

Projet pour

Une Maison multiculturelle



Au cœur du Petit-Saconnex



A home for endless encounters



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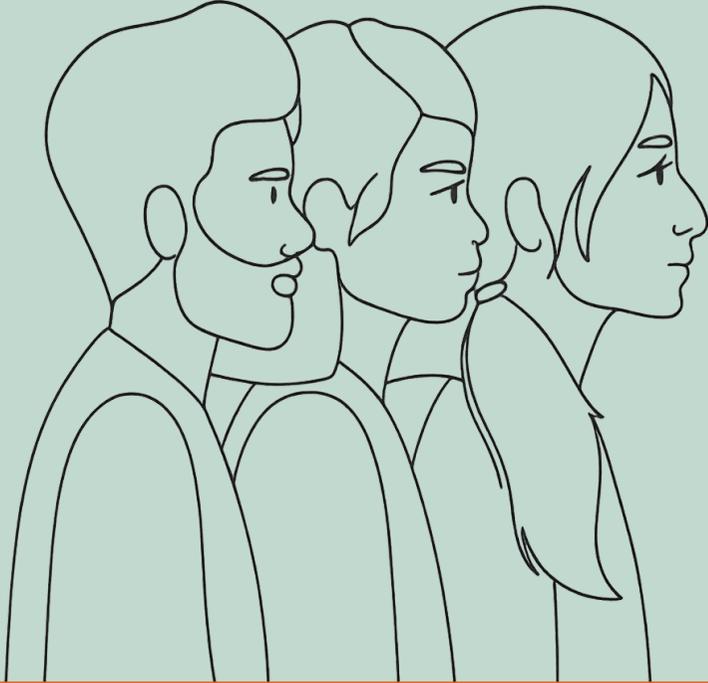
The place where the future international Geneva takes form

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Our approach

Locally rooted, globally connected





Two Worlds

Geneva is home to both a **rich local heritage and diverse diasporic communities** that coexist without truly connecting.

The debates within the United Nations and major NGOs often **remain out of reach for local residents** - there is the need for a place that translates international debates into the realities of everyday life.

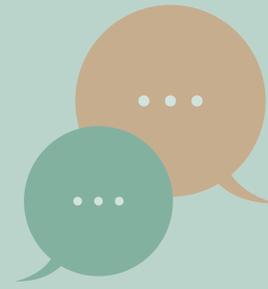
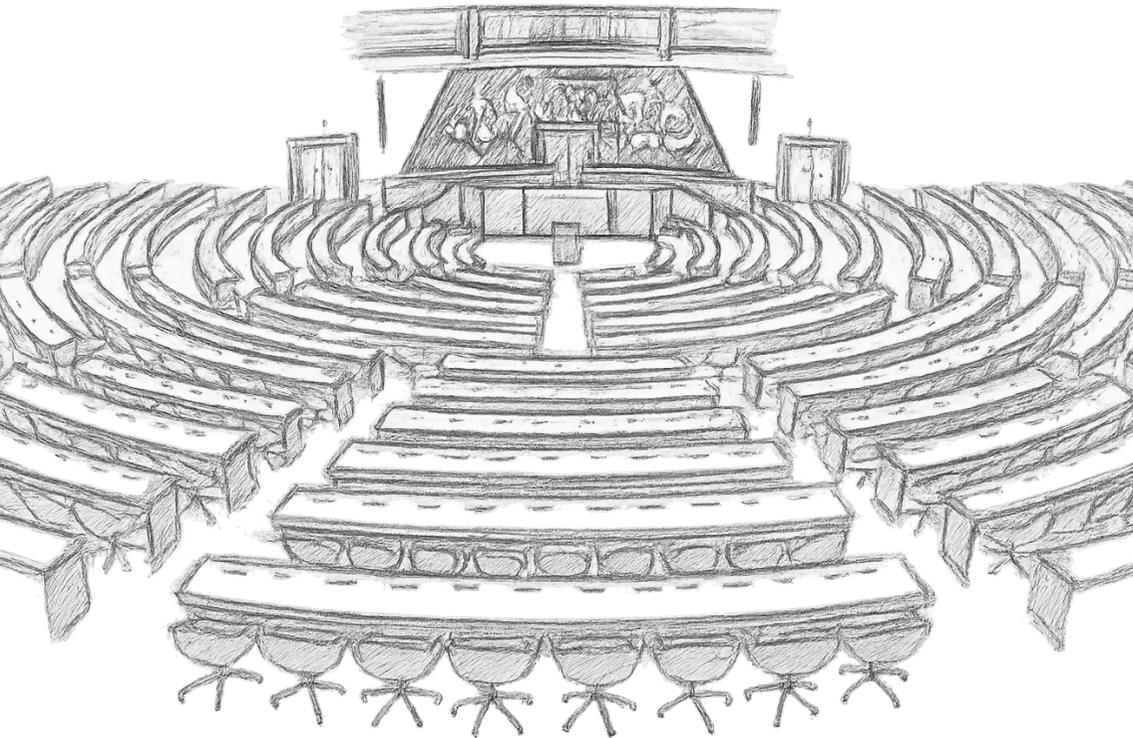
Few **inclusive and accessible** spaces exist that foster **intercultural and intergenerational dialogue**, and that **bridge the divide** between the “**global**” and the “**local**.”

