We are a group of professionals of different areas interested in rethinking cities, neighborhoods and architecture in order to eliminate discrimination of any kind. We work to build cities that reflect the diversity of our society by creating inclusive spaces.

Col·lectiu Punt 6 is composed by 5 women with diverse origins and life experiences, and also from different areas of knowledge within urban planning, architecture and sociology.

Col·lectiu Punt 6 sees as necessary to rethink the urban spaces from new paradigms in order to break with discriminations and hierarchies, and contribute to a real social transformation. In response to this, we work in architecture and urban planning from an intersectional gender perspective, and from the sustainability, community participation and action, and the solidary economy, because through the space we can also change realities.

We work in three areas: Community participation, Urban Planning for the everyday life, Architecture of proximity. Also, we conduct research, courses and trainings, reflecting and redefining our everyday life practices through theory. We combine all this work with the activism and collaboration with feminist and neighborhood organizations and groups.

PROJECTS
Participation, consultancy, cooperation, urban planning and architecture

COURSE AND TRAININGS
In academic institutions and with the public administration

RESEARCH
Own research and in collaboration with other groups

ACTIVISIM
Actions and collaboration with other groups and organizations

Work developed since 2015
We foster active community participation, because it is essential to analyze and highlight everyday life experiences in the urban environment. We propose: Thinking collectively the different spaces, getting consensus about uses, desires and needs, breaking imposed hierarchies (by gender, age, socioeconomic condition, origin, sexual identity, etc.) and involving the diversity of social actors. What spaces: any kind of space of collective use (street, square, park, community center, facilities, etc.) How: Participatory tools to think collectively the design, the management and the use of the spaces, including the diversity of experiences and people.

- Col·lectiu Dones del Llevant. Urban Audit from a Gender Perspective to make allegations to the General Land Use Plan of Manacor, Mallorca. 2015-2016.
- City of Barcelona. Facilitation of the participatory process of Espai Germanetes, Eixample. 2015.
- City of Barcelona. Participatory activities and results. Facilitation of the neighborhood town halls of the district of the Eixample. 2015.
- Coordination and facilitation of the Exploratory Walk: Space and Safety from a gender perspective, in the context of the Forum against gender violence, organized by the Plataforma Unitaria contra las violencias de género. Barcelona, November 2015.
- Parents Association of the Primary School Montserrat, Sant Salvador de Guardiola, Barcelona. Participatory activities for the co-design of the school playgrounds with the educational community. Project MAKING PLAYGROUNDS 2015-2016.
- City of Málaga, Municipal Department of Urban Planning, Public Works and Infrastructures, Department of Urban Planning Management. Coordination of participatory activities and elaboration of conclusions for the PEPRI of the Center, Málaga. From June 2015.
- City of Mexico, Women’s Instituto of the DF, Faculty of Architecture of the UNAM, UN Women. Workshop “Designing, Planning and Participating for a Safe City without violence against women”. Within the International Seminar of Cities free of Violence against Women. City of Mexico. October 2015.


• DIBA (Province of Barcelona) Department of Policies on Community Participation and Action. City of Ullastrell. Participatory assessment to contribute to the project of the street La Serra. November 2014.


• Raons Públicas. Project of covering the train tracks in Sants. “Walk through the public space with a gender perspective”. July 2013.

• Parents Association of the Primary School Montserrat, Sant Salvador de Guardiola, Barcelona. “How do we coexist in the school playground?” April 2013.

• Association l’Afer de la Dona, Els Pallaresos, Tarragona. Participatory workshop “Women’s experience in the built environment of Pallaresos” as part of the research project: “Regional rehabilitation: the transformation of suburbia”. June 2012.

• Women’s information center of the neighborhood of Les Corts, City of Barcelona. Participatory workshop “Gender and urban planning” with youth groups in the context of the March 8th celebration. March 10, 2012.

• City of Castelldefels, Barcelona. Equity Department. Participatory workshop “The use of the public space from the everyday life experiences” as part of the Neighborhood Law project in the neighborhood of Vista Alegre, Castelldefels. March 2011.

• Workshops for the Catalan Institute of Women (ICD – Institut Català de les Dones): “Women’s experiences in the everyday life”. From 2005 to 2011. Workshops with women’s groups in more than 80 municipalities of Catalonia.

• City of Esparraguera, Barcelona. Gender equity policies Department. Participatory process to elaborate a gender audit, and urban planning criteria from a gender perspective, in the context of the Neighborhood law project of the neighborhood Mas d’en Gall. 2009.

• City of Ripollet, Barcelona. Gender equity policies Department. Workshop to elaborate urban design criteria from a gender perspective for the Park May 1st. December 2008.


