

UMEÅ, Sweden

- working with gender equality
to create space for everyone

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Overall goal for gender equality

Umeå municipality shall create conditions for women and men to have equal power to shape society and their own lives



The gendered landscape

Women and men use a place and feel differently about a place because of...



Planning a tunnel with a gender perspective

Artificial lighting that feels like daylight:
Increased feeling of safety

Artwork Lev!
Author Sara Lidman:
Company of another woman

Broad passage with designated lines for bikes, walking, strollers and wheelchair: Increased feeling of security

No pillars in the tunnel: Remember the choices not made!

Roof extends no further than to have overview from both sides of tunnel: Create overview

Exit in the middle: Increased feeling of security

All corners are rounded to not get the feeling that someone can be hiding: Create overview



Who is listened to? And how does that influence design?

Icons in the roof –
potato prints that the
girls made: to create a
permanent inprint of
their participation.

Speakers in the
roof, to own the
Space through
playing music.

Backrests – norm-
critical design, made
for someone 165 cm
long (medium height
for women)

Focus on light

Swings where you
can sit alone or
together with
others – hang out

Many ways to enter
and exit the space

