

THE PATTERN LANGUAGE

THE PATTERN LANGUAGE IS A SYSTEM WHICH ALLOWS EVERYONE TO DESIGN THE PLACES THAT THEY LIVE AND WORK IN FOR THEMSELVES, YET SIMULTANEOUSLY GIVES ORDER TO THE WHOLE ENVIRONMENT.

THE ELEMENTS OF A PATTERN LANGUAGE ARE PATTERNS. EACH PATTERN TELLS YOU HOW TO SOLVE A PROBLEM IN THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH HAPPENS OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

BY USING THE PATTERNS IN SEQUENCE, AS THEY COME IN THE LANGUAGE, YOU CAN CREATE A DESIGN OF ANY KIND, SIMPLY BY COMBINING THE PATTERNS ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL NEEDS OF YOUR PROJECT.

IF A COMMUNITY ADOPTS THE PATTERN LANGUAGE, FORMALLY, AS ITS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE, THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY CAN THEN HELP TO IMPROVE THE LANGUAGE YEAR AFTER YEAR, BY CHANGING PATTERNS ONE AT A TIME.

YOU CAN BEGIN TO IMAGINE WHAT KIND OF ENVIRONMENT THE PATTERN LANGUAGE CREATES, BY READING THROUGH THE LIST OF PATTERN SUMMARIES ON THE NEXT PANEL.