

*Diploma Presentation*  
**“Equality Center”**



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# ***THESIS***

By establishing a stimulating environment that **educates, unites, and inspires** people in a community, architecture can bring people together.

## ***Supporting Premises***

Encouraging everyone to occupy a pleasant, well-designed space will bring communities together.

Urban neighborhoods and marginalized communities will gain from a wider variety of meeting places.

## ***Justification***

A community has a need to come together. People of all kinds can be educated and brought together through educational and social outreach made possible by equality centers. In a neighborhood or community of peers, allies, and adversaries, this understanding helps blur differences and fosters a higher level of understanding and interaction.

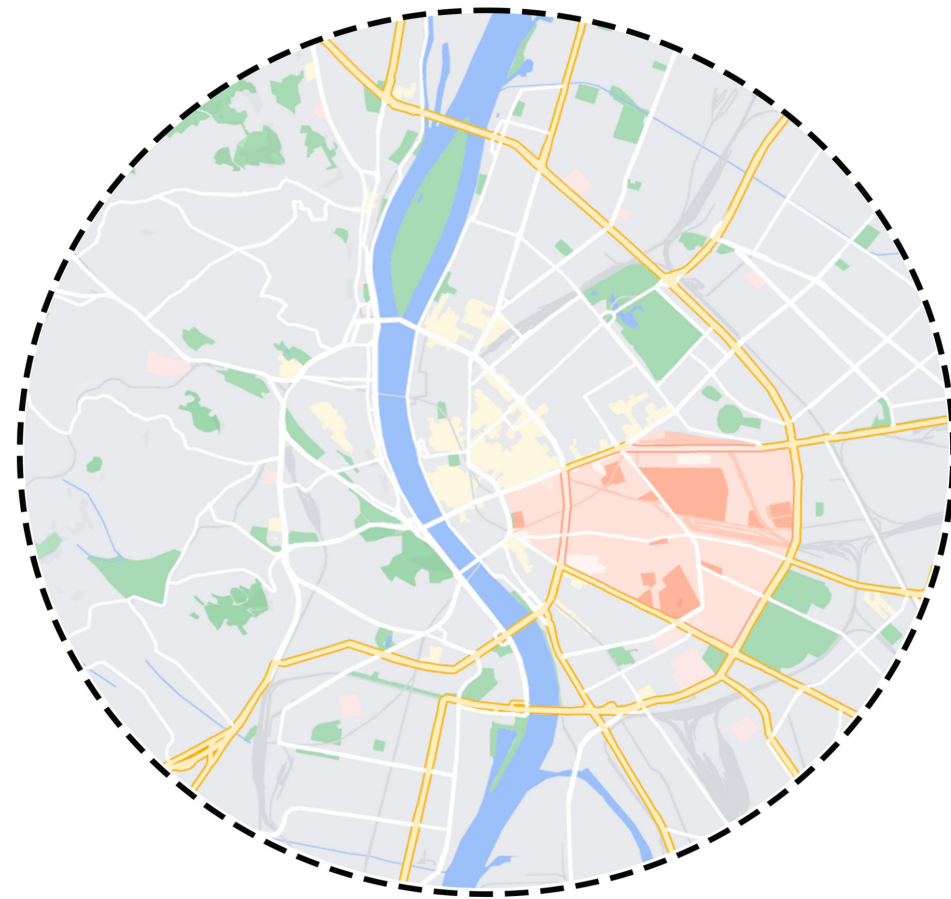
This kind of community outreach will make it possible for a facility to welcome all people. It will act as a meeting place for neighborhood associations, nonprofit organizations, and different kinds of events. These kinds of community spaces are necessary to support increased cultural diversity and to enable people and the environments in which they live to develop via understanding and connection.

Communities want to seek out further connections with each other. Building social networks and support groups are an essential tool in one's acceptance for themselves and thus places that value in the spaces they occupy. This becomes a drive to build a more open and visible community lead to new public spaces.

