

## An introduction to Living around you

The following two documents are to be understood as a set of protocols. Two formats of more or less official documents which have been experimented with. One is a set of 'Core Values'. This format is not as strict as the other, the 'Articles of association'. The 'value' document is used to set down basic values for the association. It is used a sort of middle ground between the tenants in the process of achieving a certain everyday life within and around the building. The 'articles of association' is much more strict as it can be referred to as 'a set of rules'. The use of paragraphs and short statements makes the message very clear.

The idea of an investigation on core values came from a document developed for the housing association, *Urbania*. *Urbania*'s declared goal is not very different from the interests concerning this project. The document "*Urbania - brutto værdi- og funktionsprogram*" (value and functions programme) have therefore been a reference for how to craft such a protocol.

One of the first obstacles I was faced with writing such a document (as well as the Articles of association) was that these formats are usually developed in plenum. To attain a set of values for a collaborative that did not exist seemed to be a strange exercise. I had to look for values in other places. I referred to some preliminary research I had done together with other students, in relation to the development of Lynetteholm, as well as a general interest in the conditions for housing in Copenhagen. I also referred to my research related to Vienna, both from the period known as Red Vienna, as well as research related to more contemporary housing projects, which portray a similar 'robustness' in terms of housing conditions.

The format of the "Articles of association" is a cornerstone in every association. This bone-dry format was therefore exciting to use and challenge. Both texts are approached with an ambition of being somewhat more imaginative (and witty) than the formats they are inspired by. The aim is merely to test the relation between the protocol design and the building design. And in some cases, to use the text to represent the building and the association differently from what can be done through drawing.