

AARDSCHAP develops communities of practice for dysfunctional landscapes, and piece together what makes places thrive.

Aardschap Foundation Pieter de Raadt straat 37b 3033 VC Rotterdam (NL) 0031 616482956 info@aardschap.nl **Aardschap** is an action research group using methods from art and science to help communities transform their environment. Aardschap projects each begin with experiments where we work together with local communities in a process of **"learning by doing"** we call action research. This process enables us to understand places and groups of people in depth, so that the actions we then take together have the potential for long-lasting impact.

Informed by our artistic backgrounds and experience with social interventions, we are able to develop new narratives which gives a fresh perspective on a communities habitat. This is the engine to strengthen social capital even in challenging contexts.

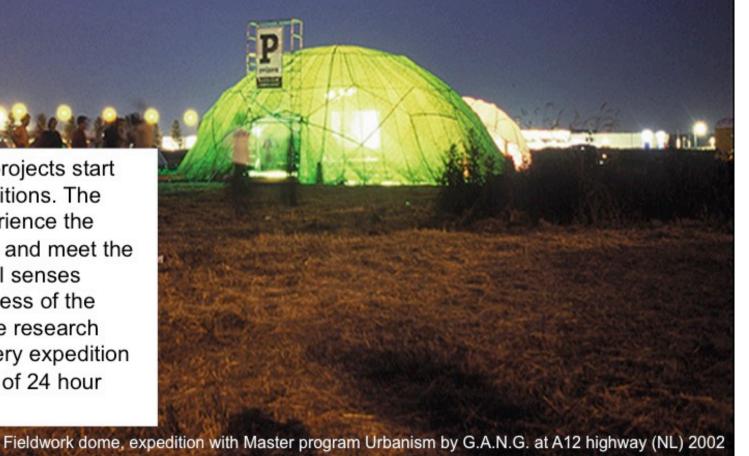
We have successfully built a working car from scrap in Ghana, created a Department of Search at the Science Park Utrecht in the Netherlands, developed the System D Master's program at the Sandberg institute on self-organization versus systems, and much more.

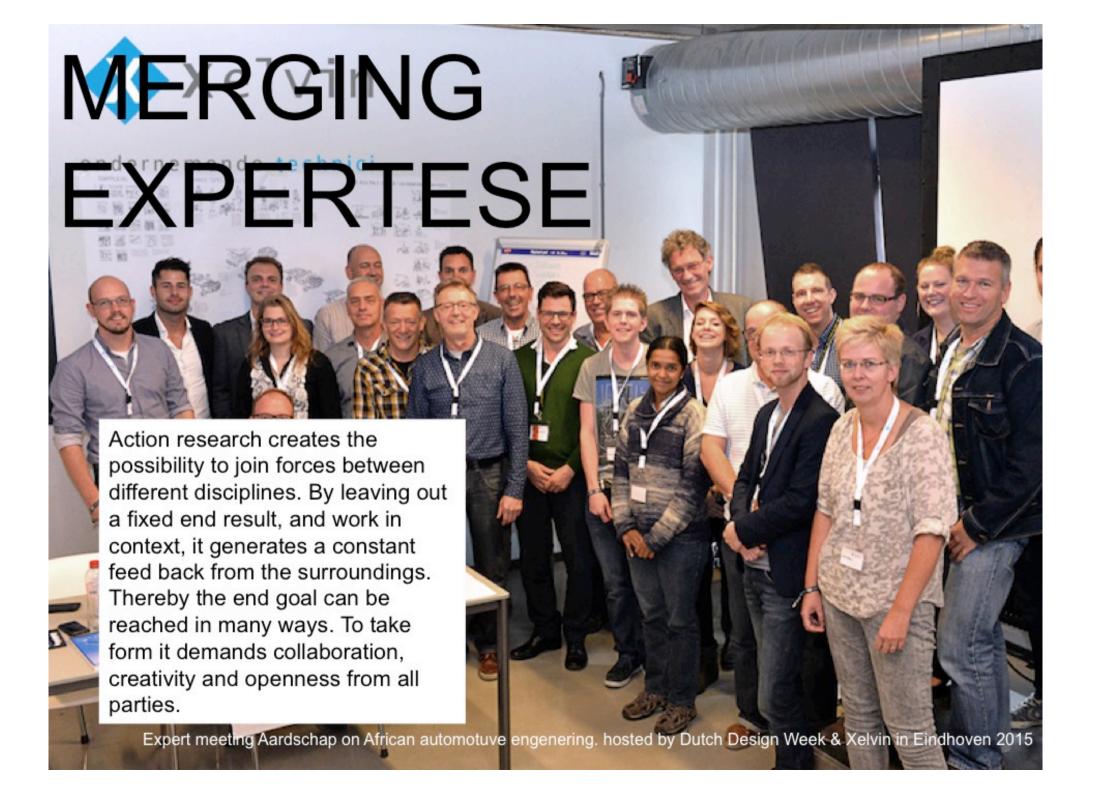
The results of our process are shared with the wider public in the form of lectures, exhibitions, workshops and publications. Most projects are self initiated and executed with a wide variety of partners from art institutions, municipalities, urban development companies, and social enterprises.



# FIELDWORK EXPEDITIONS

All action research projects start with fieldwork expeditions. The main goal is to experience the landscape in person and meet the inhabitants. Using all senses enriches the awareness of the context and stear the research more into depth. Every expedition includes a minimum of 24 hour stay on site.





