

Multicultural heritage and politics of inclusion in Budapest

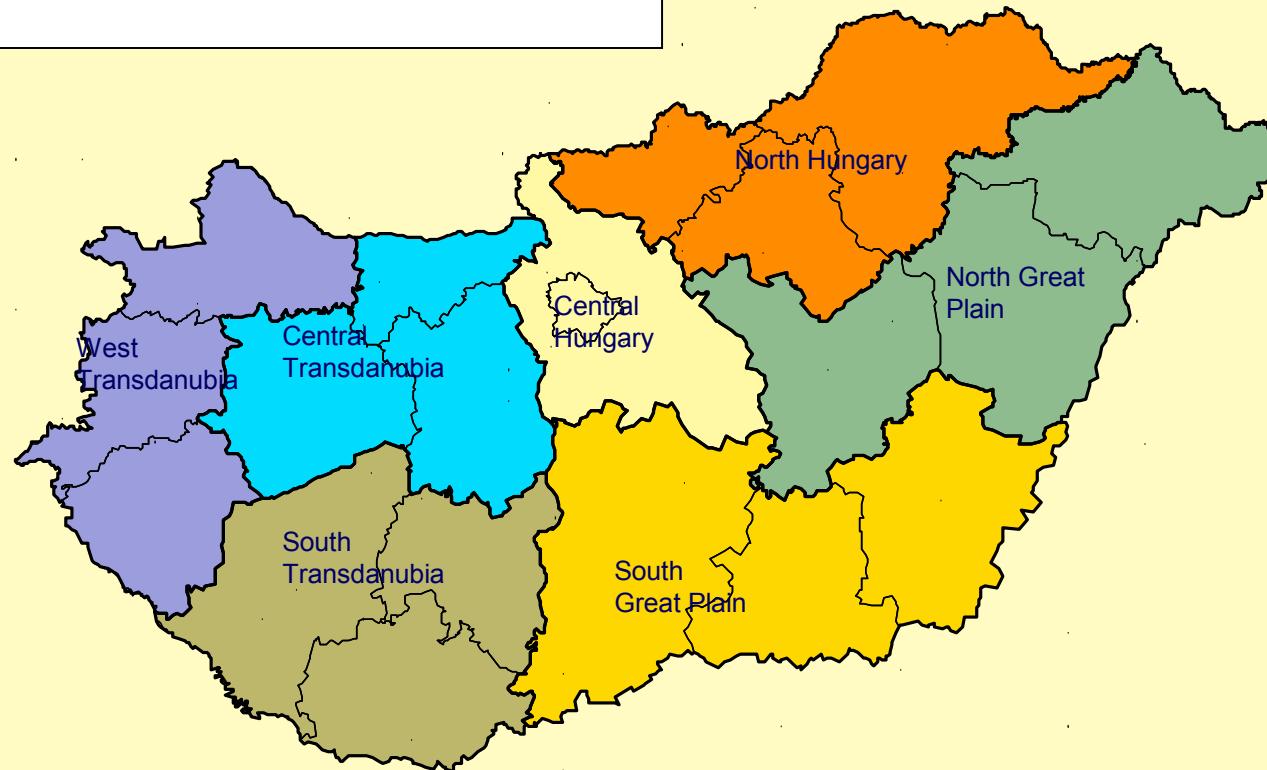


Outline

- I. Budapest: history and present focusing on multiculturalism
- II. Pilot social urban renewal programme in a district (Magdolna Quarter programme)
- III. Current practices: does inclusion matters?

I. Budapest: „heart” of Hungary

Statistical and planning regions and counties in Hungary



Budapest and Central Hungary in numbers

- Budapest agglomeration is 2,7% of the territory
- $\frac{1}{4}$ of the population
- Territory of Budapest is of 525 km² and 1,734 million inhabitants
- Territory of the agglomeration is of 2000 km² and 817 thousand inhabitants
- Slowing suburbanisation

Administration in Budapest

- 23 districts
- 23+1 elected councils
- 23+1 mayors
- Mayors elected directly
- Scattered local policies



