What makes a public space great?

1. ACCESS and LINKS

Can people use a variety of transportation options to reach this place? What are these options?

Can people easily walk to this place or do they have to worry about avoiding fast moving cars?

What other landmarks or buildings are near this place?

What materials are used on the ground? Can people with special needs or disabilities use this place?

2. COMFORT and IMAGE

What types of options do people have for sitting?

Do people have a choice of places to sit, both in the sun and the shade? Describe the location of each type.

Is the space clean and free of trash? Who do you think is responsible for keeping it clean?

Are people taking photos while in this place? What are they taking photos of?
3. USES and ACTIVITIES

How many different activities are going on at one time in the space? List all the things that people are doing here.

Is the space used by both individuals and people in groups? How?

What different ages of people are using this space?

What parts of the spaces are not being used?

4. SOCIABLE

Is this a space where you would want to meet your friends? Are others meeting friends or colleagues here? Explain one example.

Are people in groups talking with one another?

Do you see people bringing their friends and relatives to see the place? Do they point out features with pride? Explain one example.

Are people smiling? Do people make eye contact with one another?

Are people picking up their own trash?