

Urban agriculture and community gardens

Improving the quality of urban living

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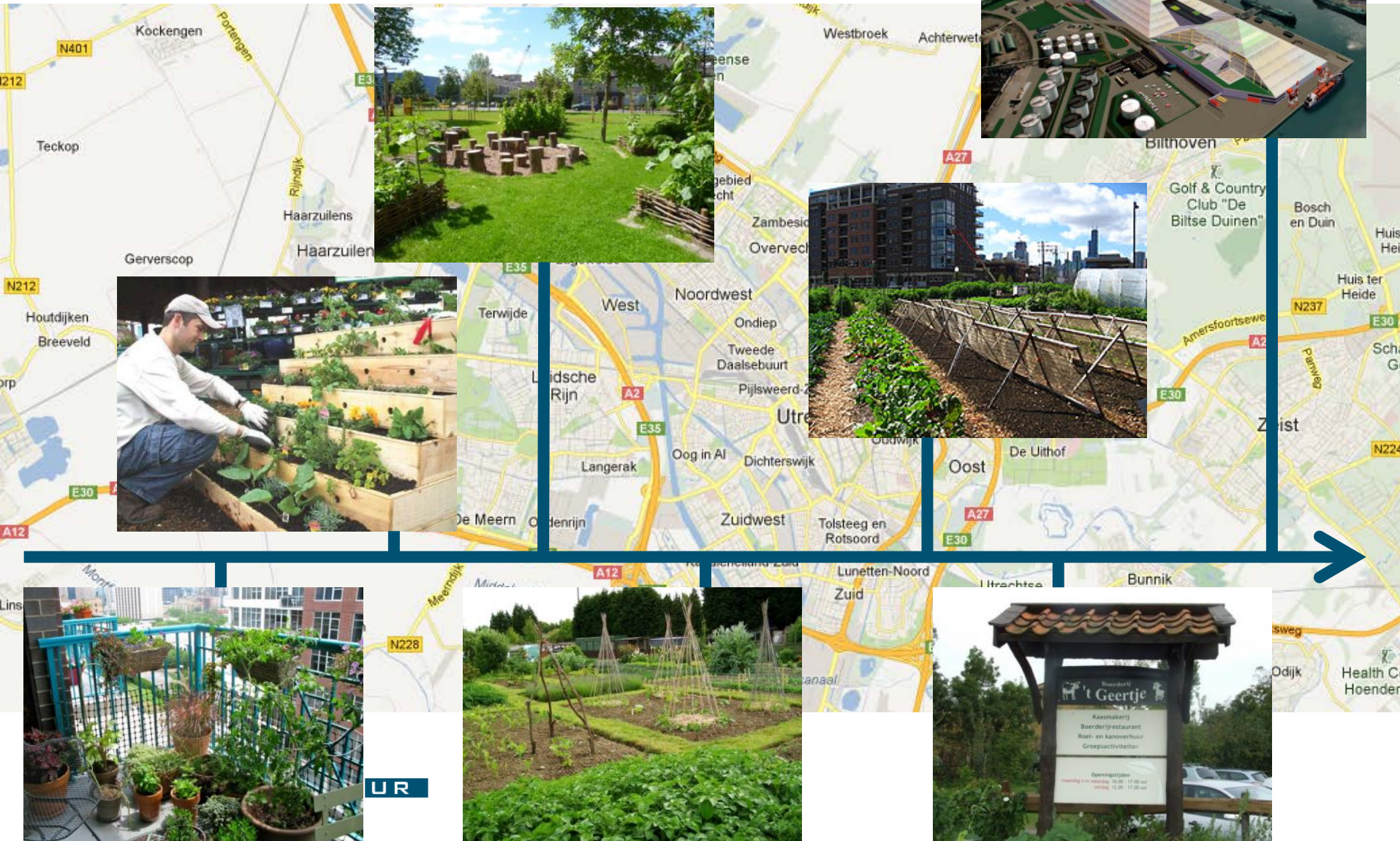
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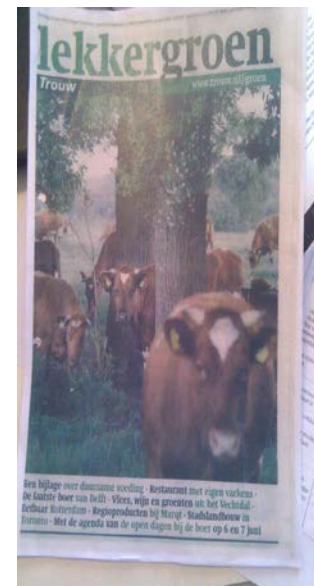


