

# Dug-In

## An environmental campus in Nicosia

Since 1974, the island of Cyprus, as well as its capital, Nicosia, has been divided.

The north of the island has since been an area military occupied by Turkey, while the south, with the exception of two British military bases, belongs to Greece.

The border is formed as a buffer zone («Green Line») and is guarded and managed by UN peacekeeping forces.

This separation, however, has not been built out of the need of the inhabitants themselves, but has been the result of the political conflict between both sides.

How does the artificial border affect the actual life in the city of Nicosia? Which spatial strategies can be developed to overcome this distance? Is there a utopian future vision of reuniting the divided city?

Dug-In tries to bring people together without any reference to the island's difficult history or anything remotely political.

It is grounded on a very simple concept, one which has proven itself time and time again.

If you want to unite people, give them a common goal that surpasses their actual problems.

