RE-IMAGINING AMSTERDAM NEW WEST: IMPROVING RESIDENT SATISFACTION THROUGH ADAPTIVE REUSE OF CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS HERITAGE

Adaptive reuse of the disused 'Kerk van het nieuwe verbond' in slotermeer to improve resident satisfaction

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PROBLEM FIELD

RESEARCH

QUESTION

Contemporary use of Christian religious heritage

Low resident satisfaction in Amsterdam New West

Decreasing adherents of Christian denominations leaving an **immense building stock unused**(Faro & Miceli, 2019)

Religious heritage is **too valuable to warrant demolition**, because of the contribution to the creation of identity for the location, individuals and groups

(Davison & Russell, 2017)

Disused religious heritage sites are **easy targets to vandalism and environmental decay**(Velthuis & Spennemann, 2007)

One in every four churches falling into disuse in the Netherlands (MOCW, 2020)

The Netherlands has one of the highest concentrations of Christians religious heritage per inhabitant in Europe (MECS, 2021)

Amsterdam New West has undergone a transformation from a reputable district to one grappling with a deteriorating reputation.

(Mepschen, 2012)

Amsterdam New West ranks notably lower at resident satisfaction and liveability in comparison to other districts within Amsterdam.

(Bos & Dignum, 2022)

Amsterdam New West consistently scores low in social cohesion, resident prosperity, the condition and maintenance of buildings, feelings of safety, and environmental pollution.

(Bricknesse, 2023)

RESEARCH QUESTION AND DEFINITIONS

MAIN RESEARCH QUESTION

What attributes should an adaptive reuse strategy for Christian religious heritage incorporate to enhance resident satisfaction in Geuzenveld-Slotermeer and Osdorp, considering residents' values and needs?

DEFINITIONS

Adaptive re-use of heritage

"The Adaptive Reuse (AR) of heritage buildings is a complex process, which aims to preserve the values of heritage buildings while adapting them for use in the present and transferring them to the future."

(Hedieh Arfa et al, 2022)

Christian religious buildings

A church is a building for Christian religious activities (Camebridge dictionary)

Resident satsisfaction

Neighborhood appreciation of the residents established by different factors such as safety, social interaction, amount of diverse facilities, quality and maintenance of the built environment.

(Bos & Dignum, 2022)

IMAGINE BALLARAT METHOD

Imagine Ballarat

What do you love in Ballarat?

What do you image for Ballarat?

What do you want to retain?

Buckley, Cooke, & Fayad (2015) Using the historic urban landscape to re-imagine Ballarat: The local context

Imagine Osdorp & Geuzenveld Slotermeer

What do you love in your neighborhood?

What makes you feel at home in your neighborhood?

If you were to take us anywhere in your neighborhood, where would you take us?

What makes you feel included in your neighborhood?

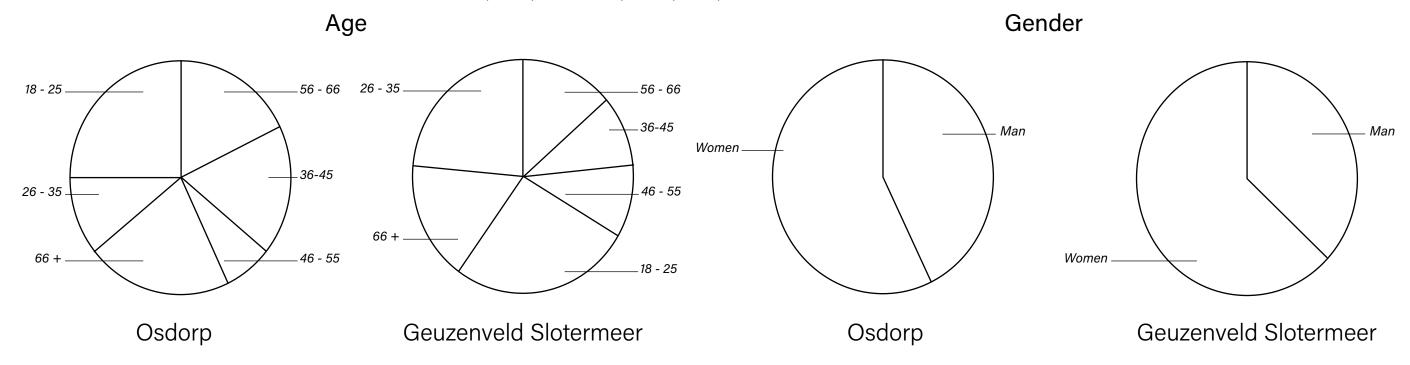
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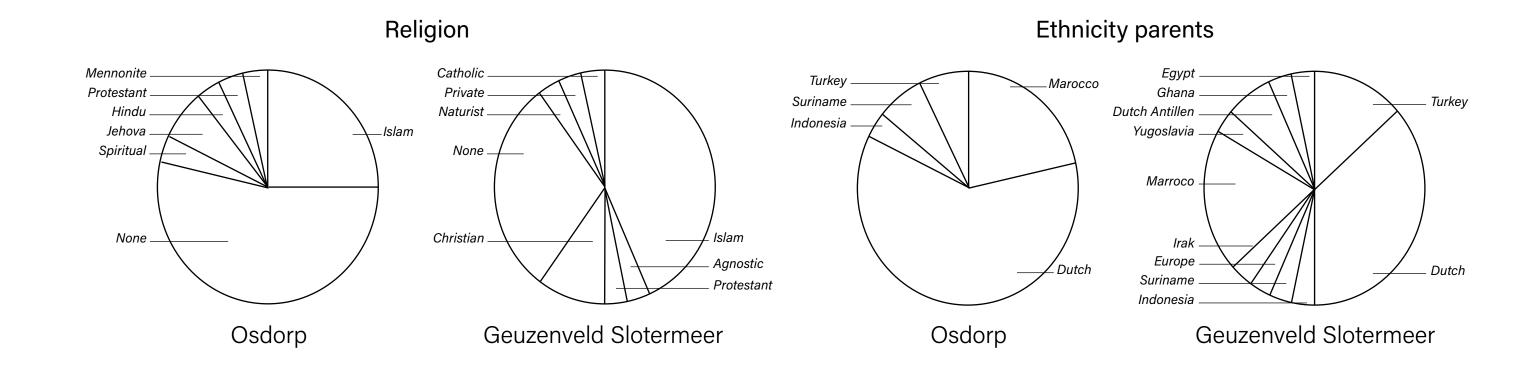
What do you want to retain in your neighborhood?

How would you describe your neighborhood in one word?

DEMOGRAPHIC DIVISION INTERVIEW

26 participants Osdorp & 30 participants Geuzenveld Slotermeer





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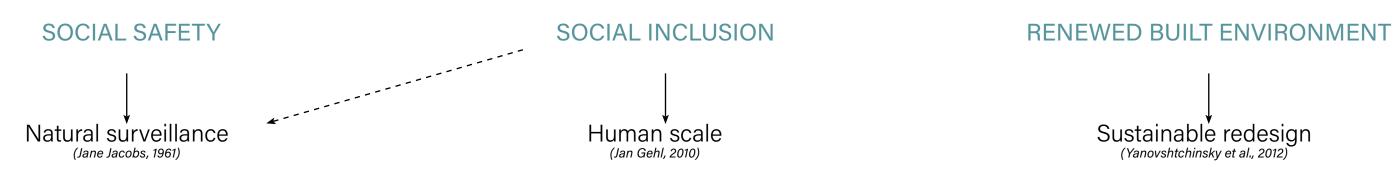
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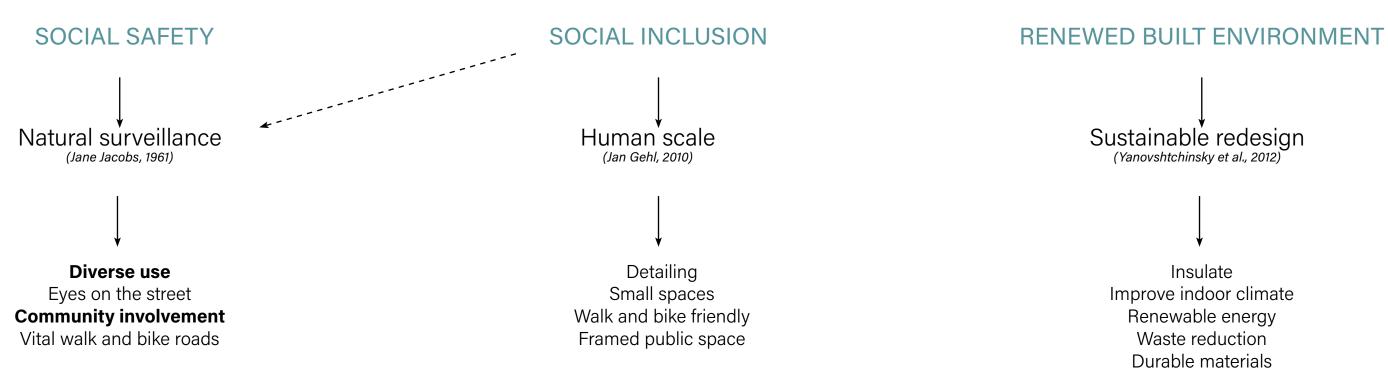
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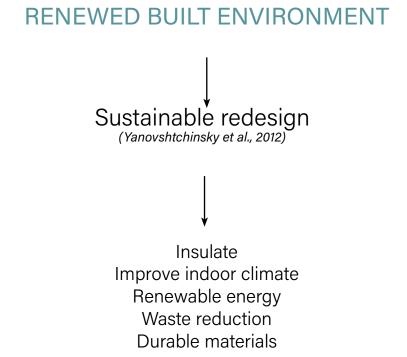


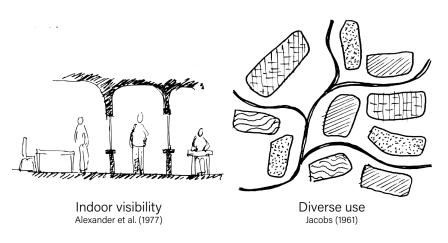
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SOCIAL SAFETY SOCIAL INCLUSION Natural surveillance Human scale (Jane Jacobs, 1961) (Jan Gehl, 2010) Detailing **Diverse use** Eyes on the street Small spaces **Community involvement** Walk and bike friendly Vital walk and bike roads Framed public space

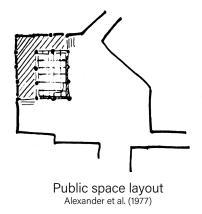


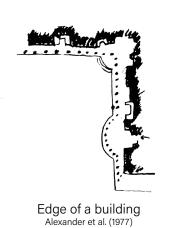


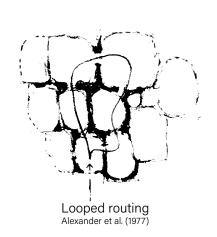
Vital sidewalk

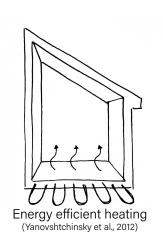
Alexander et al. (1977)

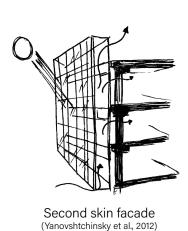
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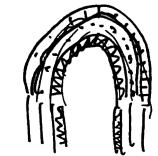


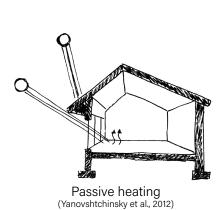


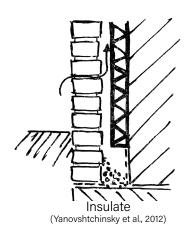












Front door bench Alexander et al. (1977)

Passages as rooms Alexander et al. (1977)

Detailing Alexander et al. (1977)

Connection to the sky

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CASE STUDY 'KERK VAN HET NIEUWE VERBOND'