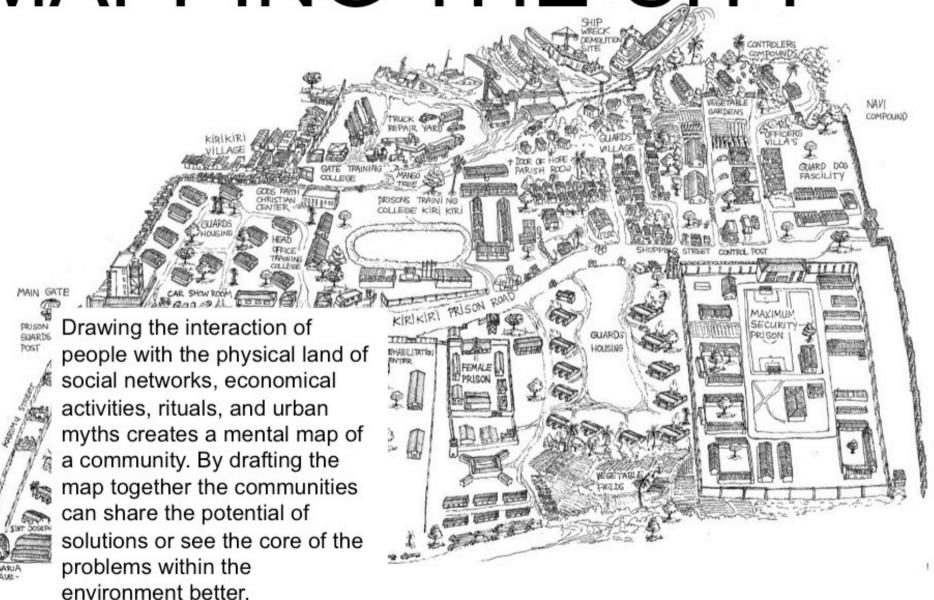
### INTERVENTION

The interventions are designed after the fieldwork. Coming from a visual art background Aardschap uses artworks to create interventions that sparks the action research. Strong visual expressions can make visible what is hidden. It can provoke debate or inspire people to contribute.





### MAPPING THE CITY

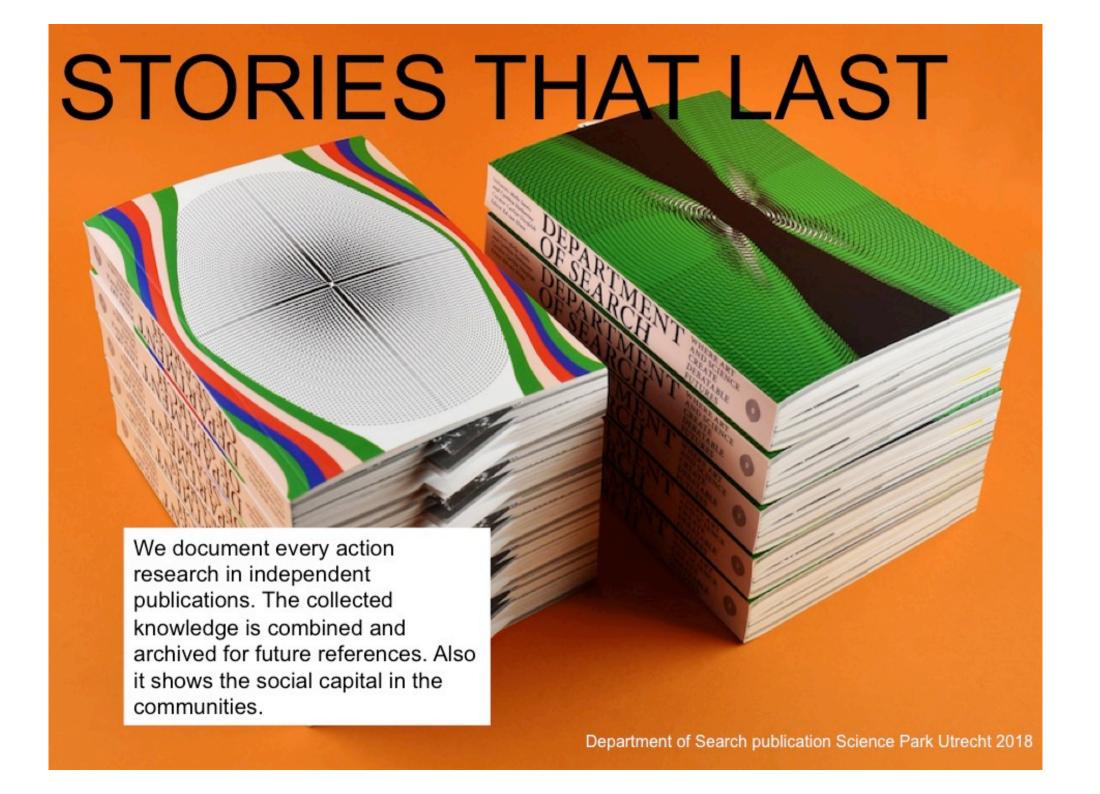


#### KICKSTARTCHANGE JE PLEK **LEIDSCHE** RIJN **PARTNERS** JKRAAD OOG VOOR ONS LEIDSCHE RIJN RAAD VLEUTEN-DE MEERN MEENTE UTRECHT The collected stories of hope, skills, natural resources and urban myths come together in a new narrative. We help communities to conceptualize and visualize their story in an action plan for change. Conference social youth plan urban devellopment Sjek je Plek in Leidsche Rijn (NL) 2007

## CATCHING MEDIA



National television broadcasting the Turtle 1, first car from Africa 2013









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