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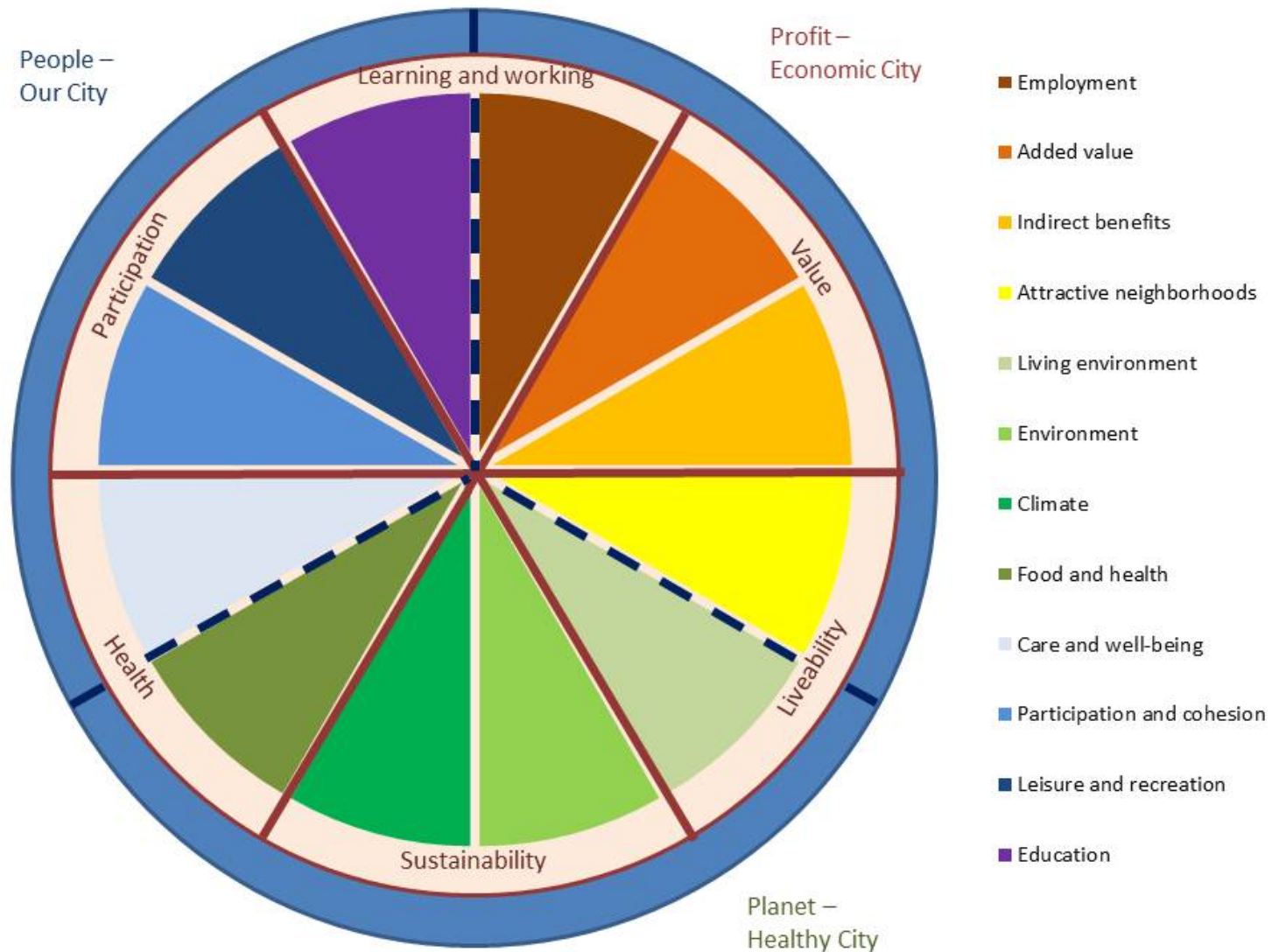