BUILDING INFORMATION

Religion: Roman-Catholic

Year: 1956

Designing architect: M. J. Granpré Molière

Executing architect: Evers & Sarlemijn

Size: 2340 m²

Site context: Neighborhood Noorderhof in Slotermeer

Monument: Yes, municipal

Source: Data Amsterdam & Rijksdienst voor Cultureel Erfgoed

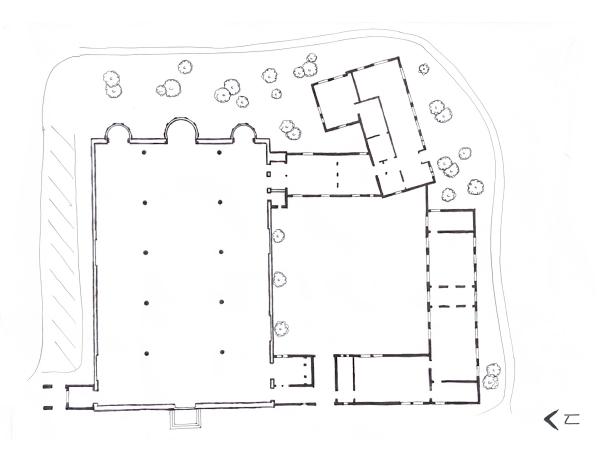






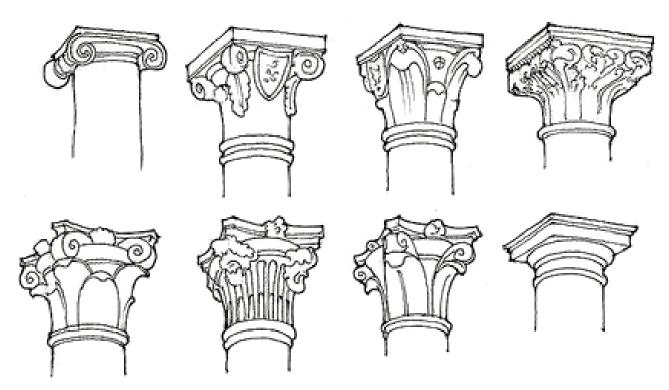






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Municipal monument explanation 'Monumentenzorg Amsterdam'



Cultural historic representing pillarisation Netherlands



Oeuvre M.J. Granpré Molière



'Gaaf' - Beautiful and intact



Bossche School Stijl unique in Amsterdam

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"The larger the extent of **public participation**, the higher the satisfaction of these sustainability factors."

Yung et al. (2014)

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FRAMEWORK FOR PARTICIPATORY DESIGN TOOLS AND METHODS

Sanders, Brandt & Binder (2010)

3 types of activities

Making

Talling

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Stories and storyboarding	2D - collaging	Game boards and game pieces and rules
Diaries	2D - mapping	Props and black boxes
Cards	3D - mock-ups	Participatory envisioning and enactment
		Improvisation

Enacting

FRAMEWORK FOR PARTICIPATORY DESIGN TOOLS AND METHODS

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Telling

Make 8 to 12 pictures of attributes that are valuable/important to you

Explain in 1 to 3 sentences why you took the picture

Goal:

Establishing the tangible and intangible attributes that residents value

Making

2D mapping to the question "What functies fit the qualities of this building?"

Goal:

What kind of use and function do residents envision in the case study

Enacting

2D mapping to the question

"If you come here again in 5 years, what is happening?"

"If you fome here again in 5 years, who will be here?"

"If you come here again in 5 years, what will it look like?"

Goal:

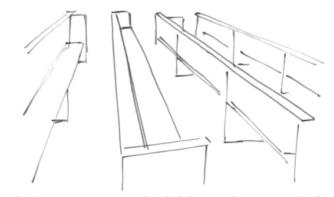
Forcing the participants to set themselves in future scenario's



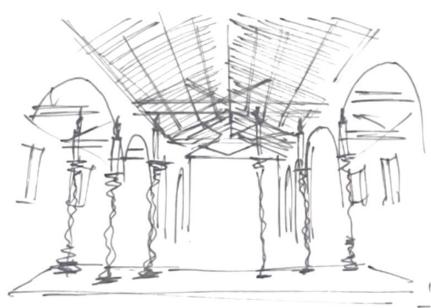




"I think the inside of the building is very beautiful. I like those colors and the roof, the lamps, with the construction of the building."



"I just think these are **cool old benches and chairs**, they don't necessarily have to stay in the hall, but if they have a function. That these kinds of elements just come back somewhere."



"The atmosphere. The church has a beautiful atmosphere."

Results picture assignment

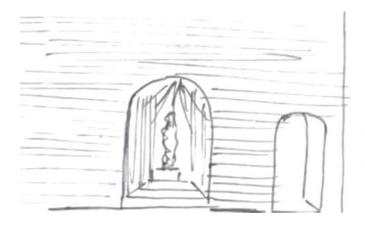


"I photographed the **mosaic**. That's because it beautifully reflects history. That may be something religious, but I see more of the **historical value** of it."



"Meeting space. Being together and that the church has always been a place where people used to come together."

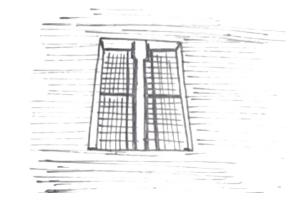
"What I like is that there is still a Maria chapel. For me it doesn't have to be a sleek modern building. Please save the beautiful details."



"The **chandelier**, because I always have the feeling with churches that it has to do with light. Very often there is a special light effect through the windows."

"A **church organ** is simply a very beautiful thing. If you were to do something with a church, you would incorporate or use the organ in some way."



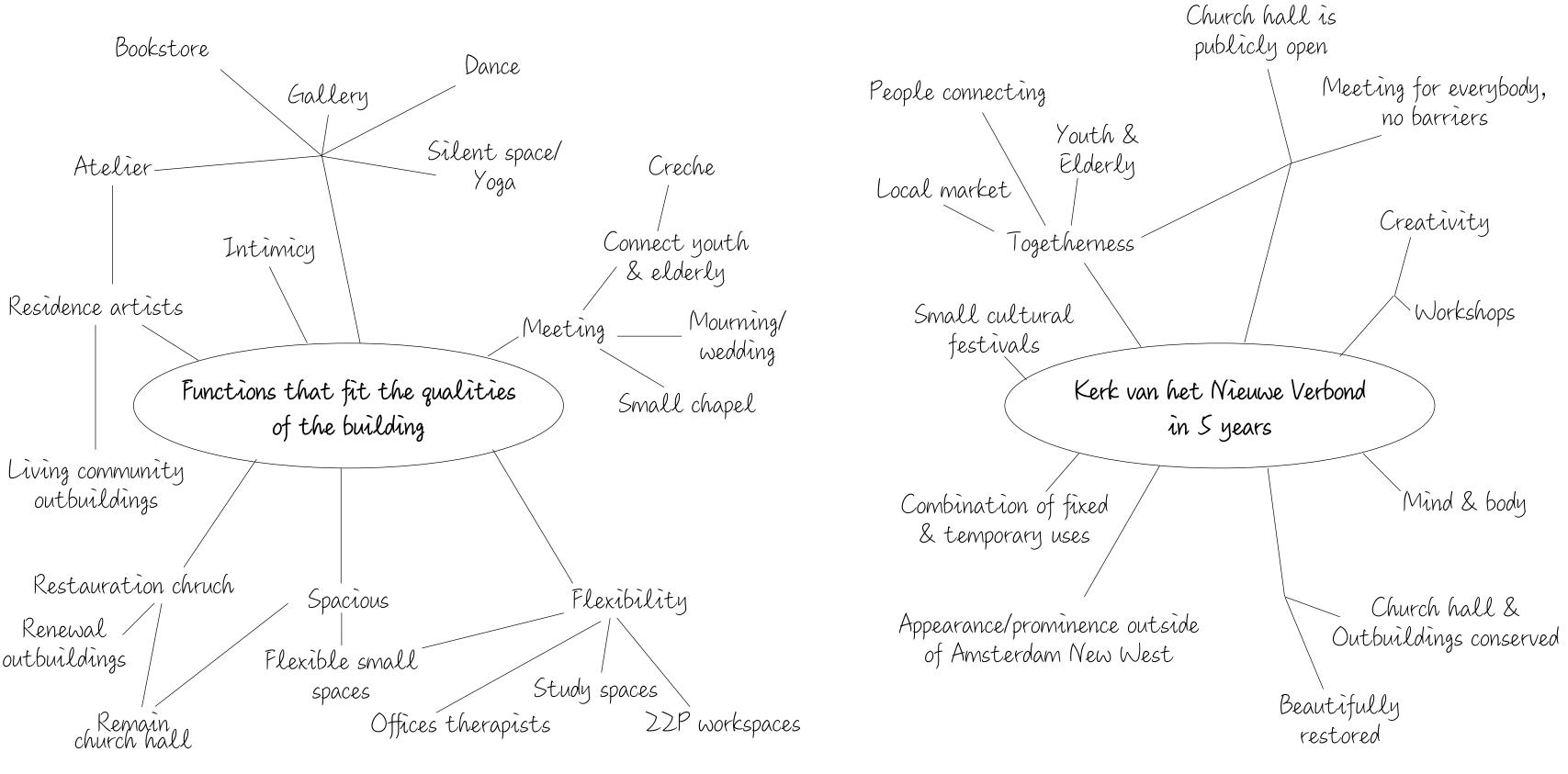


"This is really my image of the church. I live back there and those **stained glass windows** light up during activities that take place in the church."

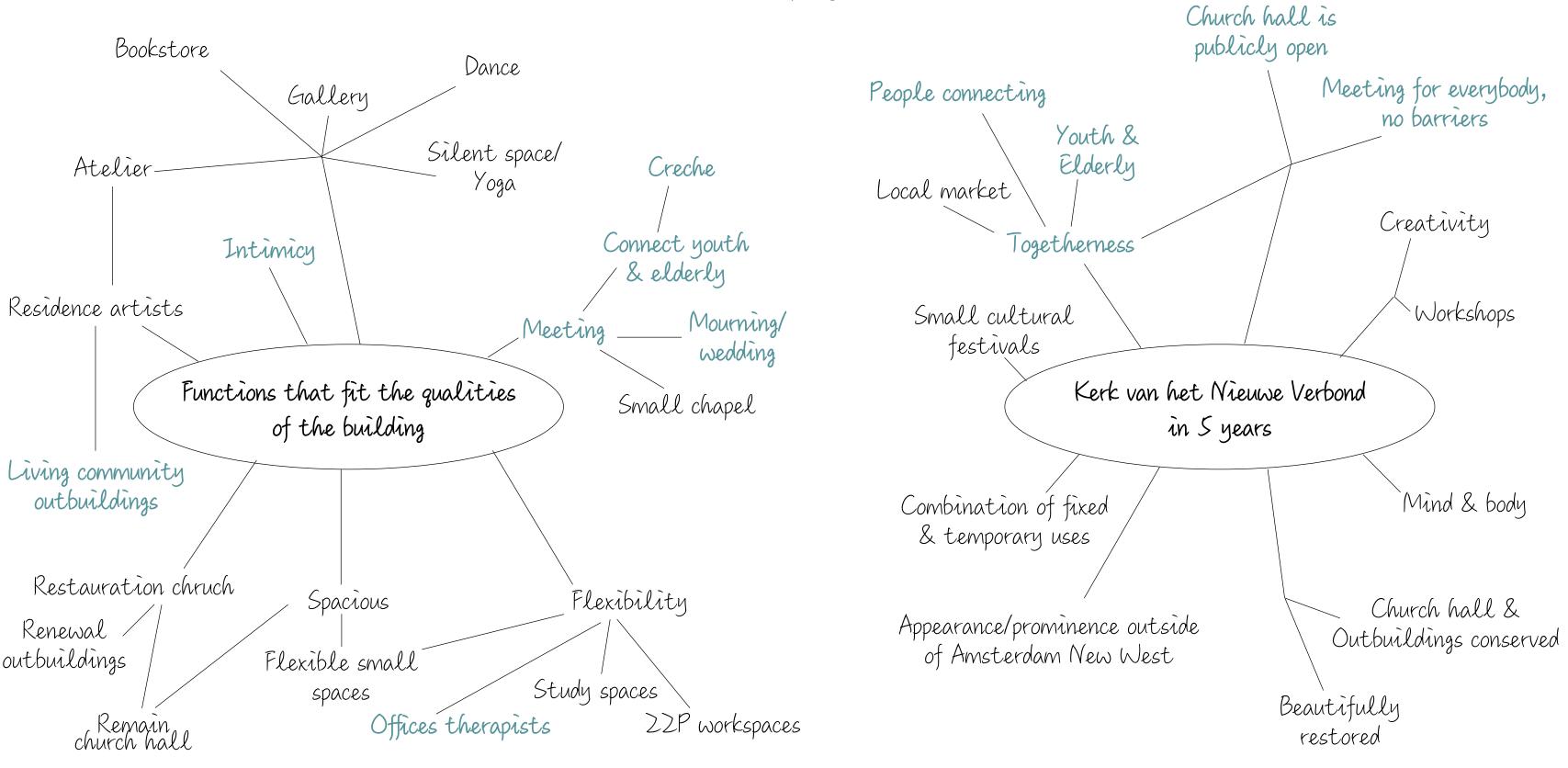


"The **glass entrance**, so that the cold stays outside."