Geneva is an **international crossroads** whose riches remain largely untapped.

A system in search of relevance



Connecting the global and the local to restore meaning and relevance to international Geneva



International Geneva is facing a **crisis of legitimacy**.

For the UN system to **retain its relevance**, it must **engage directly** with the populations impacted by its work, **encouraging dialogue, mutual understanding, and shared responsibility**.

There is a need to create an **accessible space** where **global issues become a part of everyday conversations**, and where residents and international actors can meet, learn, and act together.



A home for endless encounters

A vibrant space where communities, cultures and ideas meet

Several dynamic spaces under one roof, to foster meaningful encounters, spark **unexpected collaborations**, and **transform coexistence into true connection** in a fragmented city.



| CREATIVE STUDIOS |

Workshops open to the public for creative collaborations

| SALONS |

Meeting rooms for permanent missions, NGOs, civil society, and the local community

| CULTURAL SPACE |

Spaces for cultural performances film screenings and mini-conferences.

| LITERARY CAFE |

A specialized bookstore focusing on questions of cohesion and integration, with a focus on authors from the Global South.

Rooted locally, connected globally

A local place for global perspectives

International Organisations

It will serve as a space for **constructive dialogue**, bringing together local and international actors bound by **shared values**.

Local Associations

The “maison multiculturelle” will host local associations dedicated to preserving Geneva’s natural and cultural heritage and **improving the quality** of life for its residents.

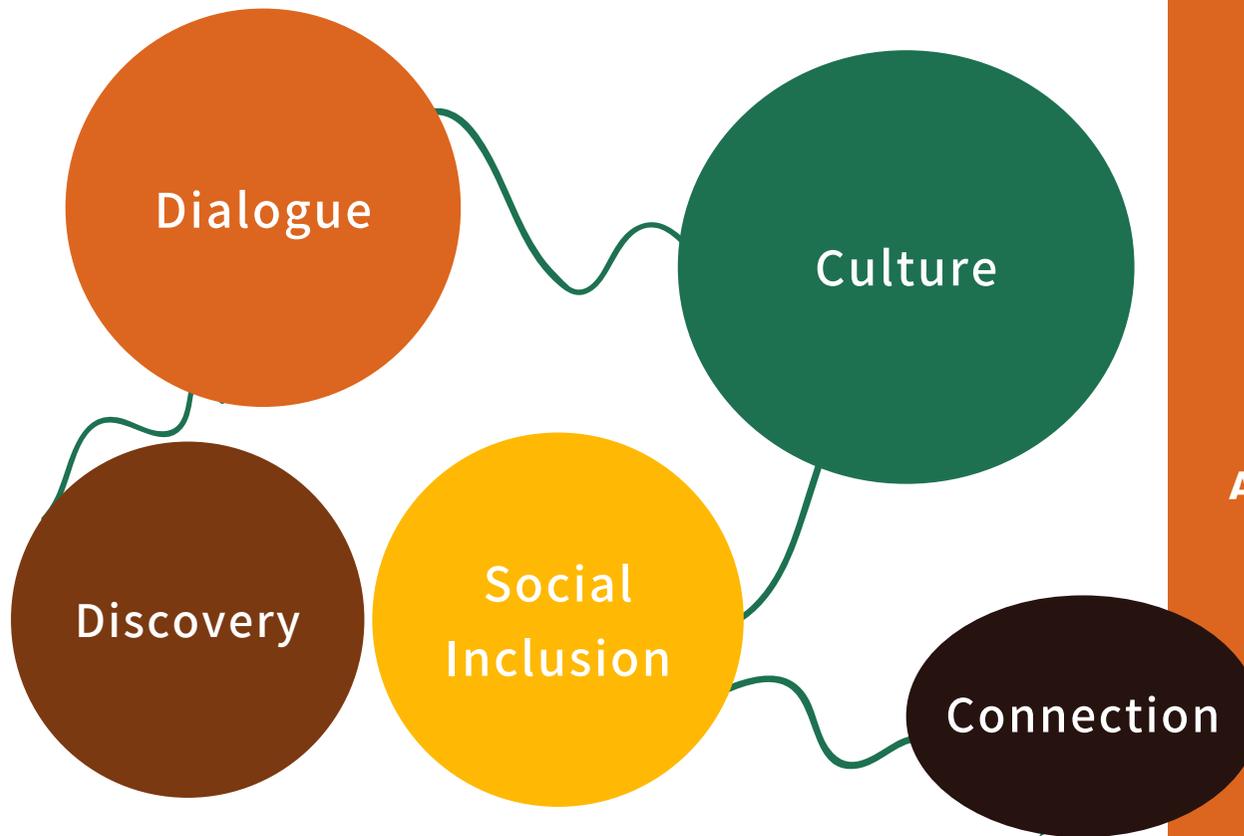
Businesses & Fondations

It will also be open to:
Local & international foundations and businesses committed to **sustainable and inclusive development**.