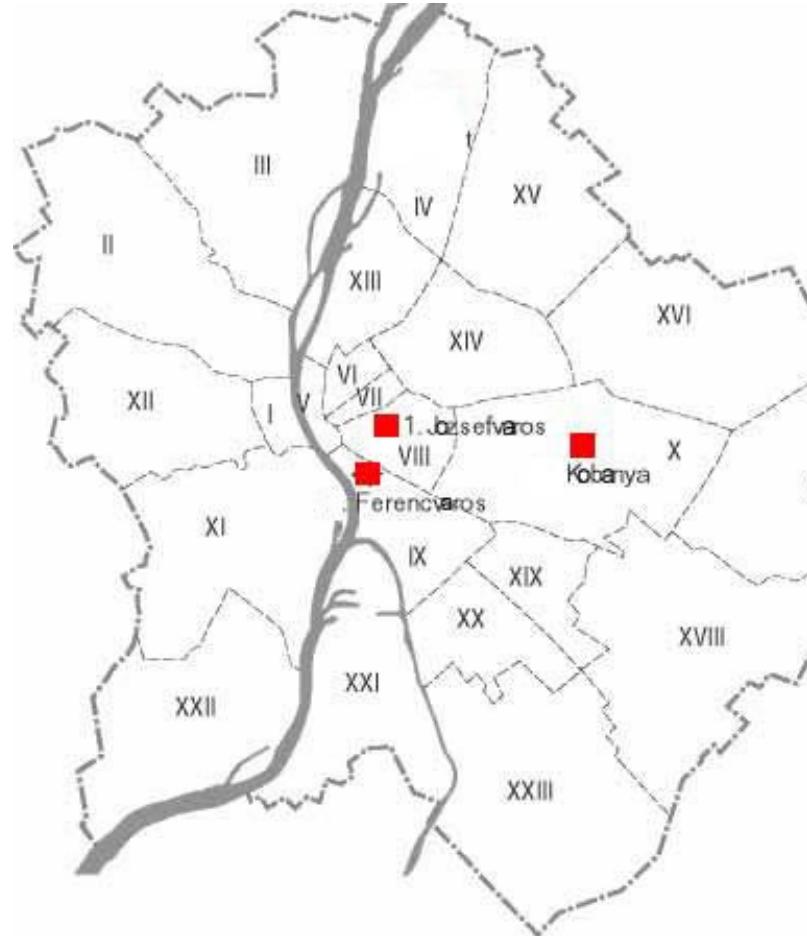
II. Pilot programme in Józsefváros

It was sure for us, when we were planning the mid-term plan for the district, that we will build upon its diversity,

20% of our population is Gypsy, (Romany)

People are very much defined by their neighbourhood, relations, and connections.

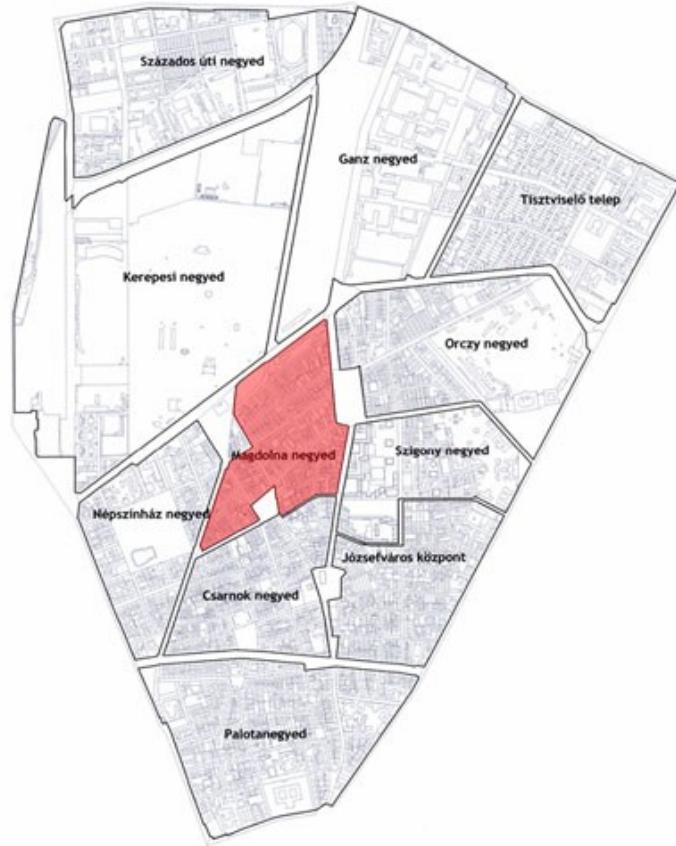
The plan used 11 identification quarters so that the programs developed would always keep the special conditions in mind.