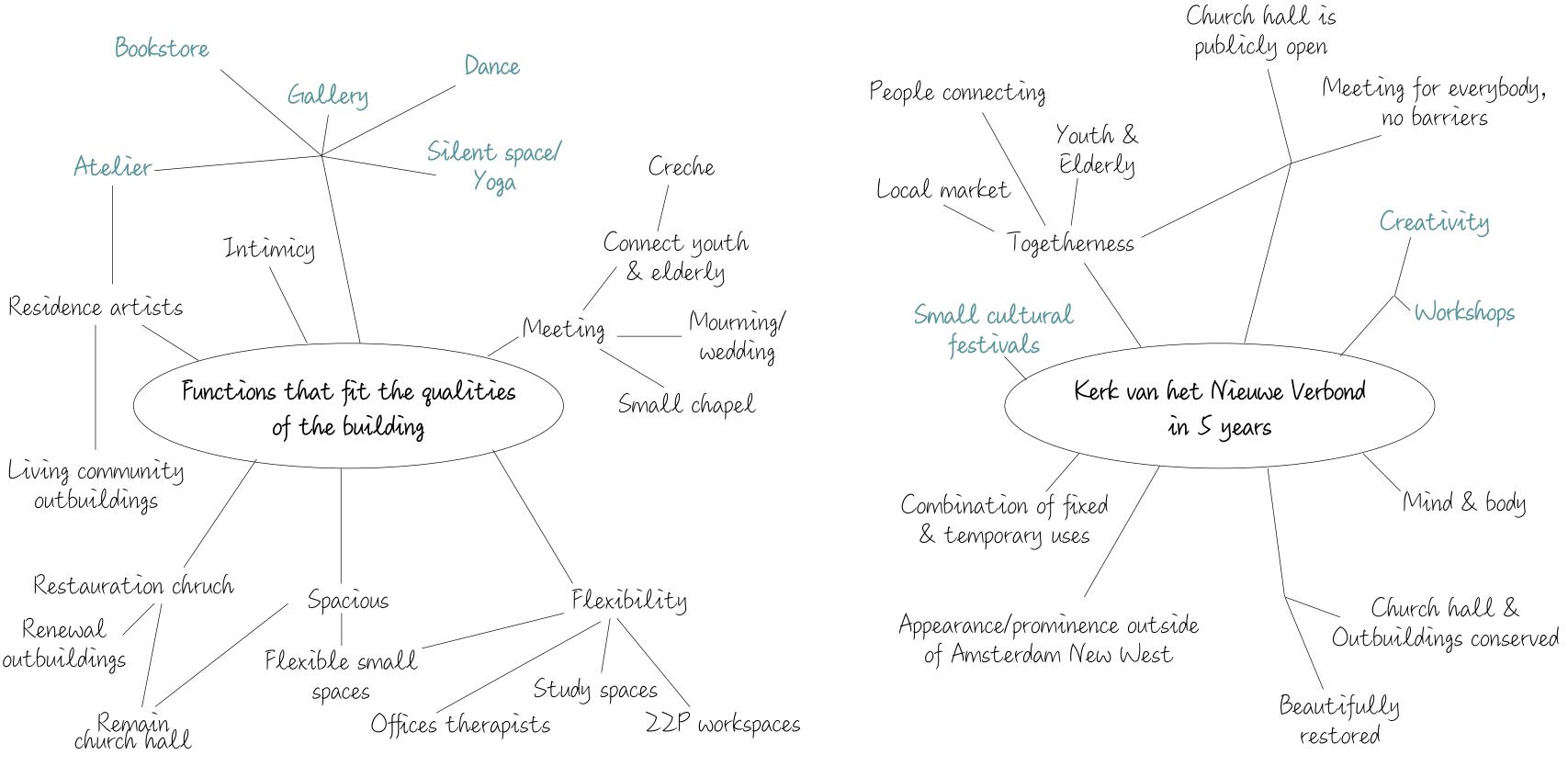
Results mindmap assignment



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FLEXIBILITY AND CONSERVATION

22P workspaces

Beautifully

restored

Study spaces

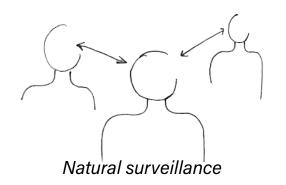
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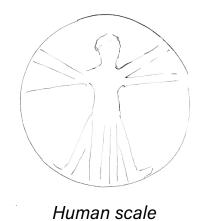
Offices therapists

Remain church hall

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

IMAGINE INTERVIEWS





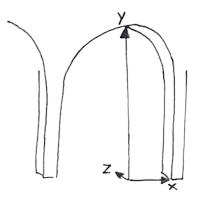


Sustainable redesign

MONUMENTAL REGULATIONS



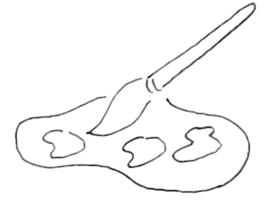


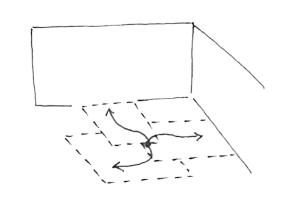


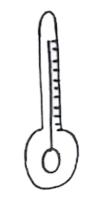
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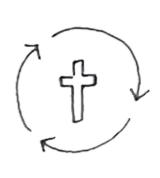
CO-CREATION WORKSHOP