Home to a Geneva in dialogue



Where the local and global meet



A MEETING PLACE OFFERING:

Literary & educational programming

- Conferences
- Literary circles
- Debates connecting global issues to local realities

Artistic & Cultural exchanges

- Annual Festivals
- Performances, expositions, workshops
- Film screenings

Community Engagement

- Workshops and intergenerational discussion circles
- Youth programming

A hub for international Geneva and civil society

- Inviting spaces for authentic dialogue



From coexistence to connection



An open space, for every voice

A permanent meeting space where dialogue, literature, art, and gastronomy foster social inclusion, mutual understanding, and connections between International Geneva, expatriate communities, and the local population.



EXPAT COMMUNITIES

A place to feel seen, heard,
and valued.

PERMANENT MISSIONS, NGOS INTERNATIONAL & LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

An informal, welcoming
space to foster dialogue
with the local community

THE ELDERLY

A place that encourages
intergenerational dialogue
and combats isolation.

THE YOUTH

A dynamic, inclusive space
fostering exchange and
discovery.



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A PLACE WHERE

Local residents and international actors are no longer strangers, but connect through shared stories, common challenges, and a growing sense of collective responsibility in an increasingly interconnected world.



About Us

PROJECT PARTNERS - COORDINATOR



ASSOCIATION UNE VILLE, MILLE MONDES



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Une Ville, Mille Mondes is a Geneva-based association committed to strengthening **social cohesion** and **intercultural dialogue** by **connecting the city's local realities with its international vocation**. Building on Geneva's dual identity – both as a city rich in local heritage and as a hub of international cooperation – the association works to promote mutual understanding, civic participation, and a shared sense of belonging.

At the heart of its activities is the Multicultural House, a future space for encounter, reflection, and artistic expression designed to bring together residents, cultural actors, and representatives of International Geneva.

A propos

PROJECT PARTNERS - INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

The Humanitarian Hub

Created in 2022 by a consortium of leading humanitarian actors, the Humanitarian Hub is now home to more than fifteen international organizations. The Hub was founded to optimize resources, strengthen cooperation, and to amplify the voices of crisis affected communities in global policy discussions. The members of the Humanitarian Hub include:

- **Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) Alliance**
- **Danish Refugee Council (DRC)**
- **H2H Network**
- **Humanitarian Exchange and Research Centre (HERE)**
- **Humanity & Inclusion**
- **International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)**
- **IMPACT Initiatives**
- **Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC)**
- **INTERSOS**
- **Save the Children**
- **Oxfam International**
- **Plan International**
- **Sphere**
- **World Vision International**

International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)

Founded in 1962, ICVA is a global network of more than 160 NGOs active in 160 countries. Its mission is to promote more principled and effective humanitarian action by collectively influencing policies and practices. ICVA places particular emphasis on strengthening the role of local actors in leadership, decision-making, and humanitarian response, by facilitating their direct dialogue with UN agencies and donors.

International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)

The International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights. For over forty years, ISHR has supported human rights defenders around the world, strengthened human rights systems, and worked in coalition to advance these rights.

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PROJECT PARTNERS - LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS



ACTION PATRIMOINE VIVANT

“Action Patrimoine Vivant” is an association founded in 1995 to defend Geneva’s architectural and natural heritage.

ASSOCIATION POUR L’ANIMATION DU PETIT-SACONNEX

Created in 2016 with local residents, “l’association pour l’animation du Petit-Saconnex”, supports and develops collective projects in culture, sport, art and green spaces. It fosters encounters and sharing through a digital platform and the organization of participatory events.

ASSOCIATION DES HABITANTS DU PETIT-SACONNEX

Founded on 14 November 2011, the Association for Residents of Petit-Saconnex brings together residents committed to safeguarding the identity of Petit-Saconnex in the face of rapid transformations. The association works to preserve the neighborhood’s natural and cultural heritage and biodiversity, while engaging in urban planning projects to ensure harmonious development and improved quality of life for all.

ASSOCIATION POUR LA SAUVEGARDE DU PETIT-SACONNEX VILLAGE

Founded in 2014, “ l’association pour la sauvegarde du Petit-Saconnex” aims to preserve the village-like character of the neighborhood, green spaces and trees, as well as its heritage.

EDITION ENCRE FRAICHE

Encre Fraîche is an associative publishing house founded in 2004, born of a desire to publish original, high-quality works. It aims to serve as a springboard for new authors, privileging encounters in non-institutional spaces — cafés, gardens, open venues — and also organizes readings and literary walks on foot, by bicycle, or by pedal boat.

SOS PATRIMOINE CEG

Created in 2019 from a social media movement, SOS Patrimoine CEG defends Geneva’s cultural and natural heritage, while safeguarding biodiversity and residents’ quality of life.