Paris Rive Gauche
Paris, France

What makes this neighbourhood work for children & youth?

- Traffic Safety: Cyclist and pedestrian infrastructure is separated from public transportation.
- Community Amenities and Education: Schools, university, library, gyms, pool and other cultural and community amenities.
- Green Space: 10 hectares of green space, greenways, pedestrian pathways, parks, plazas, bridges.
- Public Transportation: Access to many modes including Metro, RER (regional commuter rail), bus and tram.

PROJECT INFORMATION
Location: New mixed-use neighbourhood, 13th arrondissement, Left Bank of Paris
Developer: SEMAPA
Architect: Various, including Jean Nouvel, Christian de Portzamparc, Ateliers Lion & Associates, Bruno Fortier, Jean-Thierry Bloch, Paul Andreu, Comte Vollenweider Architects, Hamonic + Masson & Associé
Landscape Architect: Various, including Thierry Huau, Jean-Claude Hardy
Year Completed: 1994 - ongoing
Built Form Typology: Tall buildings up to 42 storeys, mid-rise, up to 11 storeys, townhouses

BREAKDOWN
15,000+ residents
7,500+ residential units (6,000 family housing, 1,500 student housing)
Total Area: 130 hectares

On a former industrial site, bordering the Seine River, Paris Rive Gauche is the largest development undertaken in Paris since the 19th century. The entire community spans across an active rail corridor. On average, families in the community live no more than 200 metres from a garden, while still benefiting from the activities and amenities offered in dense urban spaces.

The neighbourhood is divided into four quarters, each composed of housing, offices, shops, services and amenities. Close proximity to this rich mix of uses, as well as access to child care, schools, parks and playgrounds, ensures that the everyday needs of families are met within walking distance of their home. This high level of convenience and walkability makes the neighbourhood especially supportive to families with children. The district includes 10 hectares of green space including a number of large public parks, including the Jardin des Plantes (botanical gardens). Linear pedestrian corridors, such as the centrally located Promenade Claude Lévi Strauss and the waterfront Port de la Gare, provide connections between destinations and offer pleasant outdoor leisure space.

Paris Rive Gauche is well-connected to the Paris transit system: the Paris subway, RER and bus and tram lines run through the neighbourhood. Dedicated cycle tracks, bridges and tree-lined walkways offer safe and convenient options for families that encourage active transportation which contributes to physical well being.

Los Doctos, Cité de la Mode et du Design is a cultural venue for education, exhibitions, conventions, workshops, restaurants, recreation, and events. Its mix of programming makes it an entertainment destination for children, youth, and adults alike. The Museum Art Ludique hosts exhibitions directed to children and youth on animation, manga, video games and cartoons.