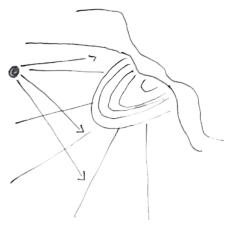












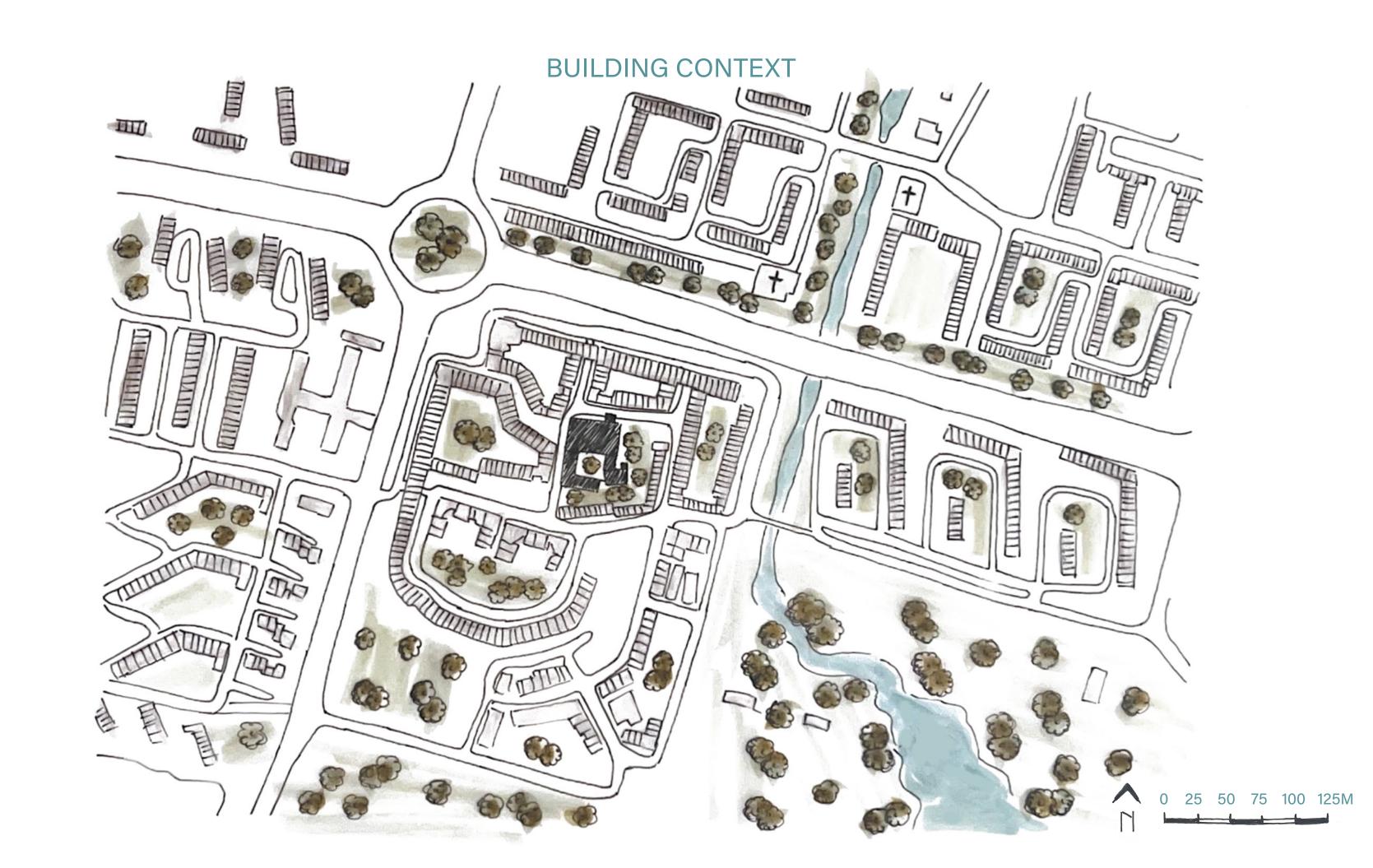
Social function Cultural function

Flexibility

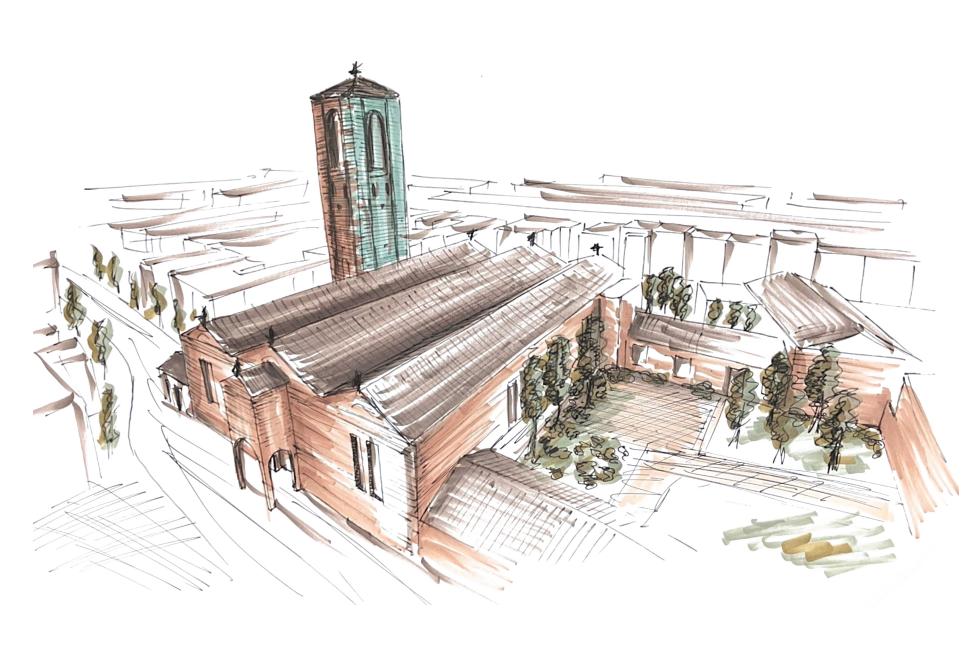
Comfortable indoor climate

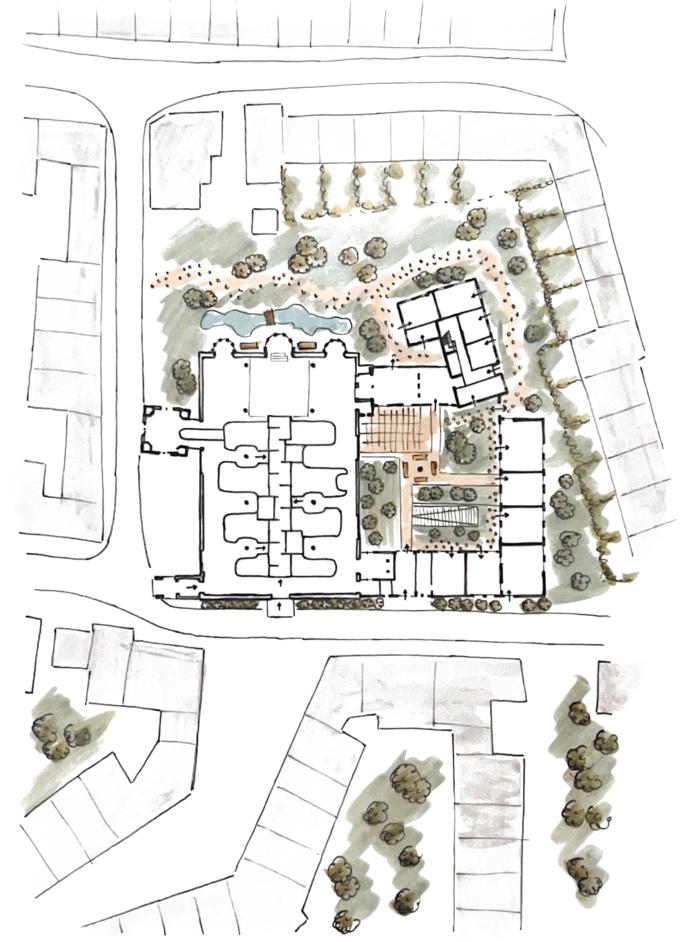
Reuse church interior

Prominance outside New West



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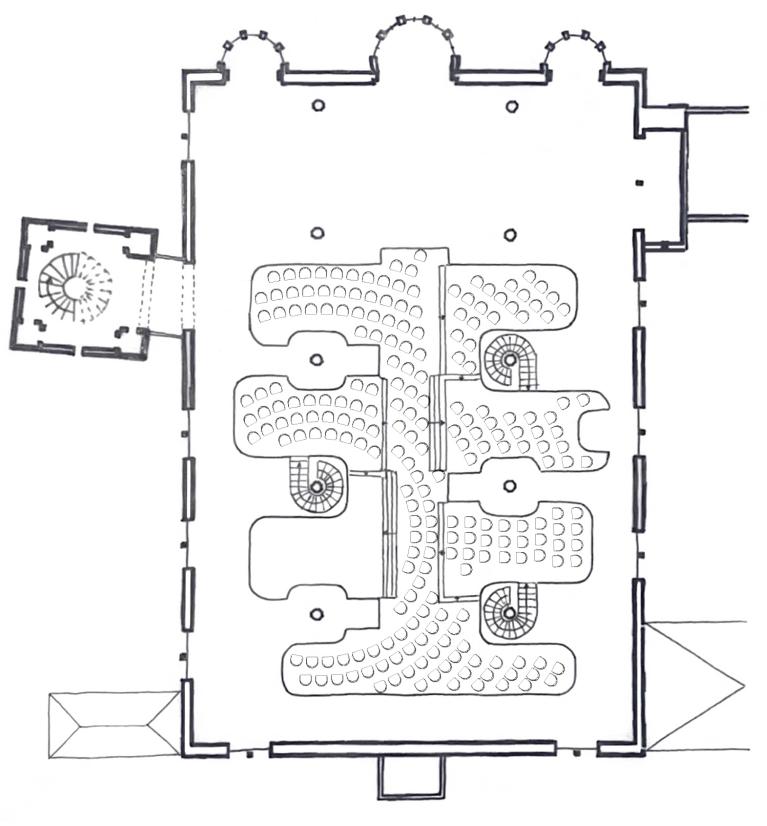






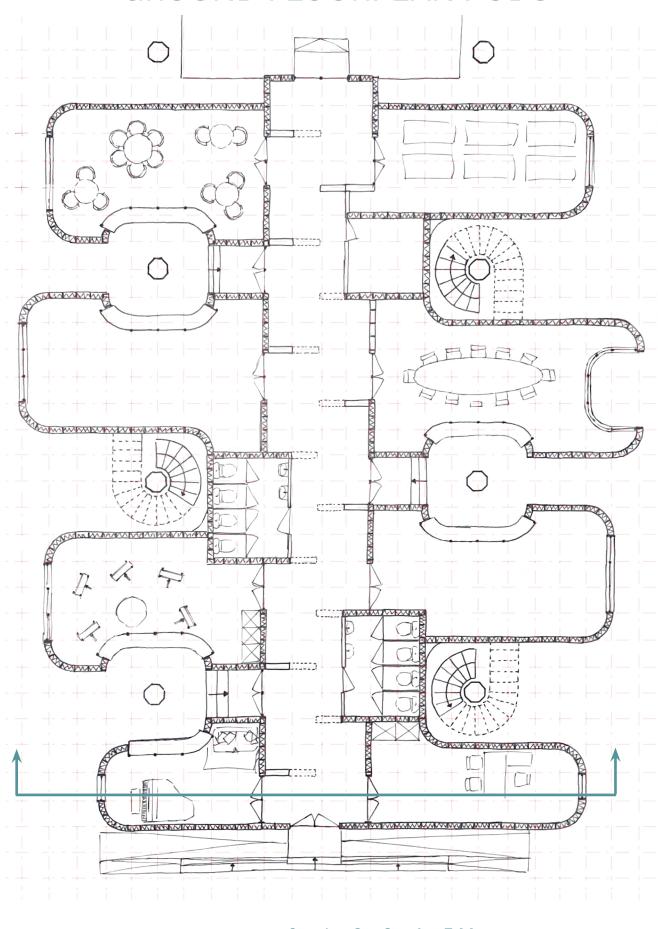
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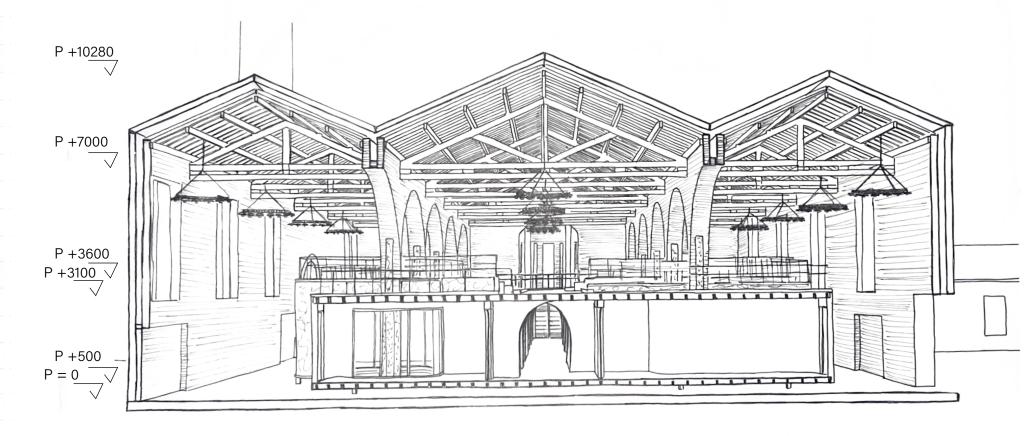




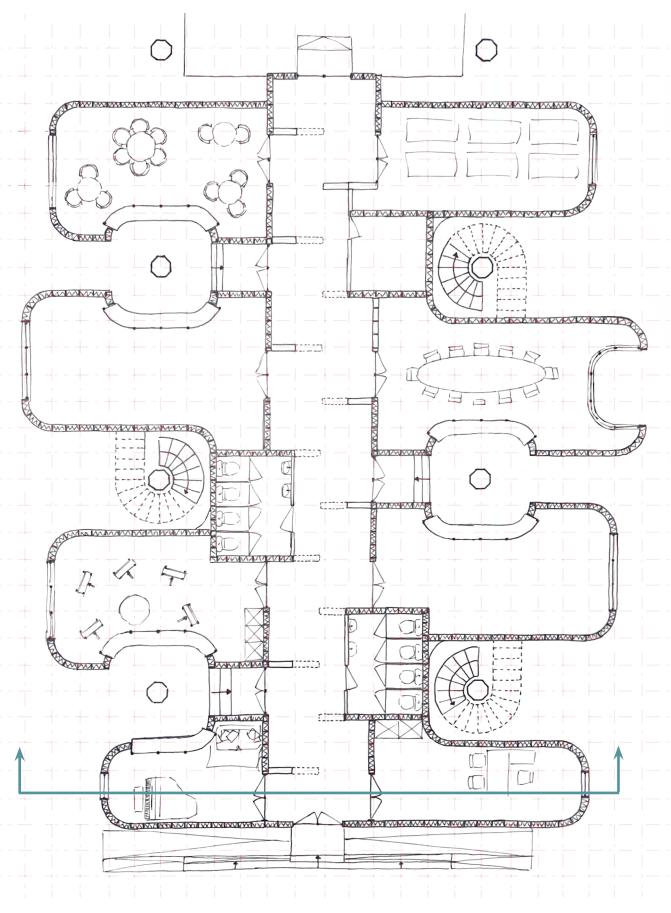
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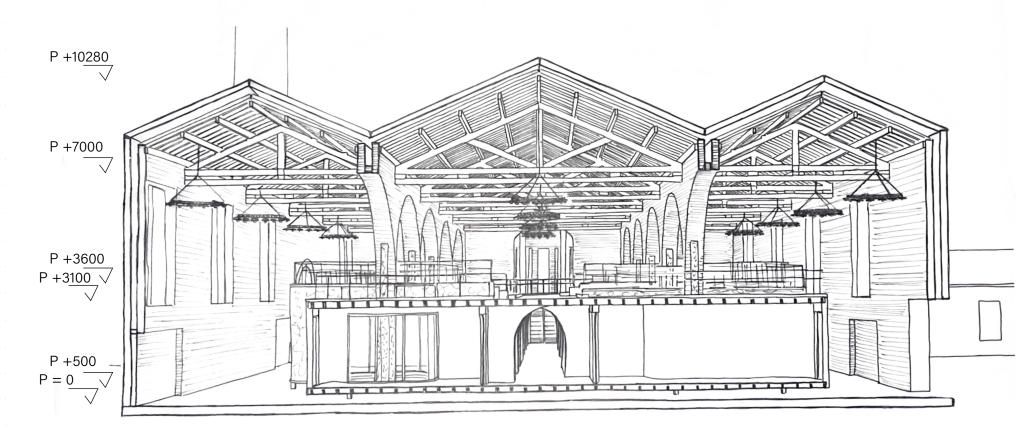
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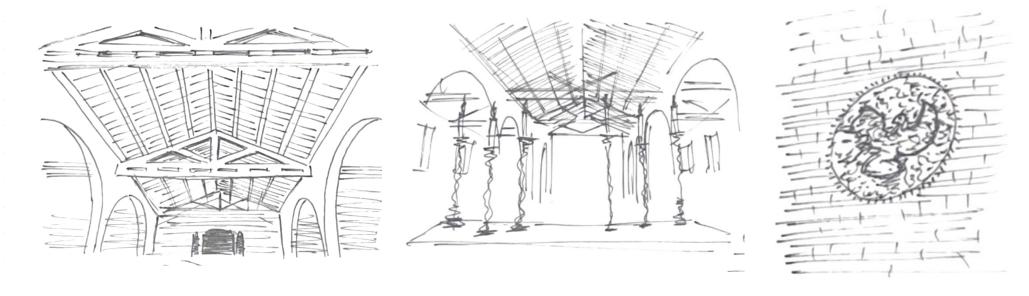
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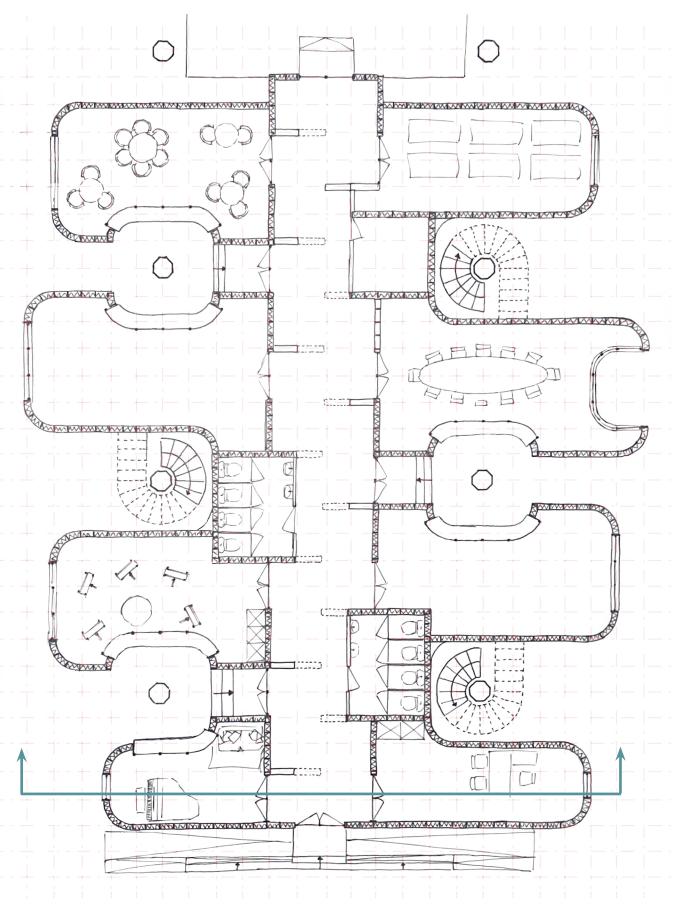


