

Three islands with diversified purposes and functions.

The Gunsmith's Quarter

Islands of Opportunities

- 'Degettoisation' of the quarter.
- Protection of the identity.
- Sustainable solutions.
- Conversion of transport system.
- Revival of the canal sites.
- Filling of abandoned buildings.

"Water is very social."

Chiara Fratini.
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Art & History Island



- Conservation of traditional street pattern
- Preservation of valuable buildings
- Creation of the artistic scene
- Implementation of bridges of arts
- Addition of proper lightning
- Enrichment of quarter's character

Student Island

- Opening of student bars and cafes
- Creation of multifunctional playground
- Introduction of a boat club on the canal
- Construction of the White Wall for various projections and support of students' events
- Organisation of a park and green zones along the canal
- Use of an empty building for art workshops



Leisure & Activity Island

- Creation of sport facilities
- Location of music studios
- Introduction theme bars
- Implementation of after school facilities and agreeables sites for families
- Organisation of a market with various local products



Located in Birmingham, Great Britain

Part of the new city centre according to the Big City Plan

Zones of redevelopment:

- Along the canal
- Abandoned areas in a bad condition
- Sites printed by historical features of the quarter

Shaping the social environment:

- Facing the phenomenon of ghettos
- Improving the quality of life
- Uplifting the quarter's image
- Creating attractive, sustainable places, where all the people could gather
- Considering the residents' demands for daily facilities

