

# Outdoor space de Harmonie

The Inner City Implementation Programme 2023-2030 was prepared on behalf of Leeuwarden municipality and adopted by the council to set direction for developments in and around the inner city in order to make the city more attractive in the coming years. Two components that are linked are the projects “Renovation of Stadsschouwburg de Harmonie” and the “Ruiterskwartier redevelopment project”. “Project Vestingroute”, with the possible realisation of Het Kruithuis (former water gate at the junction of the Schavernek) is also relevant. The realisation of the first two projects is in 2026. Het Kruithuis is still under investigation. In the coming period, we will prepare both projects and one of the places on the wish list to redesign the public space is the stretch between the Ruiterskwartier and the Zaailand on the waterfront and in front of the Harmonie.



There have been several ideas recently to redesign the outdoor space in front of the Harmonie. The Harmonie's wish is a stage in the water and a connection between indoors and outdoors. Another idea is to redesign the outdoor space in such a way that in time there can also be a bicycle connection between the city centre and the possible bicycle bridge to the new Spoordok district. The entrepreneurs, institutions and residents involved all have images for the redesign. In the coming period, explorations will also be made with these parties to come up with a sketch design that is widely supported.

In addition, there are a number of developments surrounding this spot:

- Mooring facilities for water sports and possibly for praamers and/or electric sloop rentals;
- A (European) study into a 'water route with hotspots' from Spoordok to the Prinsentuin. In which this is one of those possible water hotspots.

## Assignment

We challenge Placemaking students to think with us about how this place can be more in tune with the needs and expectations of various stakeholders/visitors. We are at the beginning of the development of this project. We are curious to see what we can learn from the principles of Placemaking to make this place a meaningful place for users, residents and visitors to our city. Important themes from the Implementation Programme to consider are circularity, greening, energy generation, experience, art in public spaces, play and exercise facilities and an attractive city centre.