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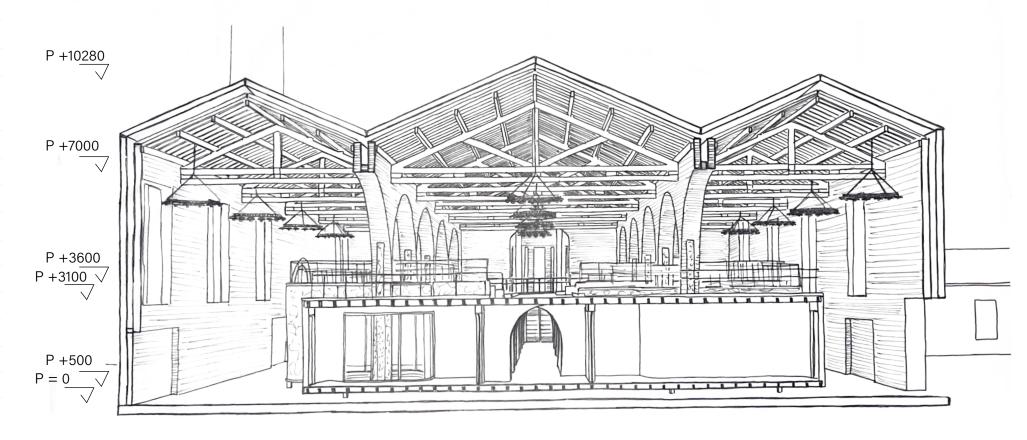




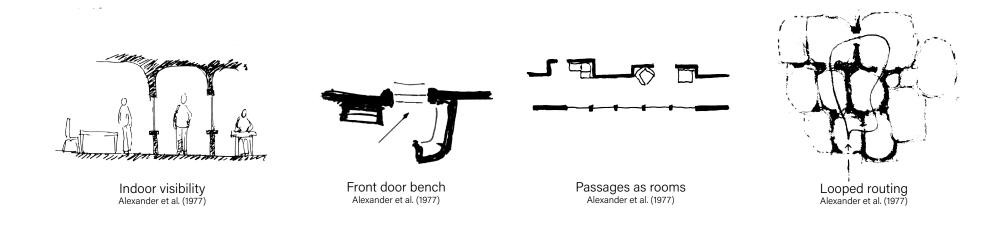
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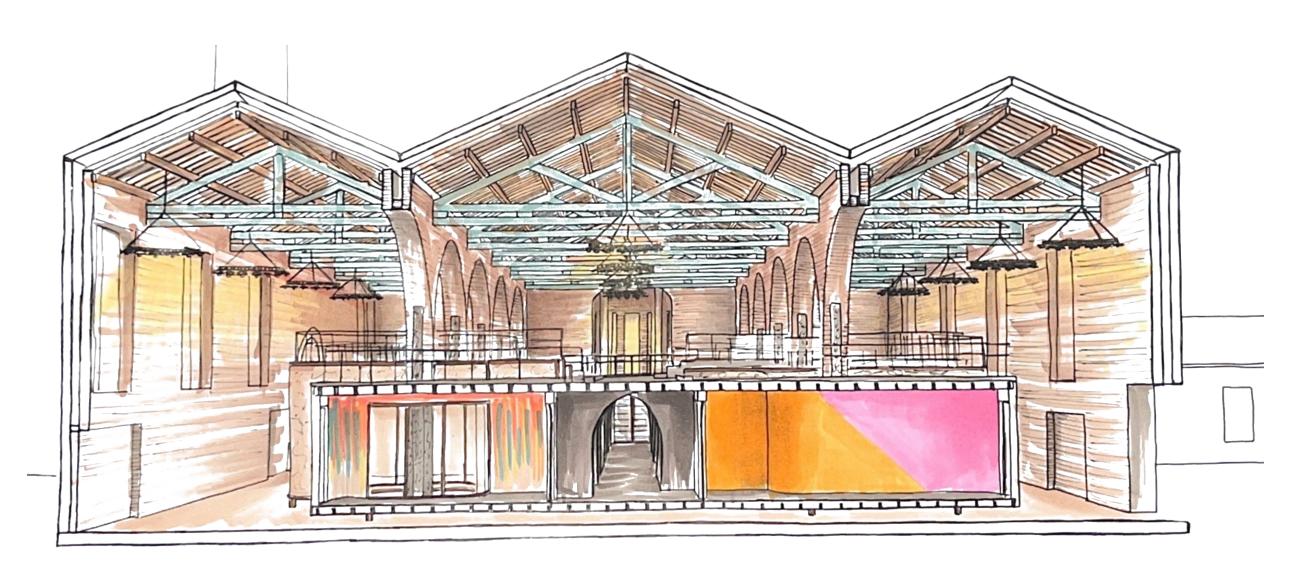
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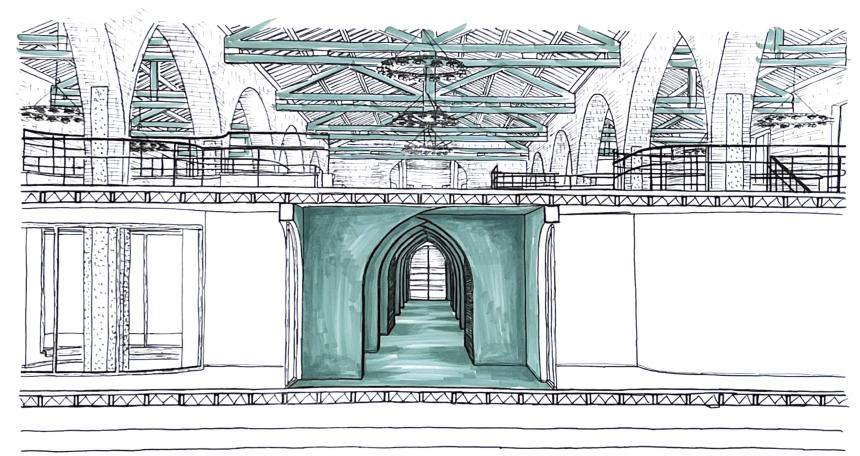


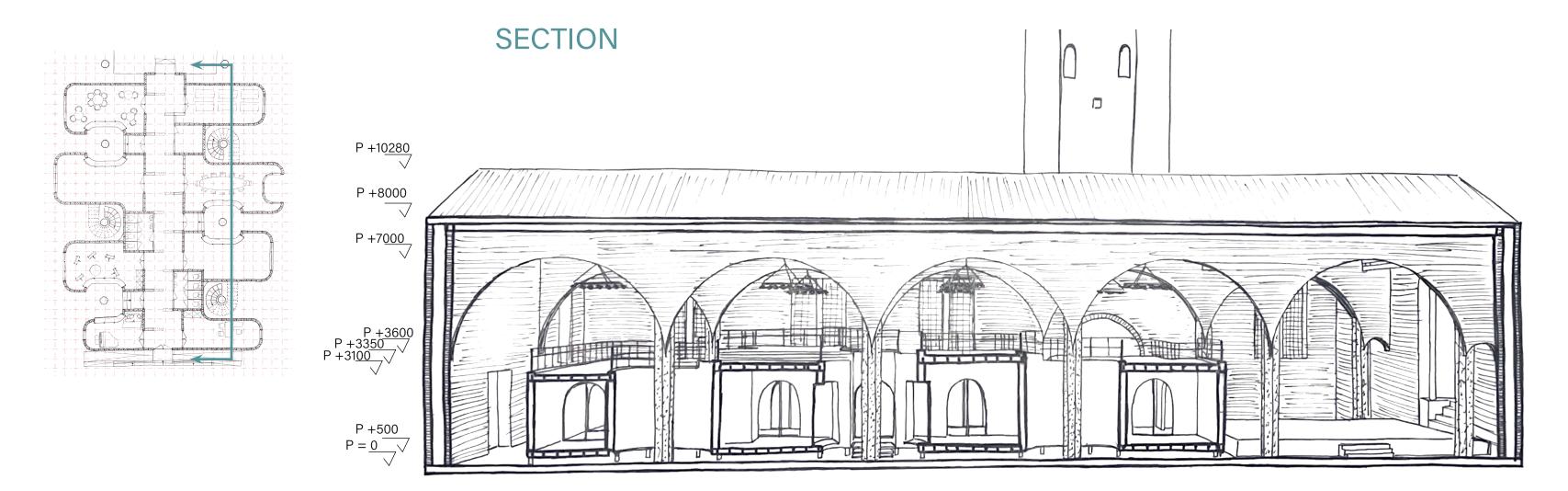
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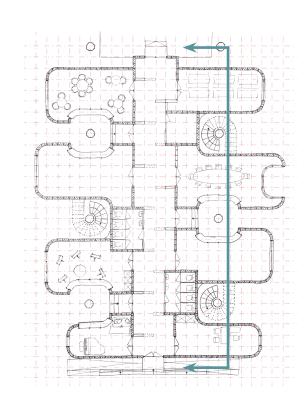


