Open Dinner {eettafel}

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The aim of the project is redefining the term of hospitality in the culture and using home as a public space by encouraging people to socialize and create collectively around the concept of food.

As a new comer to the Netherlands, Eettafel faciliated my process of integration and i have met with a lot of people by sharing dinner. Every monday, a person from the house voluntarily would be responsible for cooking and create some dishes out of the fridge, people would come with their drinks or even desserts and help with cooking, dinner would be served when it is ready and the rest of the people would be responsible for the cleaning of the kitchen. After dinner, things would go with the flow; drinking, playing a game etc.

After i returned to Istanbul, i wanted to keep this spirit with me. The culture i was raised in was based on different type of hospitality: serving to the guests. Another challange was gathering people i like and let them know each other and meet with new ones! I used social media to invite people for open dinner, even through it was a new concept, after a month, i could see all my friends enjoying the concept; meet some new people, try out new recipes and even create new ones! Then i moved to Izmir, so did the open dinner. In izmir, the concept has changed a bit as we grew bigger: after a year of gathering at home, now, we visit different places indoor or outdoor to eat together under the name of open dinner to create a homely atmosphere.







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Space typology Community Space / Park / Waterfront
Intention Experimenting / Gathering
Action Cooking food / Eating food / Serving food / Sharing food