Magdolna Quarter/1

In the late 90s and early 20s
Józsefváros was the gate of the poor to
the capital.

Budapest's first Railway station was built
in the edge of the quarter, and
everybody arrived here from the East
(poor, landless peasants, gypsies, and
jewish refugees from Russia/Galicia).

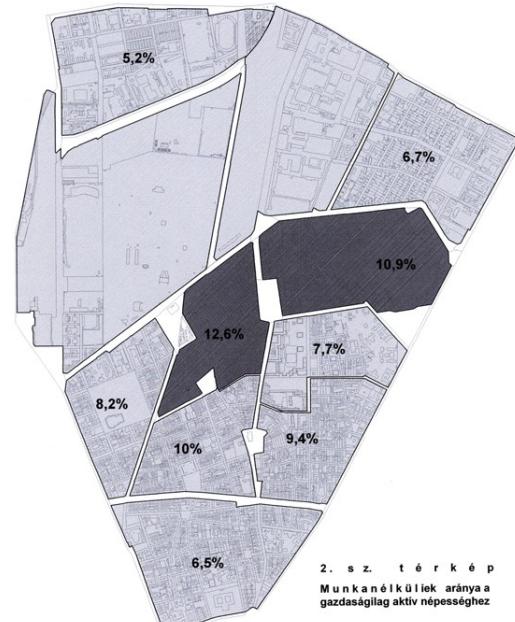
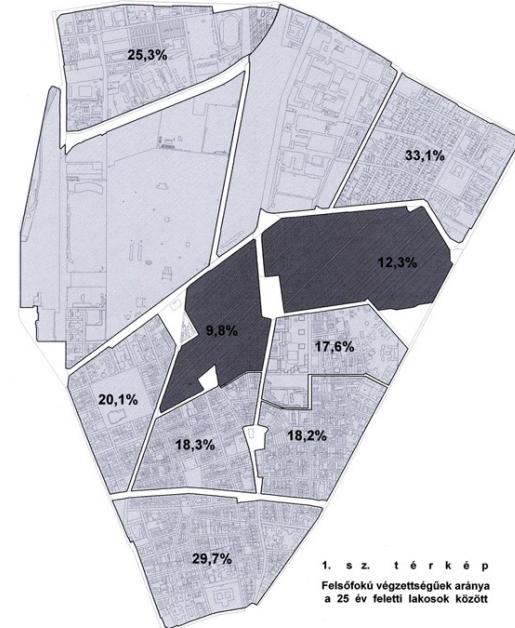


Magdolna Quarter Charts/1

The proportion of the people without primary school qualification is high in **the Quarter**:10%

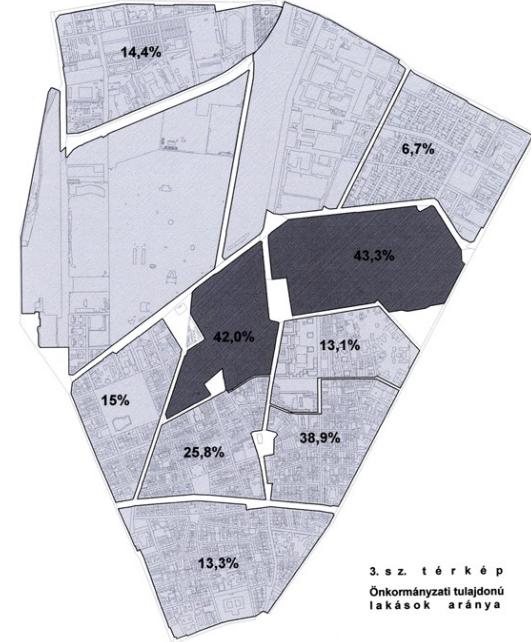
Low proportion of university degree graduation rate in the **Quarter**: 10%
Dist.avarage: 20%

High unemployment rate in the quarter
BP avarage:6,5% **Dist.avarage**:8,6%
Quarter:12,6%