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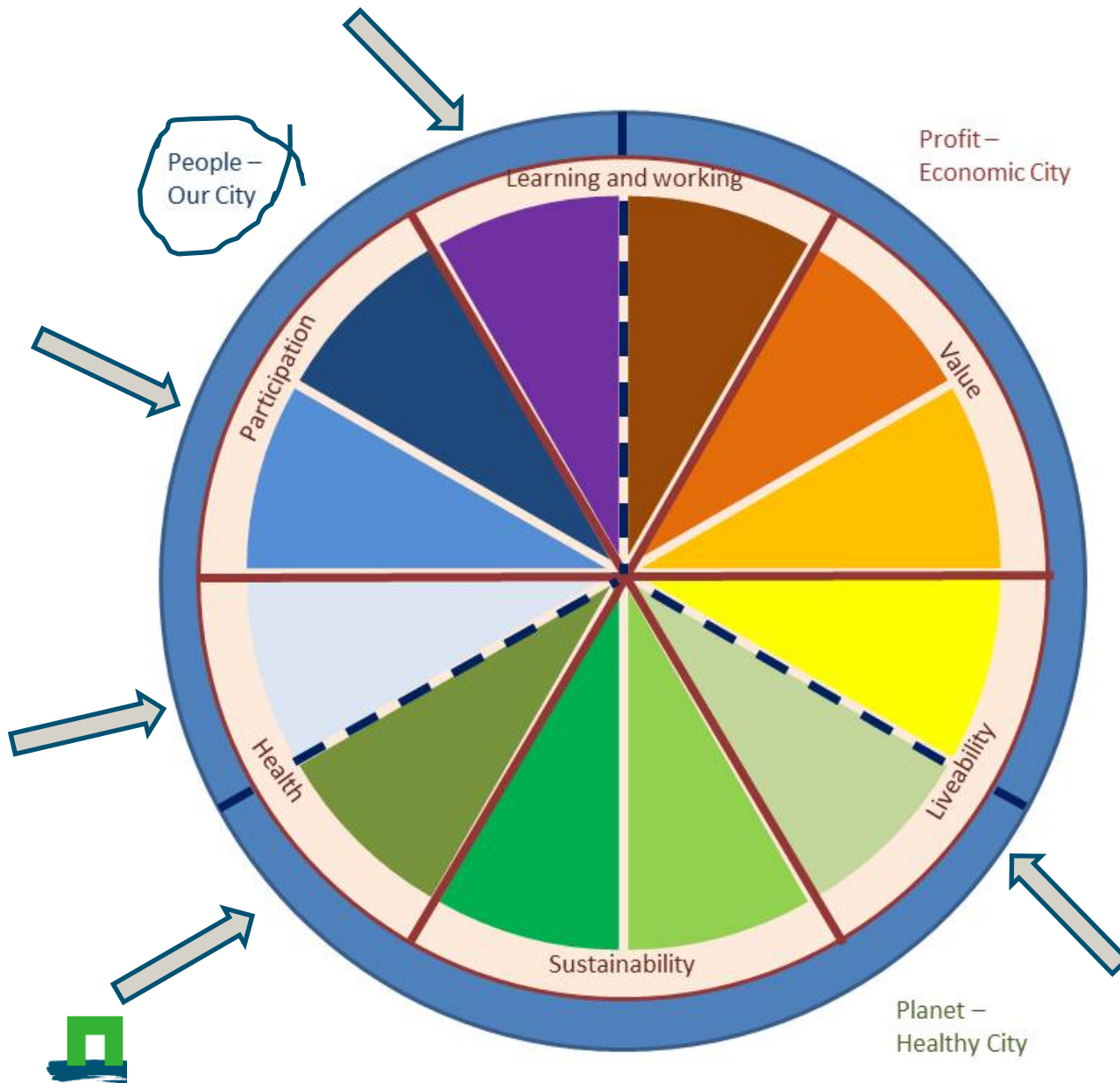
Urban agriculture (also) hot in Netherlands



