

## A solidarity park to listen to children's laughter in an Almerian neighbourhood

**LOCATION:** Almería

**DURATION:** 1'43"

**SUMMARY:** El Puche neighbourhood, in Almería, is one of the most depressed areas in the city. Three thousand children live in it, but there's no park where they can go in the area. La Alcazaba Primary School, its parent's association, associations and neighbours are solving this problem by building a park for children. They count of the support of dozens of people and 200 old tyres that are becoming part of the urban furniture.

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These are very special builders. They are the neighbours of El Puche, one of the most depressed areas in Almería, and they are determined to change their reality. They decided to begin by building a park for those who are the future of the neighbourhood: the children.

**COCO ORTUÑO**  
Director of La Alcazaba School

*"There are 3.000 children in this neighbourhood, who have to go to The Families Park or somewhere further when they want to play, and they can't do it on their own."*

Encouraged by La Alcazaba Primary School, they build a playground with recycled tyres. But they are also making a point, which is that when people have a common goal, they can change their environment.

**FÁTIMA KAROUA**  
President parents association

*"We've been years talking about the need to build a place where kids could play or hang out. And we use recycled things because we have no money."*

Neighbours, parents and children are collaborating in the project. They want to provide these kids with a more enabling environment to grow.

**DAVID MURCIA**  
Volunteer

*"It is an activity that encourages neighbours to collaborate and it also motives children to work harder at school."*

**COCO ORTUÑO**  
Director of La Alcazaba School

*"We needed concrete and they gave it to us, we needed paint and they've told us that they'll bring it to us, so we are thankful to everybody."*

This isn't just about building a park, they also want...

**ROCÍO TRUJILLO**  
Teacher of La Alcazaba School

*"Children to look after the neighbourhood and to collaborate with families, so they have an active role in school life."*

In conclusion, to show them that they are the drive of change, that they must rebel against conformism and resignation. Because they have the power to create hope and a better future.