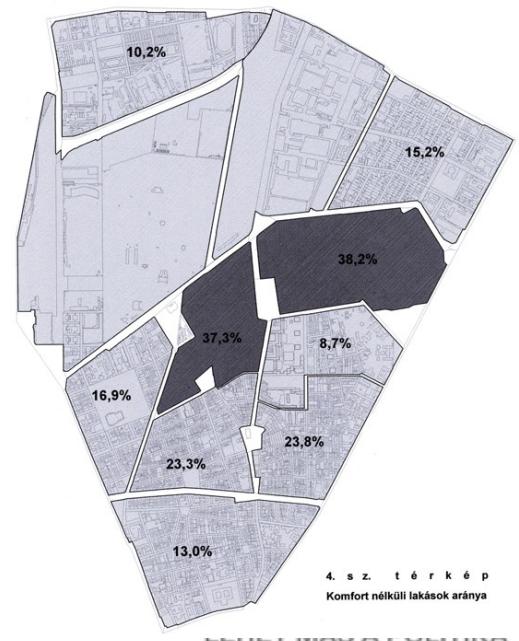


Magdolna Quarter Charts/2

High rate of local government owned flats in the Quarter: 42,6%,
Dist.avarage:17,5%; Bp avarage:5,0%



High rate of uncomfortable flats (without wc&bath) in the Quarter:37,6%
Bp avarage:9,5% Dist.avarage:19%



Summary of the problems

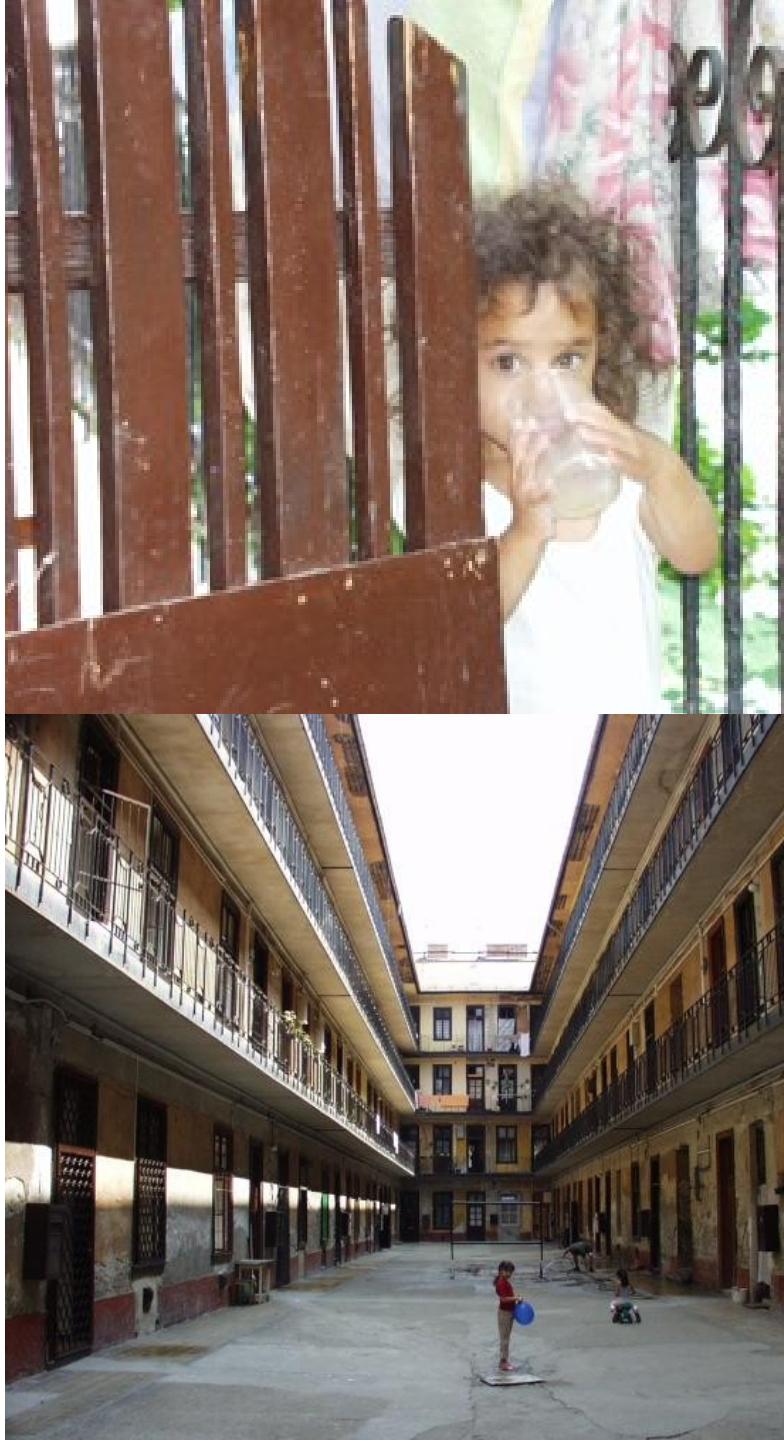
For the past 50 years the Quarter has been identified by a downward spiral