Different goals



Community gardens



(How) can community gardens lead to community?

Place stimulates (or hinders) encounters, leading to familiarity



(How) can community gardens lead to community?

Working together



(How) can community gardens lead to community?

Identification



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Methods



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Doarpstún



Witte Vlieg

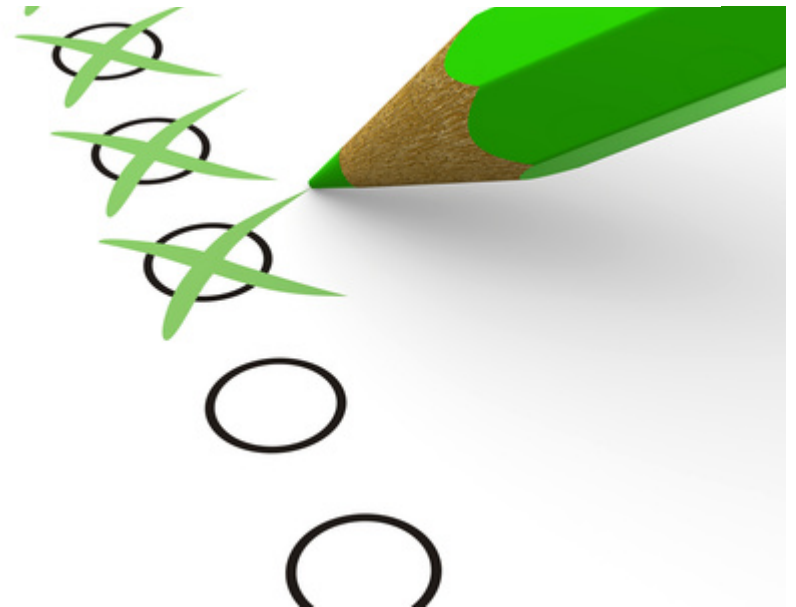
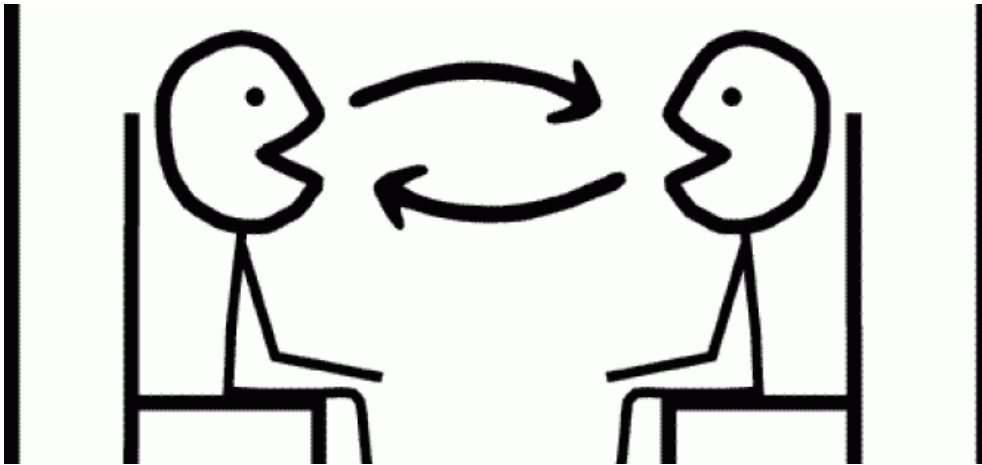


Windhoek



Bioakker





Results

To what extent do
social relations
develop?

What is the value of
those relations?



Social relations – Witte Vlieg

- Gardening together is more fun:

"I am 44 years old, the soccer club is not feasible. (...) I enjoy to do something that we have in common, with different people that are usually involved in different things."

- Different people, shared interest
- Remains limited to the garden

Social relations – Bioakker

- Shared interest in organic, alternative ways of living
- Different groups of people – incrowd/ outcrowd

What do these contacts mean?

N/a	29 (50%)
I meet people outside of the garden	1 (2%)
I meet more people I know	5 (9%)
Visiting the garden is more fun	9 (16%)
I don't really care	14 (24%)

Social contacts - Windhoek

Which statements apply to you?