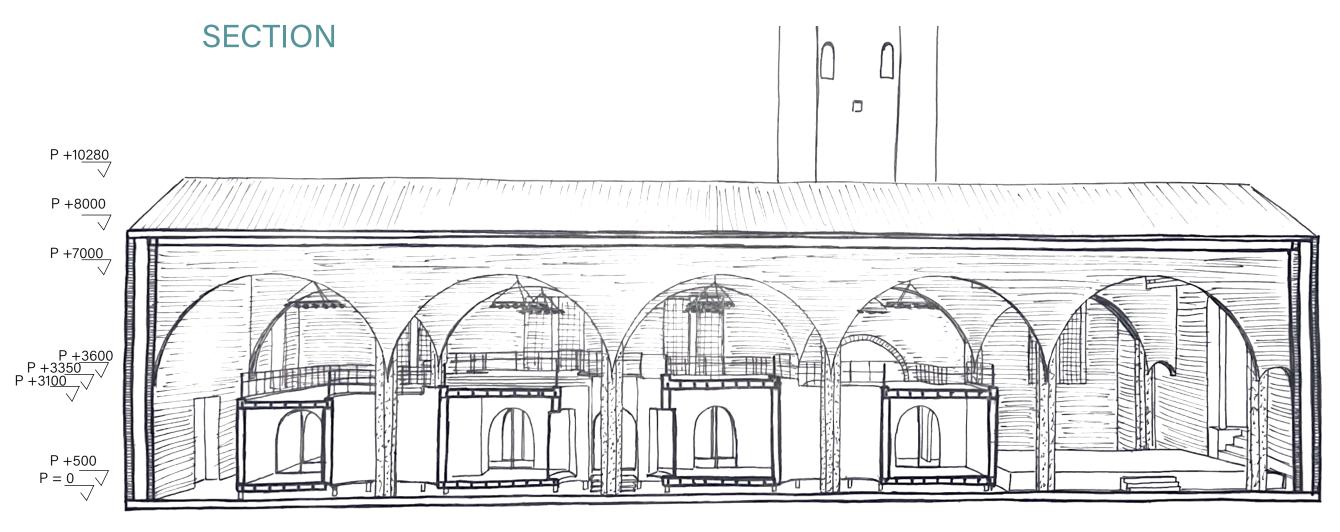


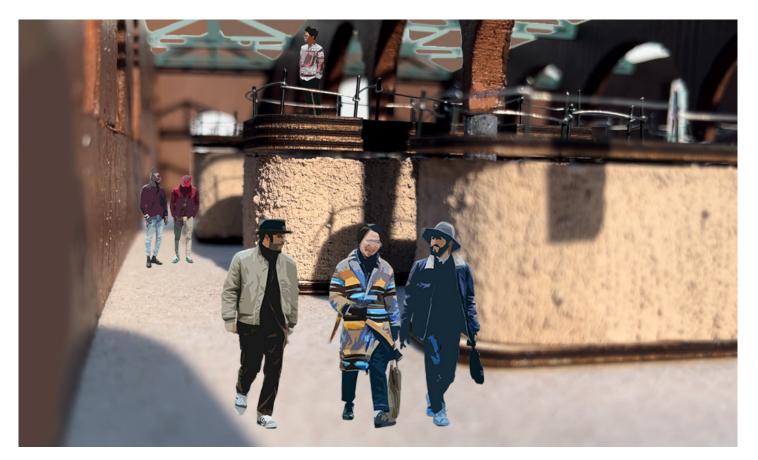


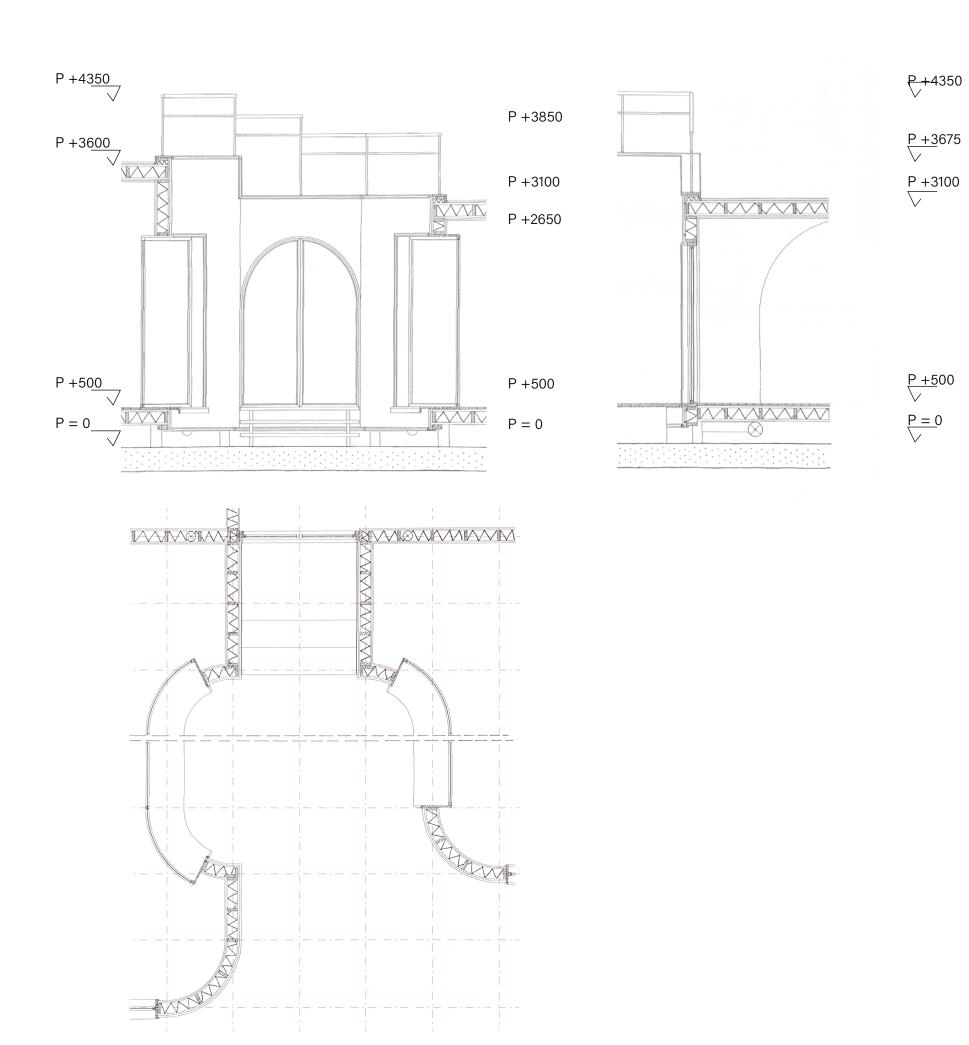


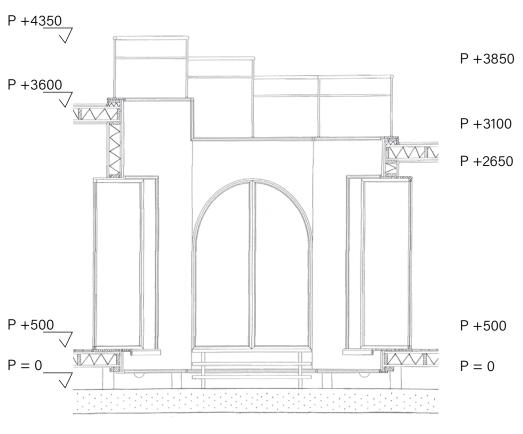


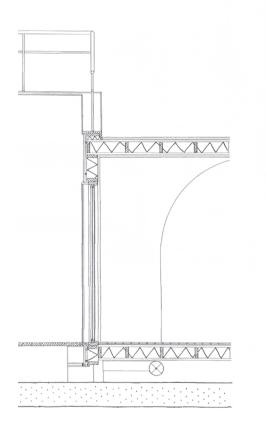












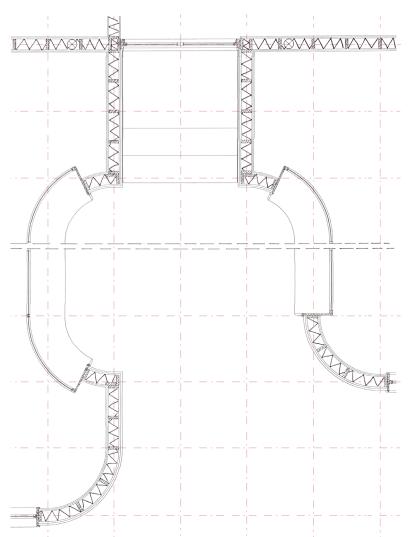
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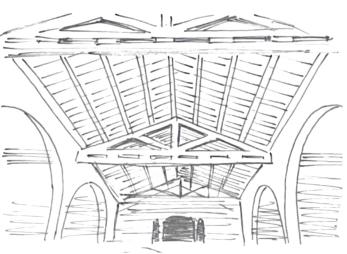
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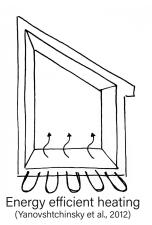


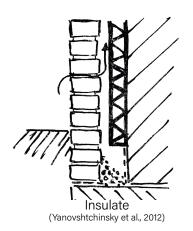
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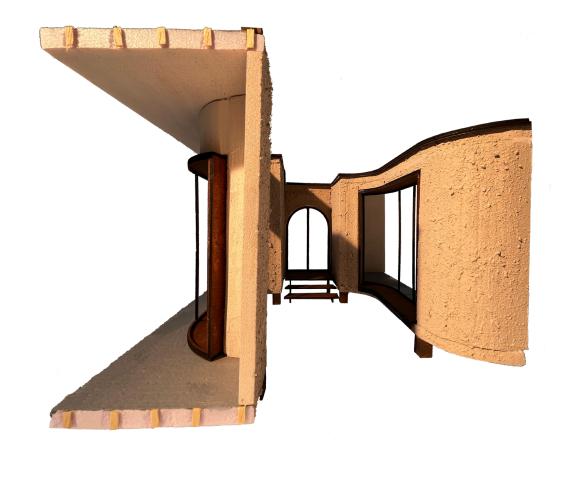


