

Gap Filler — Community-Led Temporary Reuse of Earthquake-Vacant Sites in Christchurch

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

After the 2010–11 earthquakes levelled much of central Christchurch, the community group Gap Filler turned vacant lots into temporary public spaces, part of a wave of over 700 transitional projects that academic studies link to stronger social and ecological connection.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-26

[Gap Filler, with Life in Vacant Spaces \(LiVS\)](#) — accessed 2026-09-26

[IntechOpen chapter: placemaking as a tool for resilience](#) — accessed 2026-09-26

[The Conversation: the city as laboratory](#) — accessed 2026-09-26

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