**Before you start:**

1. Choose a geographical question, problem etc.

Which features in your space are interesting?

Which features in the public space would I like to keep?

 Which part of the space do I want to develop/change?

 2. Choose the approach you want to use (You can use both, of course.).

**Approach 1 – qualitative and personal approach**

1. Take in the public space carefully.
2. Pick one person who is currently using this public space. Observe the person and speculate on the person's plans. Is she/he alone? How old is this person?
3. See if your assumptions were correct. How did this person use the public space? How much time did she/he spend? Who and how many people did she/he interact with?
4. Take notes and repeat steps 1-3.
5. Present your results to your group mates.
6. Answer your research questions (e.g. Which social groups currently use the space? To what purpose? How long?)

**Approach 2 – quantitative**

1. Take in the public space.
2. Count the number of people entering and exiting the public space in a time period previously specified.
3. Count the number of people who are using the public space at a certain point of time/period of time.
4. Count the number of people who are using certain features of the public space (e.g. benches, paths, climbing frames, waste bins etc.).
5. Present your results to your group mates.
6. Answer your research questions (e.g. How many people currently use the space? To what purpose? How long?).