

lausanne jardins 2019

International competition

Call for applications

The 2019 event

Since it was first staged in 1997, 'Lausanne Jardins' has been a flagship cultural event for the capital of Vaud, one that evokes reflection about the city through landscape gardening. Over the summer, the event seeks to incorporate gardens into the urban environment: streets, squares, wasteland and the façades or roofs of buildings.

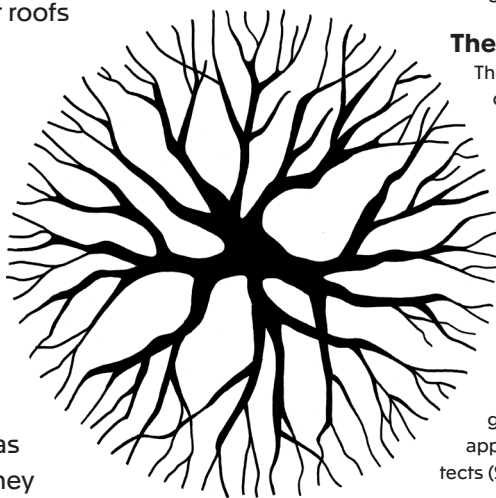
In the context of a shifting urban landscape, the aim of 'Lausanne Jardins 2019' (LJ19) is to take back control of the city and to reflect the issues at stake. In particular, the recovery of free areas, a crucial ground to the quality of life in a modern city.

The initial concept for the 2019 event is to use gardens as an urban construction tool. They will showcase underutilised spaces and serve as a medium to transform, organise and build the city.

LJ19 is a life size laboratory that uses the contemporary art of the garden to test areas for cohabitation and play, meeting-places and living areas.

This sixth edition of the event revolves around the theme of open land. Only a few urban areas have remained in touch with the world below, having never been paved or waterproofed, giving the world above its value. Because the earth underground expresses itself on the surface, particularly through trees, open land is an essential pre-condition.

There remain a few natural oases, but the closer you get to the city centre, the rarer they are. Earth pools, green roofs, hanging gardens: you shift from deep earth to above-ground cultivation. Lausanne Jardins 2019 offers an earth-to-earth journey; a tour across the surface of the underground that connects those different parts of the earth.



Vision 2019

- To develop a land art that brings value to the quality of life.
- To identify existing potentials. To reveal and highlight the identity of specific sites.
- To encourage the re-appropriation of public space in order to bring people together.
- To provide gardens in order to experiment new urban practices, to reflect the territorial transformations, and to respond to new challenges and emerging trends.
- To create interactive gardens. To set up different events organised by the applicants themselves or the LJ19 team.
- To foreshadow the further scope of the event. To offer ways of transforming, recycling or giving the garden roots.

The route

The route follows one of the main arterial roads of the city. With about twenty sites distributed over 4 km, it crosses the city from west to east, following the n° 9 bus route from Prilly to Pully. From the open land of Valency Park to the open land of Guillemin Park, it passes via the above-ground sites of the city centre.

The competition

The international competition is organised by the Lausanne City Council and the Association Jardin Urbain. Together they will select and approve the final teams for the creation of about twenty gardens scattered along the route. The competition is approved by the Swiss Society of Engineers and Architects (SIA) according to standard 142.

Participation terms

The competition is open to landscape architects, designers, architects, innovators and artists worldwide.

The application file, (maximum three A4 pages) must include:

- A presentation of the applying team (which must include at least one landscape professional, who takes leadership of the team).
- A motivation letter mentioning the team's preference for a particular site (specify 1st and 2nd choices). The jury reserves the right to change these if the geographical distribution of applications is too unequal.
- Two to three references for projects, whether completed or not.

From 24 August 2017, a description of the competition sites and the full regulations may be downloaded from www.lausannejardins.ch or from simap.ch. The creation of inter-disciplinary groups is strongly recommended. A maximum of 120 applicants will be selected out of all inscriptions.

Applications should be sent to:

Association Jardin Urbain, c/o Service des parcs et domaines, avenue du Chablais 46, Case postale 80, 1000 Lausanne 23.

Competition schedule

- Submission of applications: 29 September 2017 at 16.00 hours
- Applications send back to the selected teams: 13 October 2017
- Possibility for questions until 31 October 2017 at 16.00 hours
- Responses by email until 17 November 2017
- Submission deadline of projects: 20 January 2018 at 16.00 hours
- Jury sessions: 6 and 7 February 2018
- Announcement of results and awarding of prizes: Saturday 3 March 2018