

Manifesto for the Good Bench

- 1 Benches are valued as **public**, egalitarian and free.
- 2 Bench-space allows people to loosely **belong** within the flow of city life, to see and be seen.
- 3 Sitting on benches supports **healthy** everyday routines by enabling people to spend longer outside.
- 4 Benches function as a **social** resource – they are flexible places to spend time at no cost.
- 5 **Design** of benches is important. Comfort and accessibility are basic requirements.
- 6 People need to feel **safe**. Frequently used, visible spaces with a choice of seating can support this.

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