• Workshops for the Barcelona Regional Government (Province of Barcelona – DIBA): “Gender and Urban planning: the use of the city from women’s experiences” Since 2007.


• Women’s council of the Sants-Montjuic district, Barcelona. “Gender and urban planning. The use of a gender perspective when auditing the public space”. Five work sessions, walks and workshops, June 16, 19 and 27, October 9 and November 15, 2006.
CONSULTING:

We contribute to urban projects from a gender perspective through participatory processes, from the assessment to the evaluation. We participate in the interdisciplinary discourse that cities build today.

- **Province of Barcelona, Country of Garraf and Municipalities of Garraf County.** Plan to improve housing and everyday life in the low-density suburbs of the county of Garraf.

- **City of Barcelona. Municipal enterprise of urban management BAGUR, SA.** Technical assistance to develop a Personalized Assessment within the Global management of a process of housing relocation at the Colonia Castells, Les Corts District, Barcelona. October 2015-February 2016.

- **Consultancy to implement a School Walking Pathway in the School Margalló.** City of Castelldefels, Departments of Equality and Urban Planning. March 2014.

- **Consultancy to implement urban spatial indicators at the neighborhood scale.** Department of Public Spaces and Facilities, Province of Barcelona. January- November 2013.

- **Recommendations for the implementation of a gender perspective in urban projects.** City of Gavà. 2010.

- **Invited consultant** at Women and Land Rights (CWLR) to draft research proposals on the role of women in new development plans of cities. Conceptualization of the Women Resources Zone. In collaboration with Sathi all partnerships (SAFP). New Delhi, India. Since 2009.


COOPERATION:

We collaborate with other organizations within Spain and internationally. We foster networking and exchange between women’s organizations.


- **Collaboration in the project "Creative learning for global citizens: undoing inequalities".** AKWABA Foundation, City of Barcelona, City of L’Hospitalet, City of Tarragona, Catalan Agency of Cooperation. 2015.

- **Improvement of urban safety from the experience of women in Cali.** Polytechnic University of Catalonia- Department of Cooperation and Development. 2014-2015.

- **Gender Audit in the area of urban planning.** Department of Cooperation and Development – Province of Barcelona. 2013- 2014.

- **Project “Neighborhood improvement from everyday-life experiences: diagnostic and participatory design from a gender perspective in the neighborhood of Villa Jardín”,** Buenos Aires, Argentina. In collaboration with the women’s group Las Juanas. Since 2011.
ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN PLANNING:

Architecture of proximity

We propose: de-constructing and rethinking the space we inhabit to respond to the needs, uses and desires of people who inhabit them (individuals, families, households, etc.)

What spaces: individual and collective housing, working spaces, community spaces, etc.

How: through the analysis, assessment and shared design with all the people involved.

What type of services:

- Design, decoration, re-usage and redistribution of space through the work with people.
- Architecture clinic per hour, to talk about and advice for particular issues of fast resolution.
- Accompaniment during construction: technical advice, selection of materials...
- Advice for the design of spaces
- Project development

Experiences:

- Analysis of needs and proposal of uses for the family space La Nau in Can Batlló, neighborhood of Sants-Montjuïc, Barcelona 2014.
- Interior Design of House without Gender in the town of Sant Guim de Freixenet, 2009.

Everyday Life Urban Planning

We propose: de-constructing and rethinking shared spaces responding to the everyday life needs, uses and desires of neighbors, collectives, organizations and associations, etc.

What spaces: empty lots, streets, parks and other open spaces. Spaces of shared and collective use, such as community centers, children’s spaces, care spaces, leisure spaces, facilities, etc.

How: Through the analysis, assessment and collective design.

What type of services:

- Urban planning clinic per hour, where to talk about and advice for particular issues of fast resolution.
- Accompaniment during construction: technical assistance, selection of materials...
- Advice for the management and design of spaces: distribution of uses, better use of the space, spatial redistribution ...
- Preparation and facilitation.

Experiences:

- Analysis of needs, proposal of uses and design of playground and infrastructure for the Playground of the School Montserrat in the town of Sant Salvador de Guardiola, Barcelona, 2013-2015.
TRAINING

We conduct training programs and workshops with government leaders, policy makers, and city planners about the benefits of including a gender perspective in architecture and urban planning. We disseminate and support the Law for Neighborhood Improvement (2004), the first law in Spain that explicitly requires planning from a gender perspective. Co·lectiu Punt 6 has developed tools for municipal governments to implement and comply with this innovative regulation.

COURSES AND CLASSES IN THE UNIVERSITY:


- Class “Contributions of the gender perspective to architecture and urban planning” and Workshop “The House without Gender” during the Cycle of Conferences of Architecture “between the project and the construction”. University Santo Tomás de Medellín, Colombia. By: Marta Fonseca. February 2015.