decay of economy and social development,

deterioration of built environment,

concentrated co-existence of disadvantaged and undereducated families

and among them the gypsies are overrepresented



Start of the Program

Budapest City Council and Local Government of Józsefváros decided about the integrated experiment urban regeneration program in 2004.

Rév8 plc developed the Magdolna Quarter Program, as a medium term regeneration initiative for a 15 year period.

The experiment program started in 2005.



Objectives

Social aims to ensure appropriate living conditions by involvement of the current residents, with strengthening the local community cohesion and maintaining social diversity.

Economic aims: to improve the local labour market (reducing long-term unemployment, supporting local entrepreneurship, especially gypsies) in order to increase the self-sustainability of the area.

Environmental aims to create affordable and sustainable housing by continuous renewal of buildings in small steps, to enlarge the public and green areas both in size and quality, and to protect the architectural heritage.



Magdolna Quarter Program I.-II

Main elements of the integrated program

Program #1 / Building renewal by involvement of the tenants

Program #2 / Greenkeys project, Renewal of the Mátyás square

Program #3 / Mátyás Square Community House 'Glove Factory', community house

Program #4 / Educating program

Program #5, #6, #7, / Crime prevention program, Employment, entrepreneurs program, Community development program



Social urban renewal in Józsefváros / Magdolna Quarter

Building renewal by involvement of the tenants

Those communities can take part whose members cooperate in the whole process of renewal of the building. Out of 60 municipal rental houses 4 participated in Magdolna I. Tenants themselves worked in cleaning up the cellars, and decided on the content of the renewal programme together.



