Social Mobility and Health Impacts of Urban Regeneration in Times of Crisis

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Introduction

• Seminar as part of a NWO-Platform 31 research project
  • “Please do it yourself”. On social support, professional counselling and long-term upward social mobility in a neighbourhood-based approach.

• Stakeholders
  • TU Delft, University of Amsterdam, University of Glasgow
  • Borough authorities of Hoogvliet
  • Housing Association Woonbron and Vestia
  • Platform 31 (formerly known as the Nicis Institute)
  • Platform Corpovenista

• International comparison with GoWell experiences
Background

- Since the end of 1990s, several European countries have implemented large-scale urban regeneration policies in deprived neighbourhoods.

- These policies have both a **place-based** and a **people-based** focus: they aim to improve the liveability, sustainability and reputation of deprived neighbourhoods, **but also the lives of residents in these areas**.

- Recent longitudinal research has shown that urban regeneration programmes are **more likely to have an impact on place-based rather than people-based outcomes**.
Some thoughts and starting points for discussion:

- Individuals who see positive changes in place-based outcomes are more likely to report higher wellbeing or better mental health. This might also indirectly effect other outcomes, such as employment.

- Beneficiaries of smaller targeted social interventions may report individual benefits which are not significant or even visible at area level.

- The continuing economic crisis may offset earlier, hard-fought program benefits.

- The ideological discourse of active citizenship aims for citizens to help themselves, especially in deprived communities. However, are these communities strong enough to help themselves?
Programme today

• **Ade Kearns:** The Health and Wellbeing Impacts of Regeneration in Glasgow. Benefits and Setbacks; Complexity and Contradiction.

• **Anton Kunst:** Health Impacts of the Dutch National Urban Regeneration Program for 40 Priority Districts: The URBAN40 project.

• **Reinout Kleinhans:** “It took us thirteen years to achieve this...”. Social Mobility and Wellbeing in the Long-Term Regeneration of Hoogvliet, Rotterdam

• **Nicol van Twillert:** Lessons Learned and Taking the Next Steps: Implications for Policy and Practice