

WHAT IS A SELF-BUILT FUN PALACE

The self-build fun palace is an architectural solution to transform an out-dated building, or a site, to a new social space.

Self-build means the new space has a workshop either sits adjacent or within the building, serving any construction products that are required for the building transformation. **Fun palace** does not mean the space should be a place to have fun. The new building programme will be defined by the context. Self-build fun palace aims to transform an old building with minimum deconstruction and maximum reuse of the existing building elements. In other words, the self-build fun palace is not built, is plugged in.

Normally, the solution consists of three steps. The first step is location hunting and analysis, followed by treating the existing building and transformation. In the following pages of this brochure, the latest self-build fun palace project will be introduced in detail. This project has successfully turned an industrial unit to a place for the public to social, entertain, and learn. Adapting a getting-out-dated offline retail building to a new social and sustainable space helps to 'plug-in' a better environment for the neighbourhood. The project started from the research of the social context to the structural survey, and it eventually managed to find the solution to use temporary installations to bring a social vibe to the west Edinburgh. It is also possible to retract these temporary structures from the permanent building structure if this place becomes redundant in the future.