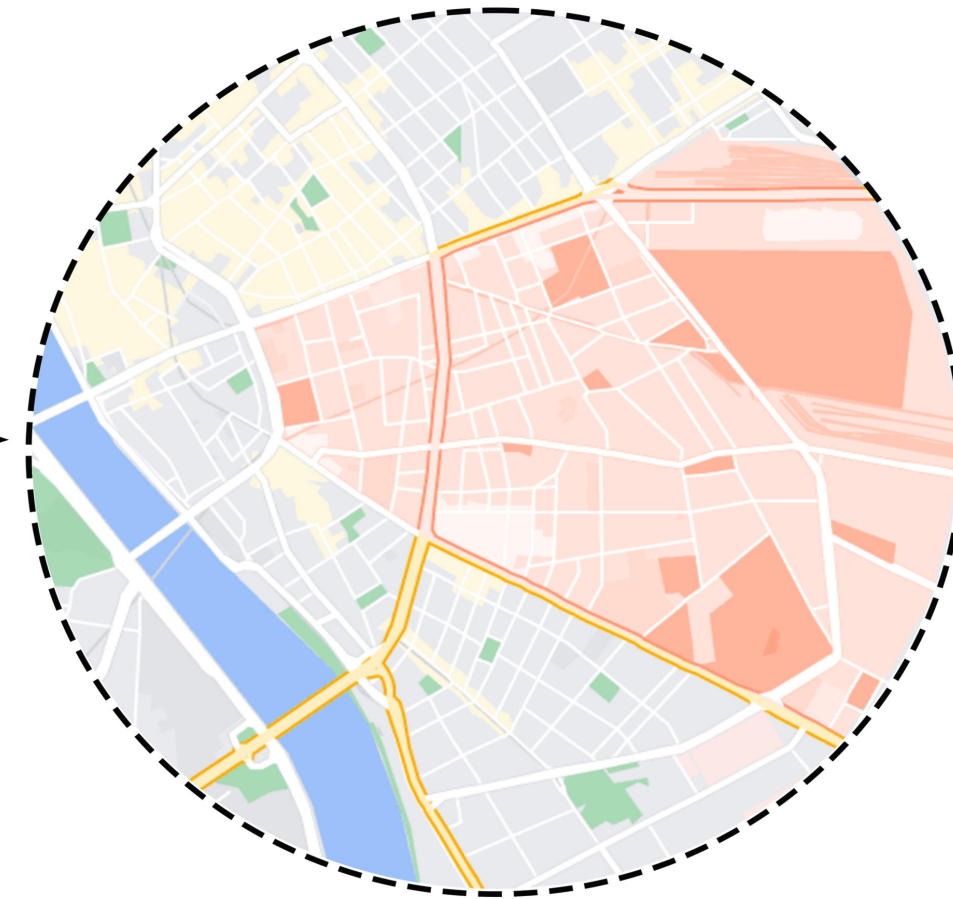
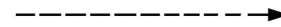