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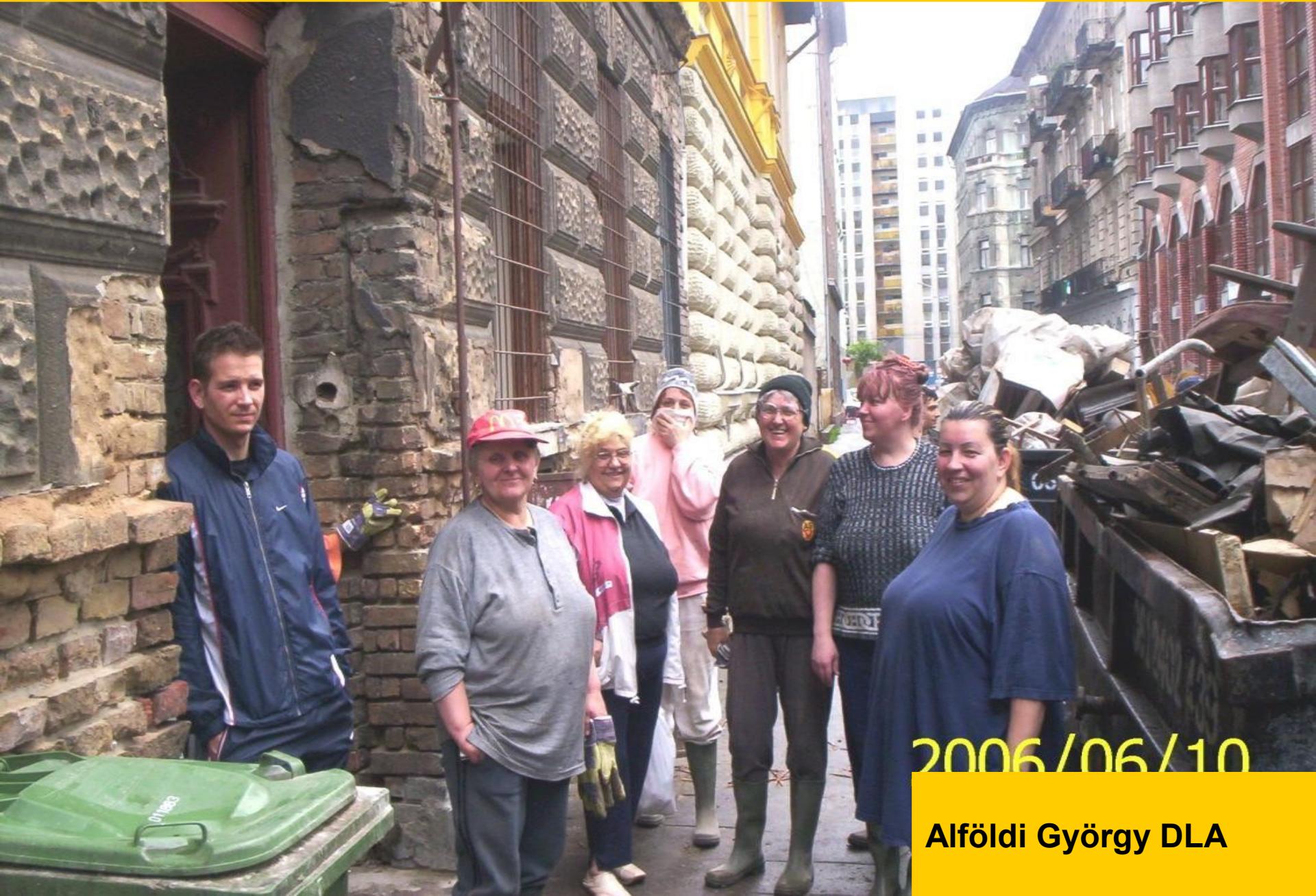
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Szigetvári utca 4.



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Karácsony S. u 22.

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„Glove factory” – Community House

Near Erdélyi str.
Primary school the community center started its operation in 2008, which becomes the communal centre of the Quarter with its cultural, educational, consultant and information services.



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GreenKey's, Mátyás square

The project aims the renewal of the square with the involvement of the residents. The aim of the renewal is that the square becomes a real meeting „Place” suitable for cultural events and would provide recreational facilities for all ages.



Innovative educational programme

Az Erdélyi utcai Iskola fő célkitűzése, hogy nyitott programjaival, egyedi kreativitásra épülő művészeti oktatásával oldja, egyben elősegítse az iskolába járó, többségében roma gyerekek integrációját, esélyt nyújtson képességeik kibontakoztatására.

Az általános iskolában, mely bővült gimnáziumi osztályokkal, a program keretében 2006. szeptemberében útjára indult a „Digitális gyermekkor” képzés, és egy svéd mintát követő, élményközpontú olvasástanulási program.



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Civil Net Programme

Kulturális, szociális és mentális-, egészségügyi tevékenységet végző civil szervezetek közötti együttműködés erősítését célozza a program.

Employment programme

Minősített kisvállalkozói program, képzési és átképzési programok .

Crime prevention programme

Cél a negyed közbiztonságának javítása. Ennek első lépéseként létrehozásra került a Bűnmegelőzési munkacsoport a bűnmegelőzésben érintett hivatali és szakmai szervezeteket részvételével.

Magdolna Neighbourhood Council

Civil tanács, civil fórum, amely intézményesíti a lakossági részvételt, és alkalmas helyi rendezvények kezdeményezésére, szervezésére



