



Causey 2, Edinburgh

For the West Crosscauseway Association

The Causey is a historic space at the heart of the South Side of Edinburgh's city centre. At the moment it's a traffic island, and cars have taken over - but could it become a place full of life and people, buzzing with activity?

Following on from The Causey - a successful temporary project that was part of the SIX CITIES Design Festival in May 2007 - Causey2 aims to make a permanent transformation of the Causey into a place for people.

The project is being led by the West Crosscauseway Association, a local community organisation that grew out of The Causey. Following the precedent set in The Causey, Causey2 will engage with local people, working with artists, professionals and partner organisations, in considering the past, understanding the present and imagining the future of the place if it is freed from cars, re-designed and reclaimed for people.

The process is beginning with fund raising and community engagement. ARCADE, working with artist Shaeron Averbuch and in partnership with RCAMHS and the Canongate Youth Project, led a design ideas workshop with 30 young people where, having explored the history of the place and its present condition, they came up with ideas for transforming it for people. The workshop was filmed and the DVD will be used to inform the project design team.