I would come here even if I had no garden	12 (21%)	
Most of my social life is here at the garden	11 (19%)	
It is more fun coming here as I know people	29 (50%)	
It's important that things are being organised	33 (57%)	
I like knowing people at the garden, to chat, but it's not really important	45 (78%)	
The social aspect is hardly important, I wouldn't care if I wouldn't know anybody	5 (9%)	
I think less activities should be organised	8 (14%)	5 (6%)
3 or 4		5 (6%)
5 to 9		25 (31%)
10 to 14		16 (20%)
15 to 25		15 (19%)
More than 25		17 (21%)

Social contacts – Doarpstún

Which statements apply to you?	
I met more people in my neighbourhood	9 (19%)
My social network has grown	6 (13%)
I like visiting the garden because I know people here	15 (31%)
I think that the garden fulfils an important social role in the village	23 (48%)
I think that the garden fulfils an important social role in the city	5 (10%)
The garden fulfils an important social role for me personally	6 (13%)
I'd wish the garden had larger social role	11 (23%)
A potential social role of the garden is not important for me	6 (13%)
I feel that the garden hardly plays a social role	0
There is a pleasant atmosphere at the garden	33 (69%)
There is no pleasant atmosphere at the garden	2 (4%)

Conclusions

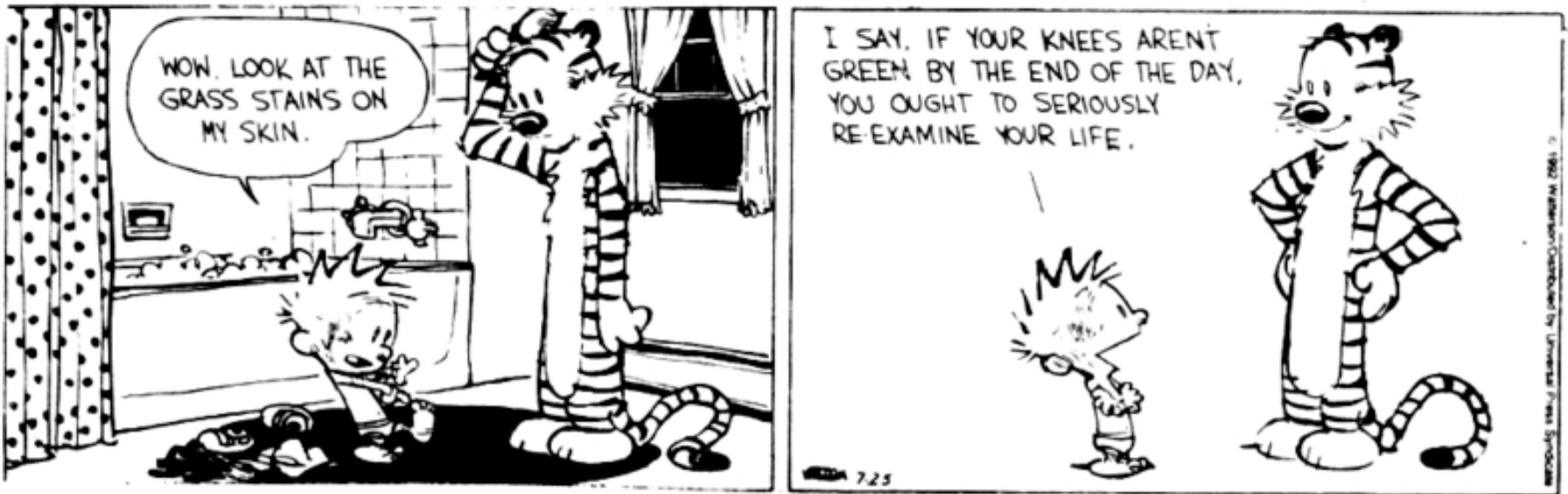


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Social contacts

- Relations remain limited to the garden
- However, they make gardening more fun
- Therefore, they are valuable

Calvin and Hobbes



Improving the quality of life

- Social crisis → meeting others
- Food crisis → fresh, healthy, safe food
- Financial crisis → affordable
- Government crisis → maintaining the neighbourhood

Thanks!
Any questions?



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