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RIGHT PEOPLE

RIGHT PLACES

RIGHT NUMBERS

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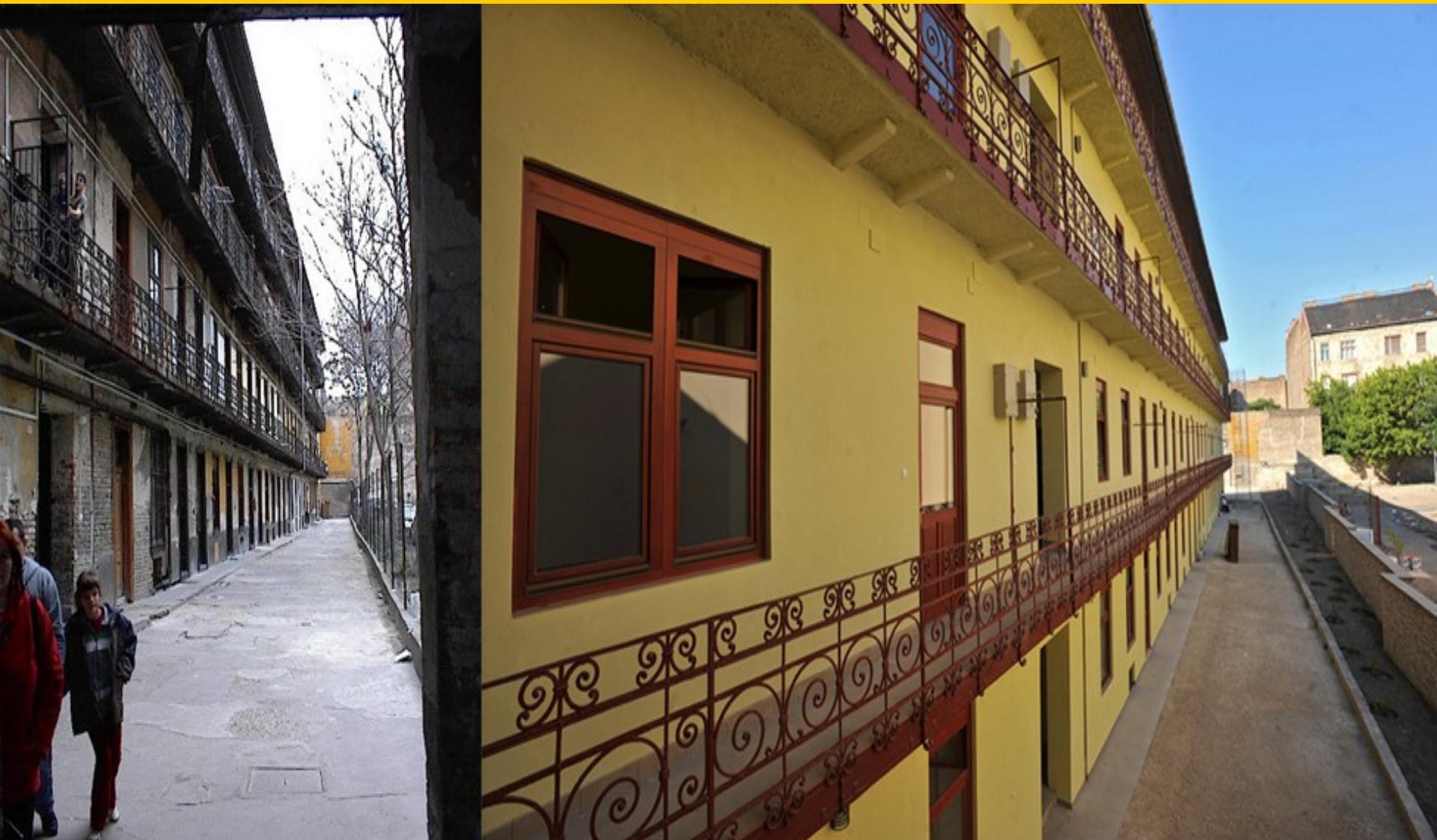
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Szociális városrehabilitáció a Józsefvárosban



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Magdolna Program I.-II.

Results obtained:

- appropriate living conditions,
- involving residents,
- strengthening the local community cohesion,
- reducing long-term unemployment,
- supporting local entrepreneurship
(especially gypsies),
- to increase the self-sustainability of the area,
- affordable and sustainable housing,
- bigger and better urban green.

Magdolna Program I.-II

Experiences

In our days there is no confidence between people & the system, the attitude of the LGs & Mayor's Offices in Hungary is too bureaucratic and too thematic.

Problems have been appeared on different thematics, but in concentrated area.

The thematic & bureaucratic system couldn't find the efficient and sensitive solutions.