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*District 8*



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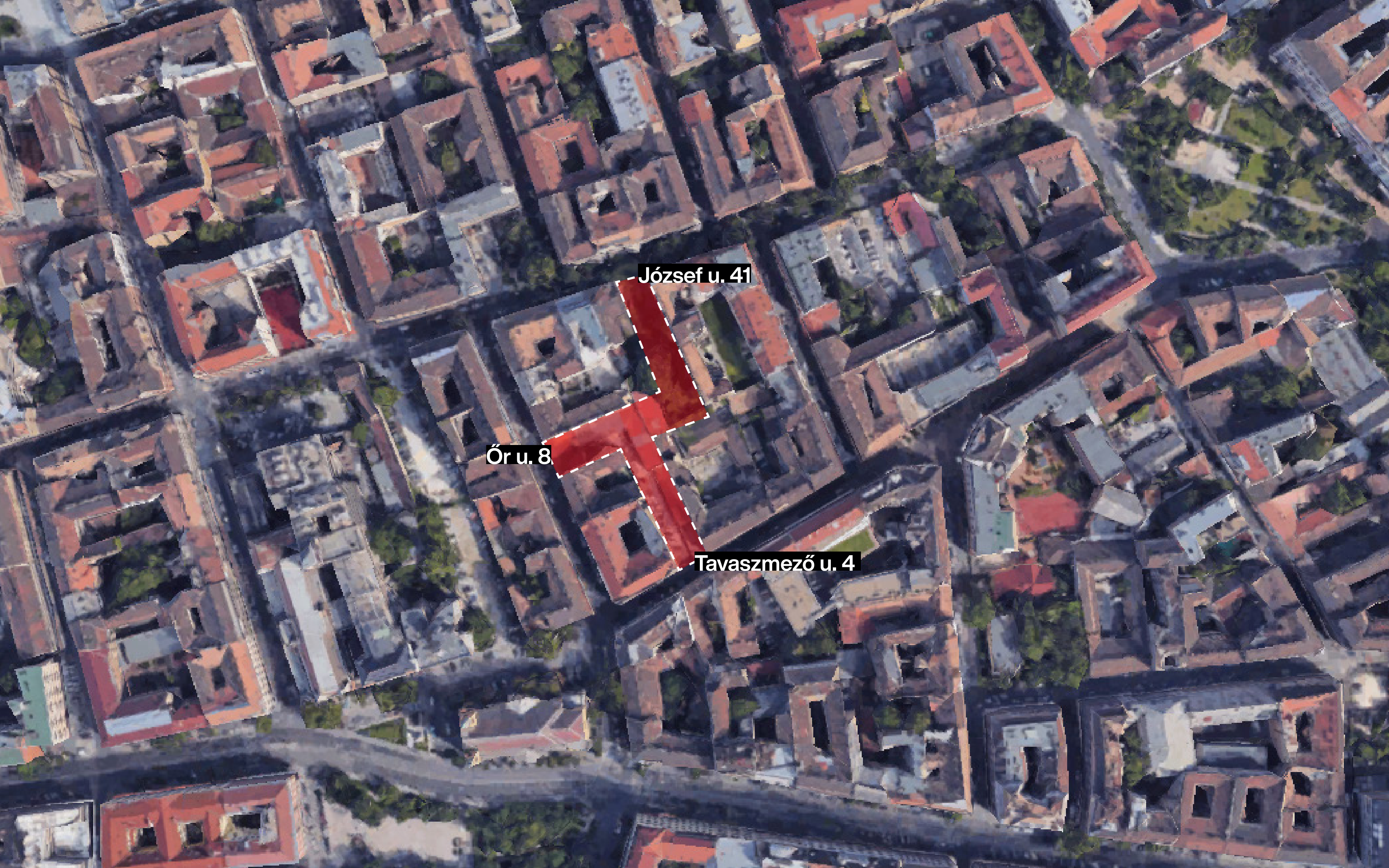
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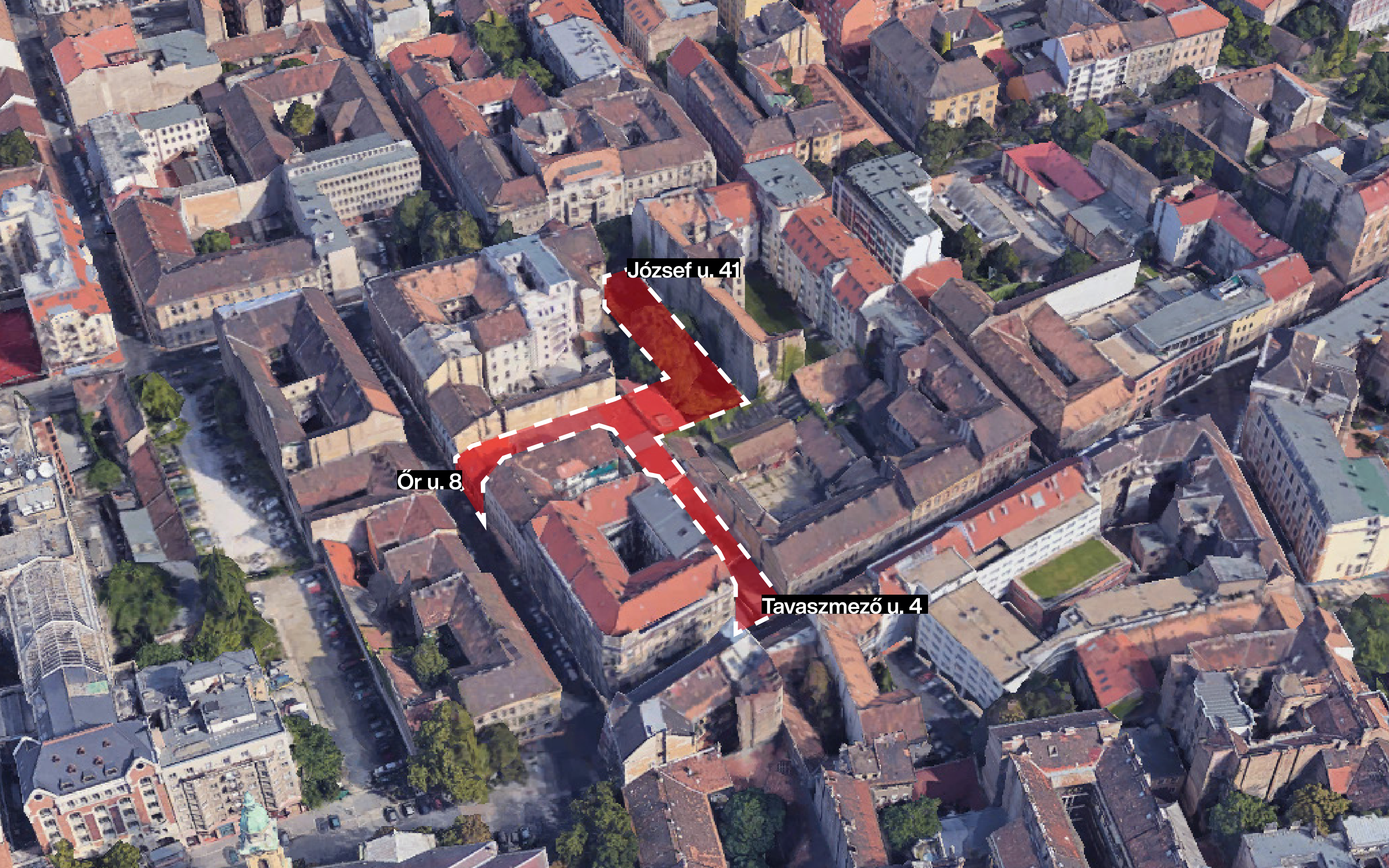




