

DESIGN STUDIO 6. (2023)

Architectural Design (architecture, interior design, urbanism, landscape architecture) 6. – Integrated

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THE TASK:

Motto, Location, Programme:

The area – which nowadays is really close to the heart of Újbuda - from the gently sloping southern slope of the Gellért Hill to the southern railway line only began to be built up between the two world wars. The French nuns' raising institution was followed by neo-Baroque high schools, a christian church, a Synagogue, several multi storey apartment blocks and hotels.

However, near the Feneketlen lake, the corner plot between the blocks of flats, enclosed by the [Zsombolyai, Ulászló and Kököröcsin streets](#), has remained largely open, wooded and underdeveloped.

Last year, the sale of the plot - where formerly the local health visitor center operated, and which is owned by the municipality of Budapest District XI. -, and the planned construction of a 6 storey apartment block, was successfully blocked by a group of local civic activists who pressed on a dialogue-based, participatory planning process.

Several existing buildings on the site are to be retained, converted, extended, partially or completely demolished at the subjective discretion of everyone. The protection of the existing green spaces, and opening them up as a public park, the reinterpretation of the public spaces adjacent to the site using architectural, landscape architectural and urban design techniques are also part of the task.

This area is perfect to accommodate functions dedicated to the youngest age groups like kindergartners and school-children, so the task is to create a multipurpose, family-friendly cultural and leisure centre that fulfills their needs. The aim is to create a complex institution where not only the children but also their parents can spend time, where they can have a break and a coffee, where they can work or chat with friends while the children play, where it's possible to organise birthday parties and events, drama performances, music sessions and a wide range of activities from day care to summer camps.

Depending on the proposed functional and architectural concept in addition to the various play areas, classrooms and lecture rooms, the necessary additional service spaces (corridors, toilets, storage rooms) should also be considered.

The volume of the extensions or new buildings should be adapted to the scale of the surrounding urban milieu. The use of materials and the design of the building(s) should be adapted to the previously mentioned environment with a large degree of freedom. It is also necessary to get to know the local building regulations and building codes, but it is also possible to differ from them with appropriate and thorough reason.

It is necessary to visit the site and its close surrounding, as well as to study the similar institutions and centers in Hungary and abroad.

Architectural programme:

- Café
- Bookstore, gift shop
- Auditorium: (120 m²): a multifunctional space where various events can be held, from book launches and readers' meetings to theatre performances or professional talks.
- Kitchen (catering service)...
- Public toilets to serve all the public needs of the building (designed in accordance with the hungarian building codes: OTÉK)
- Additional spaces (lobbies, stairs, elevator, engineering rooms)
- a small office unit for the administrative management and event organisation of the institution (1 office space with a floor area of 12m²)
- etc...