

Camden active spaces

Scheme address: Seven different schools sites in Camden
Architect: LUC, Erect architecture and Wayward
Developer/client: Camden Council
Completed: September 2014
Scheme description: The Camden Active Spaces project is a ground breaking initiative to deliver challenging and intriguing active spaces to seven Camden schools with the specific goal of increasing pupils' physical activity levels.

Designers LUC and erect architecture engaged in thorough consultation with pupils, teachers and parents, targeting the most inactive user groups. The schemes include unique bespoke elements such as active, climbing landscapes, trails, and undulating living willow structures. Planting, landform and fantasy elements are all used to encourage the less active or confident to move, explore and exercise.

A study by UCL's sports scientists which monitors change in activity levels before and after the installation will provide important data for understanding the drivers for physical activity.

Panel comments: *"As well as encouraging the safe physical play which is vital for the health and happiness of our youngsters, this excellent scheme showed that the young people of Camden could also actively help shape their own play areas. Active citizens are vital to good design: the design award winners of the future start here!"*



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