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# ***PROGRAM***

**TEMPORARY HOUSING**  
**PSYCHOLOGICAL COUNSELING**  
**HEALTH COUNSELING**  
**EDUCATION & TRAINING**  
**CULTURAL & SOCIAL**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE**

## ***1. Temporary Housing***

Temporary housing provides a safe place for individuals facing immediate crises, such as homelessness or domestic violence. Access to temporary housing helps preserve the basic human dignity. It ensures access to safety, privacy, sanitation and hygiene.



## ***2. Psychological Counseling***

Psychological counseling services are a vital aspect of providing comprehensive support to individuals from marginalized communities. These services address the specific mental health challenges that may arise from experiences of discrimination, prejudice, and social exclusion. By offering a safe and affirming space, counseling helps individuals cope with the emotional impact of discrimination, navigate issues related to identity and intersectionality, and develop resilience.



### ***3. Health Counseling***

Members of marginalized communities often might face disparities in healthcare access and may encounter unique health challenges related to systemic inequalities. These services address specific health concerns, promotes preventive care, and offers guidance on navigating healthcare systems. By integrating health counseling services, equality centers can empower individuals to make informed decisions about their health and work towards reducing health disparities within these communities. This comprehensive approach aligns with the overarching goal of creating equitable and accessible healthcare for all.



## ***4. Education & Training***

Education serves as a powerful tool in breaking down barriers to equal opportunities, providing individuals with the tools to advocate for their rights. Training programs offered by equality centers often focus on promoting awareness, understanding, and inclusivity to challenge stereotypes and prejudices by offering workshops, seminars, and educational resources. These programmes bring together people from different ages and profession groups, train activists and social service workers.