- Organization of the conference on Urban Studies, Gender and Feminism: Theories and experiences, Co·lectiu Punt 6 – Women’s Catalan Institute – Catalan Polytechnic University. Coordinated by Adriana Ciocoletto and Blanca G. Valdivia. Barcelona, October 2011.


TRAINING COURSES FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION:

- Course “Safety, Public Space and Gender”. Training for municipal technical staff. City of Barcelona. September and December 2013.
- Technical advice on Gender and Urban Planning for public administration employees of institutions using participatory processes in urban planning. City of San José, Costa Rica, June 27, 2008.
- Training of trainers to facilitate participatory workshops “The forbidden and the desired city”. Women’s Information Center, City of Manresa, Women’s Program. November 2008.

RESEARCH:

We conduct feminist research on the intersection of gender and urban planning. We have conducted research on housing, women’s safety, women’s history in architecture, participatory methodologies, among other topics.

PROPIAS


IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER GROUPS


ACTIVISM AND ADVOCACY

We advocate for women’s rights to the city, for making visible women’s contributions in the construction of our cities, and foster activism with grassroots groups at the community and neighborhood level.


• Coordination and development of Barcelona V-day: “One billion rising”. With the support of the Department of Women and Civil Rights, City of Barcelona, February 2013.

• Coordination of the roundtable “Women transforming cities: experiences from India and Argentina” in Ca la Dona, Barcelona. With the participation of: Ana Falú (Red Mujer y Hábitat), Kalpana Viswanath (Jagori) and Saskia Sassen (Columbia University), October 8, 2012.


• Coordination in partnership with the Neighborhood association of Gòtic, Barcelona the “Walk in the everyday life of the neighborhood of Gòtic”. Part of the activities of Festival Llimonades ’10 organized by Community Center Pati Llimona. Barcelona, July 2011.

• Coordination of the “Walk in the urban space: Ciutat Meridiana – Torre Baró”. Part of the elective course Walks in Barcelona – School of Architecture of Barcelona. Barcelona, March 2011.


• Coordination of the “Walk in the public space: University Campus”. March 8th activity at the School of Architecture of Barcelona. Barcelona, March 2010.

• Coordination of the “Walk in the public space: Neighborhood of Besós and Fòrum”. With the collaboration of the women’s network Ca la dona. II Congress of Women of Barcelona, October 2009.

PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS WITH OTHER GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

• Gender HUB –UNI UN Habitat.
• Metropolis: Participation in activities of the Women’s Network of Metropolis.
• Ca la Dona: Support to activities.
• Association of amputated people Sant Jordi: Collaboration agreement for the development of actions, information and initiatives that might respond to needs of amputated people and people with disabilities.
• Equal Saree: Collaboration in the development of the cooperation project on gender and urban planning in Tanger, Morocco. Camina Tamshi.
• Feminist economy fair: members of the fair organizing group and participation in activities.
• Association Creativat’t: collaboration in education projects and social innovation projects with families in Sant Salvador de Guardiola, Barcelona.
• La Nau: collaboration in the definition of uses and spaces of La Nau as an education and family space in Can Batlló, Barcelona.
• Sí Mujer Foundation: cooperation project in Cali, Colombia.
• Association of Women Mumalá: cooperation project in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
OTHER AREAS OF WORK

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Organization and coordination:

- Conference “Urban studies, gender and feminism: theories and experiences”. School of Architecture of Barcelona, Polytechnic University of Catalonia, October 2011.

Presentations – Talks

2016

- Participation in the roundtable “A woman in conflict with the landscape” at the Lliure Theatre, Barcelona, January 26, 2016.

2015

• “Urban planning and gender” Neighborhood School organized by the Federation of Neighborhood Associations of Zaragoza, Zaragoza, November 2015.

• “Public Space, Safety and Housing from a gender perspective”. International seminar Cities free of Violence against women. City of Mexico, October 2015.


• “Everyday Life and Mobility” Third edition of the seminar Habitat at a human scale, organized by Architects without Frontiers. A Coruña, April 2015.

• “Livable and sustainable spaces in front of the commodification of the city” Conference “La Bolsa o la Vida”: Conflicts and alternatives between economy and life, organized by REAS Euskadi, Bilbao, March 2015

• “Experiences and methodologies to incorporate a gender perspective in urban planning” Conference Women transforming cities: presence and participation, organized by the City of Pamplona, Pamplona, March 2015

• “The city from a feminist perspective” Conference Building Cities for the “buen vivir”, organized by Association Mujeres Hypatia, Burgos, February 2015

• “Thinking the city from a gender perspective”, organized by the Observatory against Street Harassment of Colombia, National University of Colombia, Bogotà, February 2015

2014

• Presentation of three doctoral dissertation of Col·lectiu Punt 6, UNI-Habitat Gender HUB, “Promising practices for effective dialogues and delivering sustainable urban development with a gender perspective”, HUB Gender UNI- ONU Habitat and European COST Policy Network Gender STE, Madrid, January 2014.