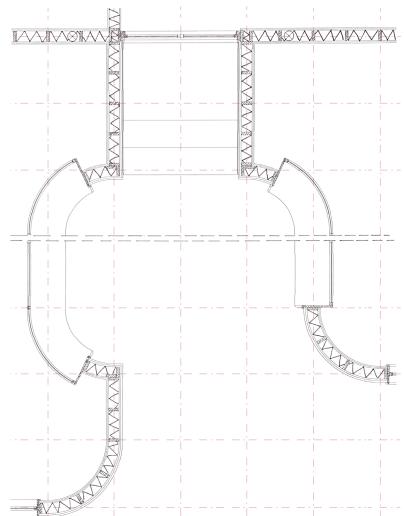


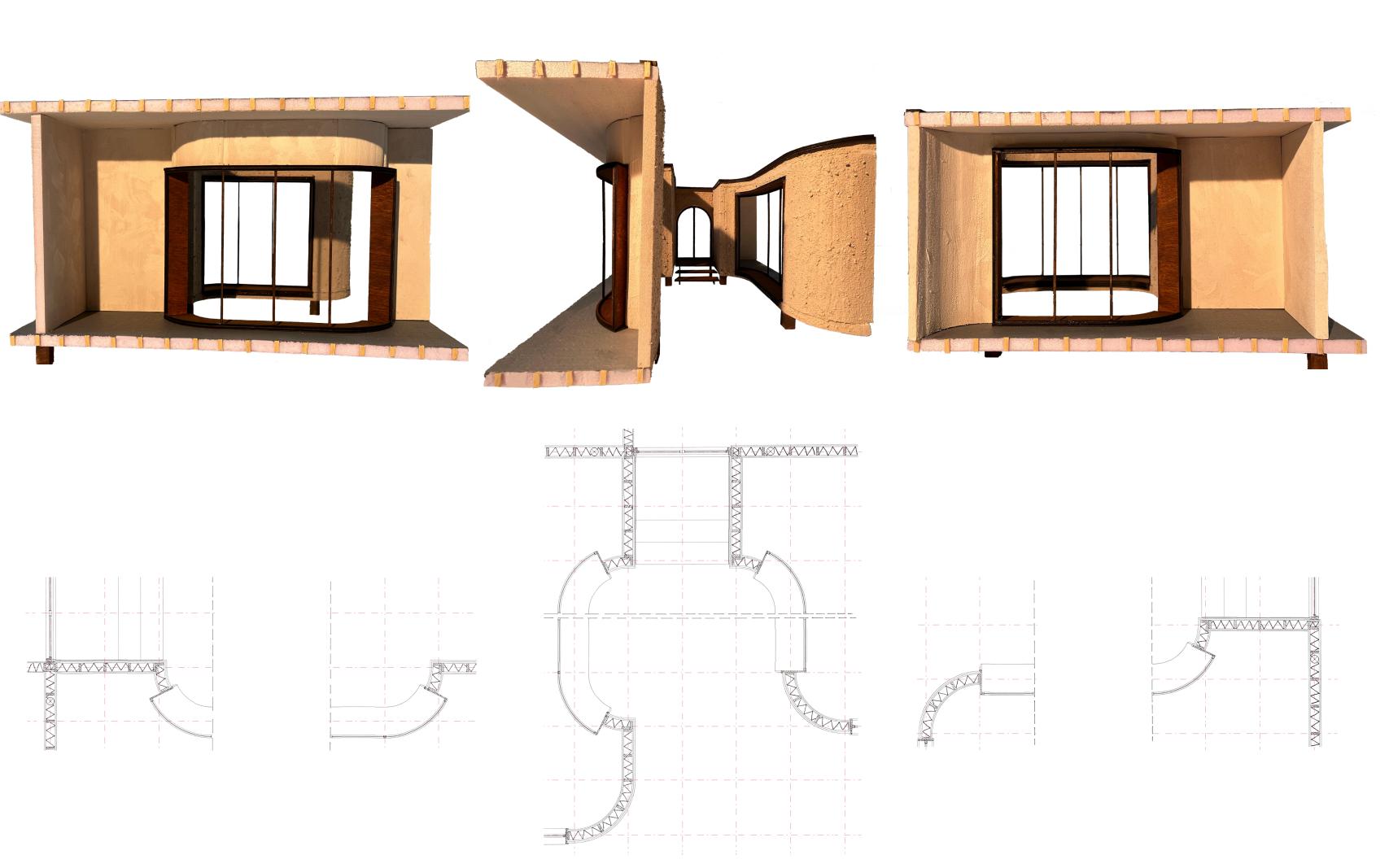
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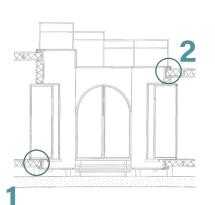


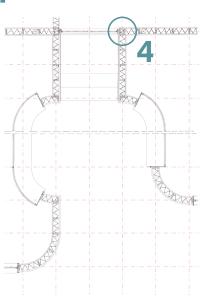


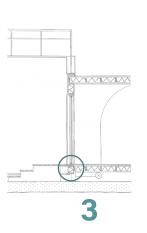




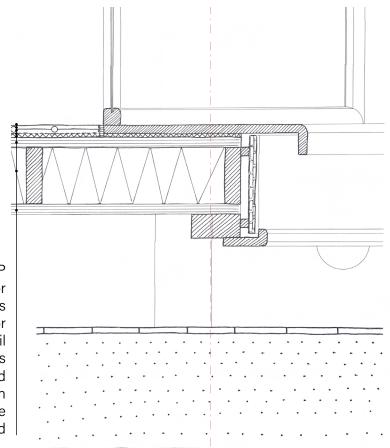


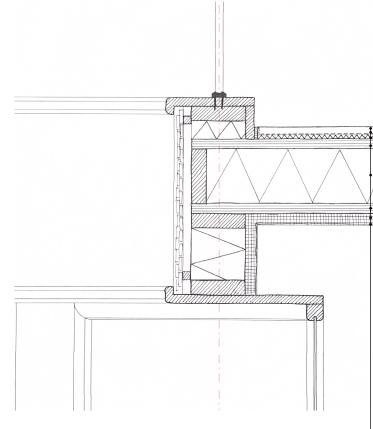






FLOOR BUILT UP
10 mm castfloor
15 mm floorheating pipes
10 mm cast floor
Separation foil
Compressive layers
25 mm plywood
140 mm insulation in
140 mm x 38 mm timberframe
25 mm plywood

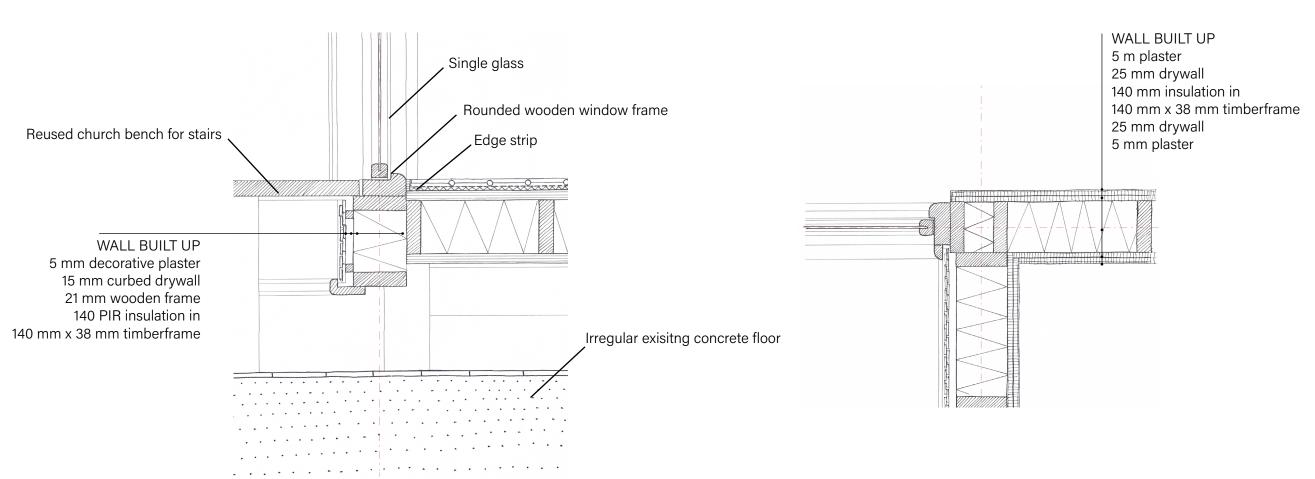




ROOF BUILT UP
20 mm castfloor
10 mm cast floor
Separation foil
Compressive layers
25 mm plywood
140 mm insulation in
140 mm x 38 mm timberframe
25 mm plywood
25 mm drywall
5 mm plaster

