Friendship Park: An Inclusive Playground Model

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THE SOCIAL CHALLENGE

• 1 in 20 children has a moderate to severe disability
• Lack of inclusive public play spaces
• Negative attitudes towards children with disabilities
OUR VISION

Changing attitudes through inclusive play, to bring about a more inclusive society for children of all abilities and their families.
OUR SOLUTION

• ... is a platform for **social change** – integrating physical accessibility and **social** accessibility
• ... focuses on **changing attitudes** towards children with disabilities.
• ... has been **replicated** in Israel in over 30 municipalities and has inspired similar playgrounds around the world.
SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES TO ESTABLISH INCLUSIVE PLAY SPACES

Planning Workshop: Integrating social aspects into the inclusive playground set-up

Inclusion Workshop: Developing tailored social & educational programs for children with and without disabilities, and their families

“One Year On” Workshop: Evaluating & upgrading the inclusive social & educational programs

Ongoing online support throughout the implementation process
OUR NEEDS
THANK YOU!

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