Rév8 is a problem orientated project based company, with all of required skills.

Rév8 developed a strategy for involving people into the process, and has been starting to share the responsibility of the decision.

The added value of our program are reconnecting social fabric, rebuilding the confidence between people & the system and dissolving anxiety.

Magdolna Program I.-II

Experiences

Developing trust in locals step by step (2 levels: neighbour-neighbour, local-company relations).

Long-term, simple and transparent institutional framework for ensuring integration (R  v8), and ensuring long-term, constant financial background

Ensuring the residents to have a direct role in planning their environment and implementing these plans (not only through our political representative-system), and ensuring an active participation on the tenants' side in all non-professional works

Making decision makers realize certain results only occur after a long time has passed and harmonizing short-term and long-term interests.

Cooperating with the locals during the process and making social work accepted as key in the progress

III. The present

- Does inclusion matters for conservative and national policy?
- Former liberal policy did not show the results
- Social acceptance is missing
- Criminalisation of the poor / homelessness
- Government policy: Strengthening of upper middle class

LMP = Politics Can Be Different

- Party founded in 2009
- EP elections in 2009: 2,61%
- Parliamentary elections in 2010: 7,48%, 16 seats
- Local elections in 2010: 54 seats in local city councils

Results at the elections october 2010

Budapest (City) 11,16%, 3 seats

- District 1. 11,78% 1 seat (Márta Naszályi)
- District 2. 12,29% 2 seats (Márton Kovács, Gábor Perjés)
- District 3. 9,61% 1 seat (András Béres)
- District 4. 9,11% 1 seat (László Perneczky)
- District 5. 12,33% 1 seat (Péter Árvai)
- District 6. 13,53% 1 seat (Olivio Cake)
- District 7. 10,87% 1 seat (László Moldován)
- District 8. 11,41% 1 seat (Tamás Jakabfy)
- District 9. 6,44% 1 seat (Antal Csárdi)
- District 10. 7,34% 1 seat (Balázs Tóth)
- District 11. 10,07% 2 seats (Iván Bajomi, Áron Gajárszki)
- District 12. 13,26% 2 seats (Gábor Püspöki, Péter Sipos)
- District 13. 8,51% 1 seat (Péter Szabados)
- District 14. 11,39% 1 seat (László Várnai)
- District 15. 6,35% 1 seat (László Szilvágyi)
- District 16. 8,37% 1 seat (Barbara Szabó)
- District 17. 1,18% no seat
- District 18. 6,66% 1 seat (László Petrovai)
- District 19. 5,63% 1 seat (Csaba Gerháth)
- District 20. 7,32% 1 seat (Péter Mach)
- District 21. 8,56% 1 seat (András Tenk)
- District 22. No LMP list (support of civil list)
- District 23. 4,07% no seat
- Total: 23 delegates

The LMP fraction in Budapest



dr. Jenő Kaltenbach



Ágnes Somfai



Ákos Hanzély

Budapest City Council

Fidesz-KDNP: 17+1 seats

MSZP: 10 seats

LMP: 3 seats

Jobbik: 3 seats

In one year: 22 meetings





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Car-free day



Protest against smog in
Budapest



Earth Day



Protest for better homeless
care services

Handing out our self-made
newspaper

We are online!

- Webpage:
budapest.lehetmas.hu
- Facebook: LMP Budapest

The screenshot shows the homepage of the LMP Budapest website. The header features the LMP logo and navigation links for Budapest, Rólunk, Hírek, Önkormányzat, Kapcsolat, and About us. The main content area includes a petition section titled "Petíció A ZÖLD FORDULATÉR", news items such as "A Kormányhivatal semmisítse meg a fóváros törvénytelen rendeleletét!" and "Párizsi kongresszus: az Európai Zöld Párt teljes jogú tagja lett az LMP!", and a video player showing a speech by Ákos Molnár.

The screenshot shows the LMP Budapest Facebook page. It displays the page cover photo, a timeline with posts, and various sections like Wall, Info, Friend Activity, Photos, and About. A post from November 17, 2011, discusses the "Gázüzem támogatás a Parlament előtt" and includes a link to a blog post. Another post from November 17, 2011, by Ákos Molnár is also visible.





Thank you!

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