

“Creating a language in the city”

—A project as an impetus of social participation—

Abstract

The purpose of this study is to qualitatively examine how a diverse group of people living together in a city think about the language of the city and co-create it. The city, which has a university, is a multi-ethnic community made up of local residents, short-term and long-term residents, and international students who come and go every day. International students are not only temporary customers but also citizens of city, and as such, they share the responsibility for creating a safe and comfortable living environment. This attitude—thought to be the foundation for building sustainable cities anywhere in the world—also applies to the other citizens of city. This study will share reflections on this process from a critical literacy perspective.