• “Gender Audit in Urban Planning”, Secretary of Habitat and Inclusion, City of Buenos Aires, Argentina, February 2014.


• “Living single-use residential areas from a gender perspective” and “The house without gender”. I Congress of Sustainable Housing, School of Architecture of Barcelona, Polytechnic University of Catalonia, February 2014.


• World Urban Forum UN Habitat, Medellín, Colombia, April 2014.

• Postsuburbia. Making city from the non-city, Murcia, May 2014.

• The leeway of public space. Public space and everyday life. Postgraduate diploma in Art design and Society, ELISAVA School, Barcelona, June 2014.

• The everyday life dimension and the gender perspective in urban planning,, International Workshop Medellin 2014 “Mechanics of the public” (Zurdo Team), School of Architecture, Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, Medellín, Colombia, September 2014.

• “Urban Space and Gender”, Guadalajara, México, September 2014,

• Conference "Engendering Cities" Roma, Italy, September 2014.

• Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, November 2014, Philadelphia, EUA.

• “Women in the everyday life urban planning” – Secretary of Habitat and Inclusion of the City of Buenos Aires, International Congress of Educational Cities, Barcelona, November 2014.

• Participation in the roundtable of the 4th Women’s Congress of Baix Llobregat, Gavà, November 2014

• “Participation from a gender perspective as a tool of urban transformation”, Conference Thinking the City, Málaga, November 2014


PUBLICATIONS

Own publications:


• POSTSUBURBIA. Rehabilitación de urbanizaciones residenciales monofuncionales de baja densidad. Coordinated by: Zaida Muxí Martínez. Available at: http://issuu.com/punt6

Articles:

• “Planning from below: using feminist participatory methods to increase women’s participation in urban Planning”. Sara Ortiz Escalante y Blanca Gutiérrez Valdivia. Journal Gender & Development Volume 23, Issue 1, 2015 pp 113-126marzo de 2015

• “La gestión de la vida cotidiana en las colonias textiles catalanas durante las primeras décadas del siglo XX.” Roser Casanovas. Revista Márgenes de Arquitectura Social nº 8 De-género, Oct-Dec 2013

• “¿Cómo convivimos en los patios escolares?” Adriana Ciocoletto and Blanca Gutiérrez Valdivia. Revista Márgenes de Arquitectura Social nº 8 De-género, Oct-Dec 2013

• “Registrar la experiencia cotidiana con perspectiva de genero” Roser Casanovas, Adriana Ciocoletto and Sara Ortiz Escalante. Revista Márgenes, nº 03, October 2012.

• “¿Qué aporta la perspectiva de género al urbanismo?” Zaida Muxí Martínez, Roser Casanovas, Adriana Ciocoletto, Marta Fonseca and Blanca Gutiérrez Valdivia Revista Feminismos nº 17 June 2011

• “La Ley de Barrios en Cataluña: la perspectiva de género como herramienta de planificación.” Zaida Muxí Martínez and Adriana Ciocoletto Revista Feminismos nº 17 June 2011

Participation in other publications:


• “Vivir en áreas residenciales monofuncionales desde la perspectiva de género”, Actas I Congreso Internacional de Vivienda Colectiva Sostenible, Ciocoletto Adriana, Ortiz Escalante Sara and Gutiérrez Valdivia Blanca, 2014.

• Hábitat y tiempo para la Convivencia. Garcia Almirall, Pilar; Gutiérrez Valdivia, Blanca; and Ciocoletto, Adriana. Ayuntamiento de Barcelona, 2014.


• Participation in the journal FEMINISMOS. La arquitectura y el urbanismo con perspectiva de género, Center of Women Studies of the University of Alicante, nº 17, June 2011, Alicante. Coordinator: María Elia Gutiérrez Mozo.


AWARDS AND MEMBERSHIPS

• Members of the Catalan Solidarity Economy Network
• Members of the Unitary Platform against Gender Violence
• Members of the Neighborhood Table of Urban Planning in Barcelona
• Members of the Gender HUB – UN Habitat UNI Initiative


• “Best Practice Award 2013 of Women Transforming Cities” Vancouver, Canada, June 2013
• Sara Ortiz Escalante, International advisory Council de Women’s in Cities International
• Sara Ortiz Escalante, advisory board de Safetipin