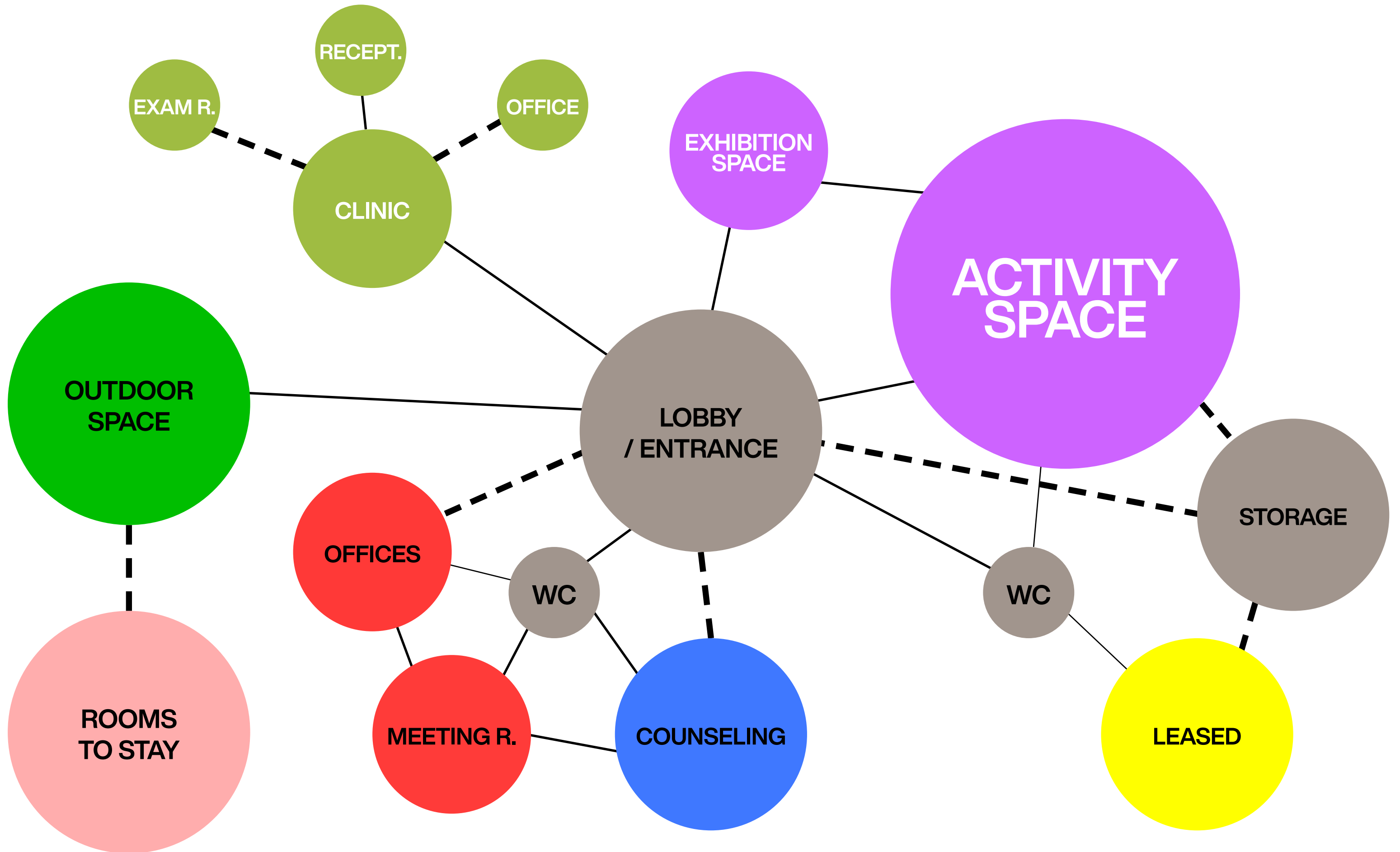




## 5. Cultural & Social

By providing a platform for cultural activities, including art exhibitions, performances, chats, workshops etc. these centers create opportunities for individuals to connect, share experiences, and build strong social networks. This sense of community is vital for combating feelings of isolation and enhancing a collective spirit of resilience. By embracing cultural diversity and facilitating social interactions, equality centers not only reinforce a sense of belonging but also strengthen the bonds that contribute to a more united and empowered community.





## **Function**

***m<sup>2</sup>***

Lobby / Entrance	<i>80-100 m<sup>2</sup></i>	
Leased	<i>50 m<sup>2</sup></i>	
Storage	<i>variable</i>	
Recreational Space	<i>200 m<sup>2</sup></i>	
Exhibition	<i>60 m<sup>2</sup></i>	
Administrative Offices	<i>12 or 24 m<sup>2</sup> / per office</i>	
Counselling Offices	<i>12 m<sup>2</sup></i>	
Meeting Rooms	<i>24 m<sup>2</sup></i>	
Clinic Reception	<i>32 m<sup>2</sup></i>	
Clinic Office	<i>24 m<sup>2</sup></i>	
Exam Room	<i>24 m<sup>2</sup></i>	
Restrooms	<i>50- m<sup>2</sup></i>	
Rooms to Stay	<i>18 m<sup>2</sup> / per room</i>	
Kitchenettes	<i>8 m<sup>2</sup></i>	
Mechanical Rooms	<i>variable</i>	
Outdoor Space	<i>variable</i>	<b>total: ~1000 m<sup>2</sup></b>

