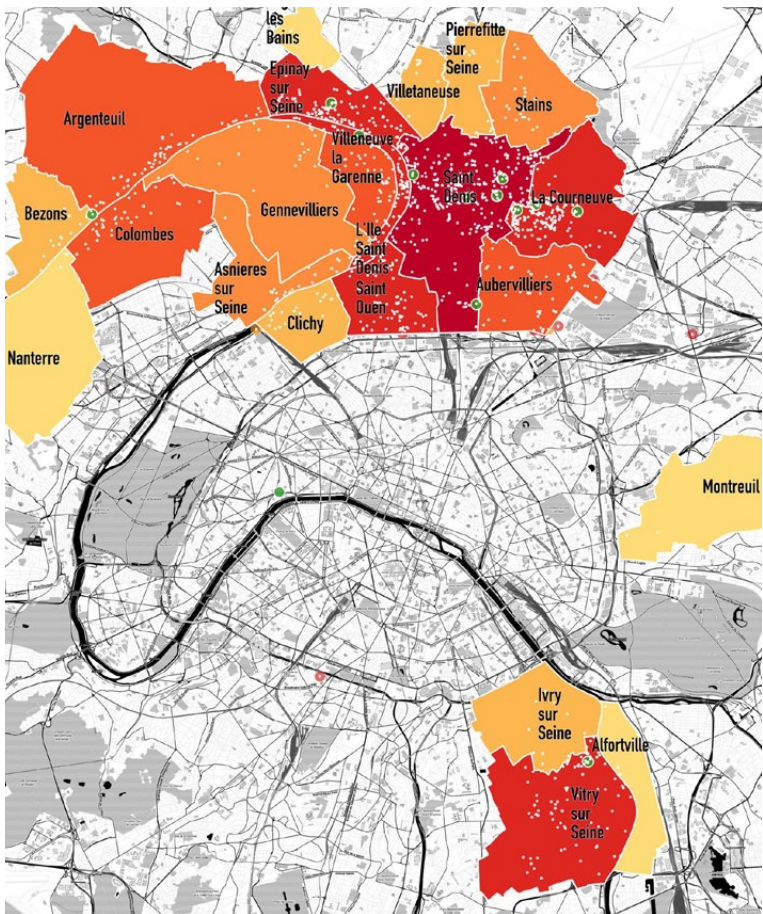We unfold a large aerial photo of the territory on a table. Then participants plant flags of different categories.
The information gathered from these workshops helps to highlight many significant places : landmarks, places of specific practices, location of important players, places of remarkable events, as well as residents' project ideas. **This open-data is uploaded immediately after the workshops on a map available on internet through www.occupy.fr.**

The data is sorted by different themes and is also indexed to prioritise their importance in relation to a particular subject . It is thus possible to extract maps that inform on specific topics.

The database, that is built and enriched with each new workshop, produces **an underlayer to be used in the construction of the metropolitan project.** And it is also the **support for cooperative projects creating a network between groups and assets.**

Legend 2 : The principal map is put on a table where participants can discuss and add their data.
Because of their simplicity, subject clarity and aesthetic, the workshops are quite popular. Children and teenagers are also interested in them.

As initiators of the OCCUPY#PublicSpaces mapping approach, we are obviously fascinated by the actual *Nuit Debout* movement which is animated by the wish of citizens to seize collectively public space to debate there of political decisions. To try to include also popular neighbourhood from the greater Paris to this movement, this mapping tool will soon be lightly adapted and set up in popular places; in particular in markets or for occasional *Debout* events in different *banlieue's* neighbourhoods. **From local challenges, a kind of *"cahiers de doléances"* will be mapped (grievances and hopes). Solutions will then be also mapped, as well as the community groups, networks and any actors acting towards these perspectives.** The goal is to connect all these points, to create links between *Debout* citizens, to build cooperations where they are possible and to make visible this collective energy made of micro-actions and networks of networks.
A mapping of *the struggles' convergence*.

greater Paris, 8th of May 2016.

OCCUPY data density by municipalities

● OCCUPY workshops

daya by municipalities
- 1 - 3
- 3 - 21
- 21 - 27
- 27 - 62
- 62 - 182
- 182 - 314

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