

THE STORY OF HÖS UTCA

A research project based on Hös street, district X, Budapest

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The place.

Our research began with exploring the concepts of abandoned areas in contrast to well kept ones, in other words, those which are left for dead and forgotten.

Hős street, situated in Kőbánya, district X, is one of the most infamous streets in Budapest, known for being extremely dangerous, full of drugs, bandits and poverty.

The residential buildings stand in a shockingly dilapidated state, worsening each year as they await their demolition project, which has already been delayed multiple times.

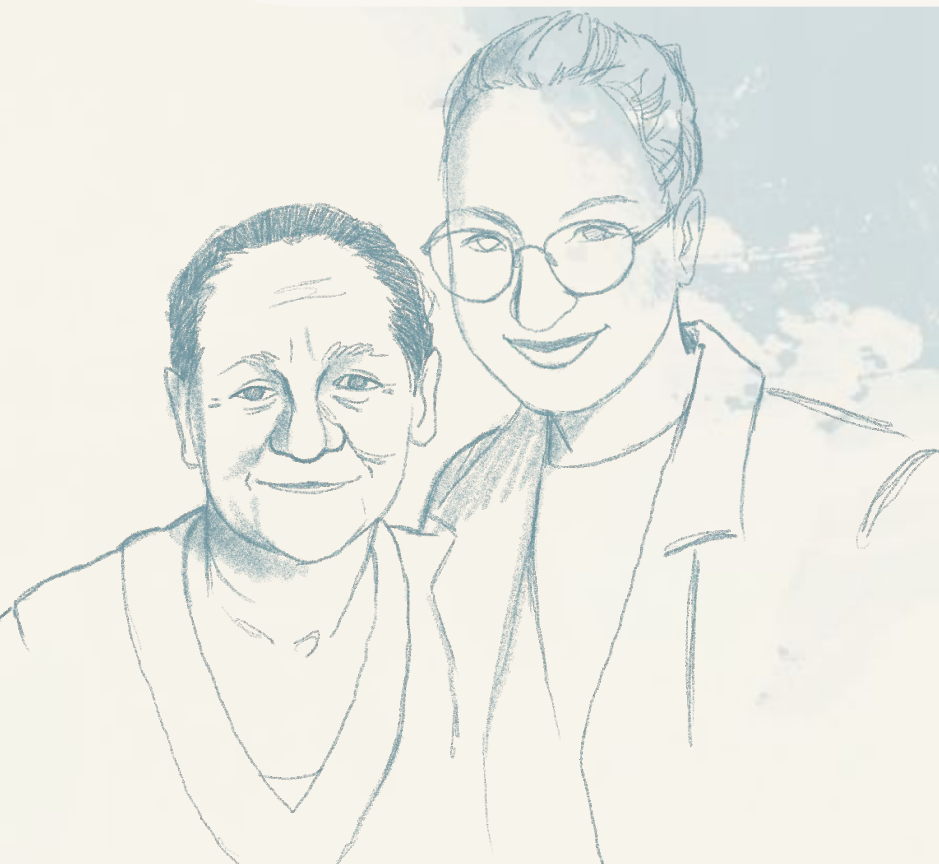
The question arises - How did it get to this point and where is it going?



The encounter.

While exploring the location, we started conversations with a couple of the local residents. The unapproachable facade of the area crumbled as soon as we found how welcoming and genuine the local residents were - hard working people who had built a life there many years ago and now found themselves trapped in a neglected neighborhood doomed to be demolished.

We conducted an interview with a homeowner who had lived there her entire life. Her insights completely changed our perceptions of the neighborhood and we wish to share our findings in order to fight the stigma against Hös street and expose the injustices its residents have faced.



The project - illustrated zine.

This project serves as a short look into Hős street and the lives of its' residents, highlighting some major turns in its' history.

We wish to distribute these booklets around Budapest in order to inform and raise awareness, fight the stigma and discrimination against people living in this area. Hopefully get more experienced activists and homeowners rights advocates involved in the situation.

