the kids aren’t alright
playgrounds in the bubble wrap generation
7 hrs per day
amount of time spent on screens

One in three
children overweight or obese

30 percent
of children and teens extremely stressed
One in three children are overweight or obese.

40 percent + 40 percent of injuries due to deferred maintenance + improper use.

1.8 percent of annual injuries occur on public playgrounds (less than all traffic related, burns, poisoning, drowning, + suffocation).

Almost 1000x more likely to die in a car than on a public playground.
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Jubilee Gardens Playground
wellington barracks playground
pools playground
tumbling bay playground
abandon the existing playground model
explore re-purposing + temporary + pop ups
sister cities park
The Oval
envisioning the city as playground
embrace the play everywhere model
playable sidewalk

urban thinkscape

1. JUMPING FEET
2. ANIMATION STREETLIGHT
3. PUZZLE BENCH
4. HIDDEN FIGURES
5. STORIES
playable sidewalk
playbraries
challenge perceptions of risk + safety
by moving the conversation out of the playground,
making cities more playful + fun for all

“we don’t stop playing because we grow old;
we grow old because we stop playing”
- george bernard shaw

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