DETAIL 2

DETAIL 1



DETAIL 3

DETAIL 4

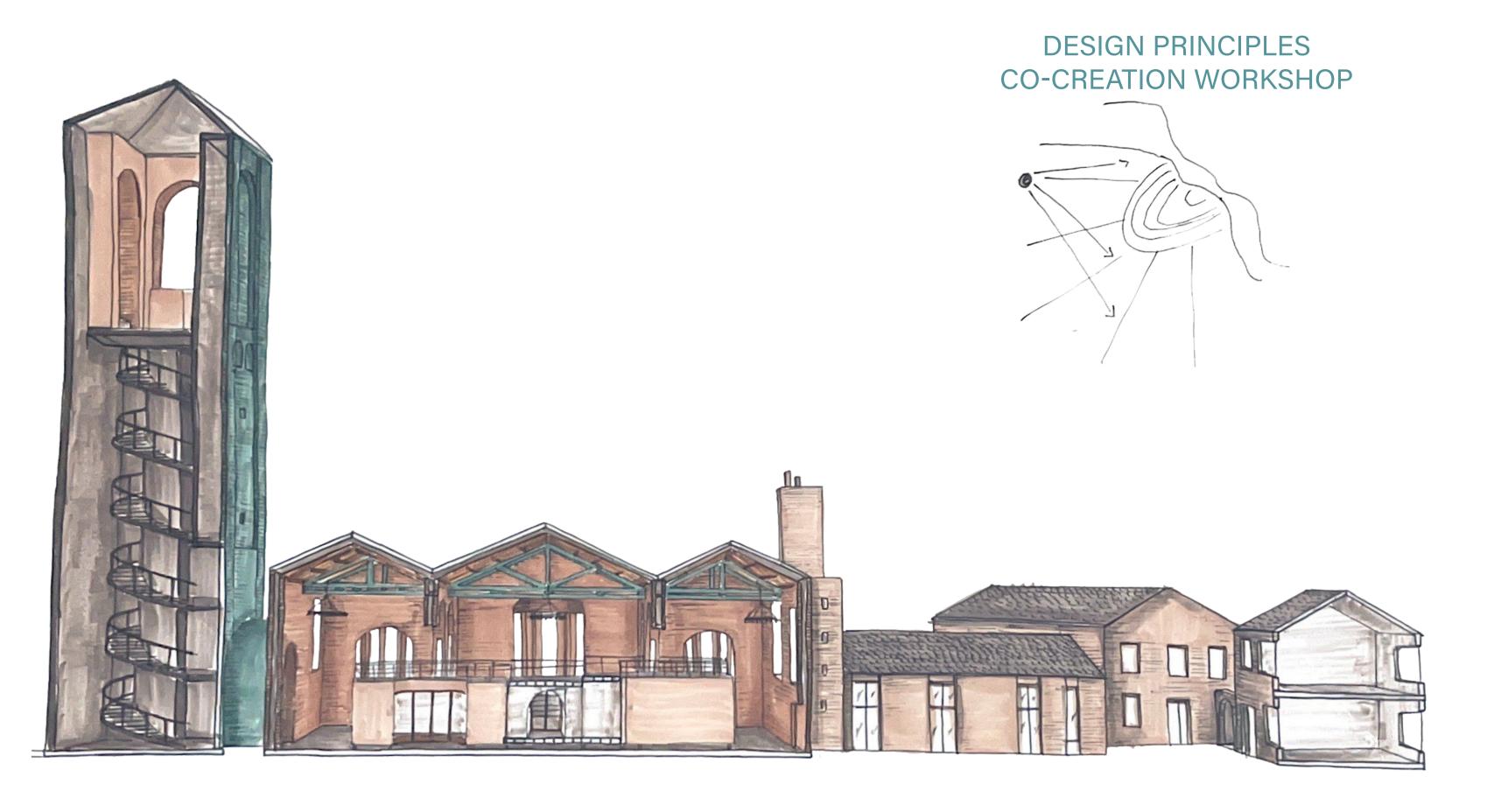




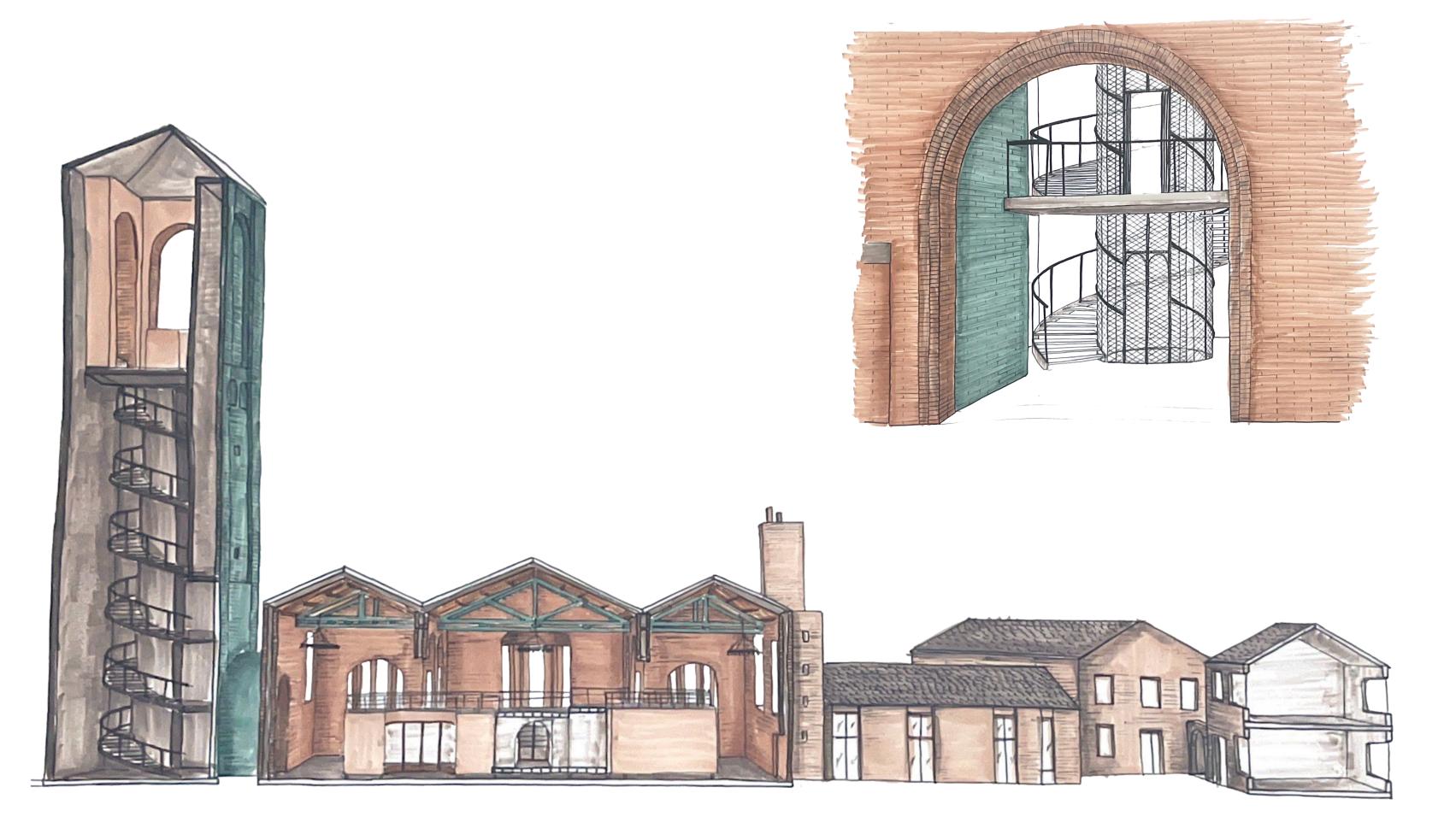
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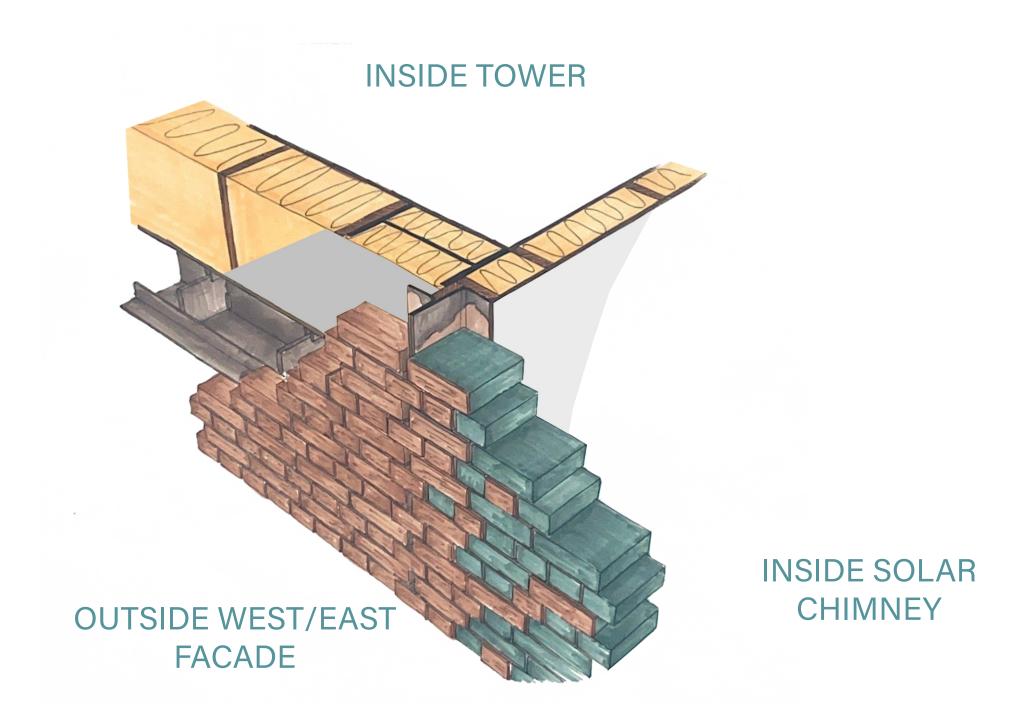


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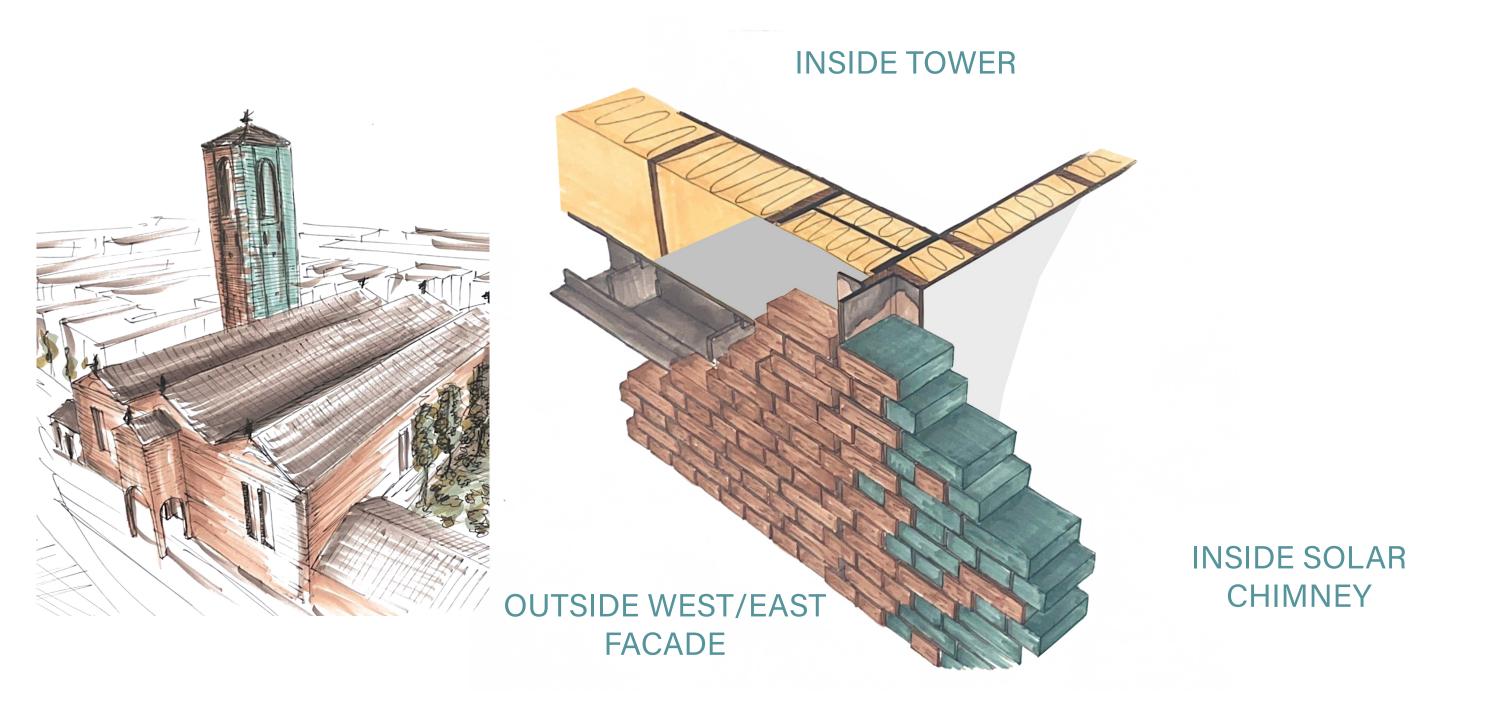
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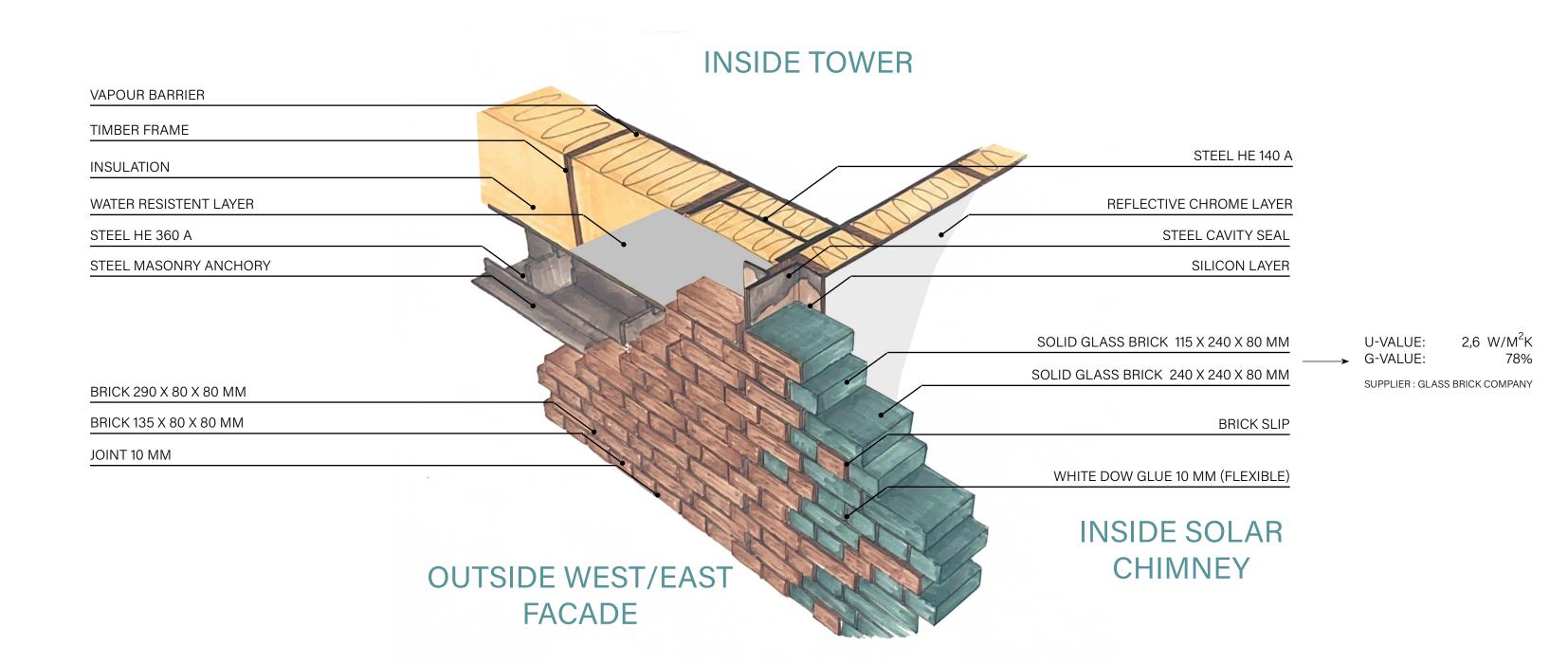
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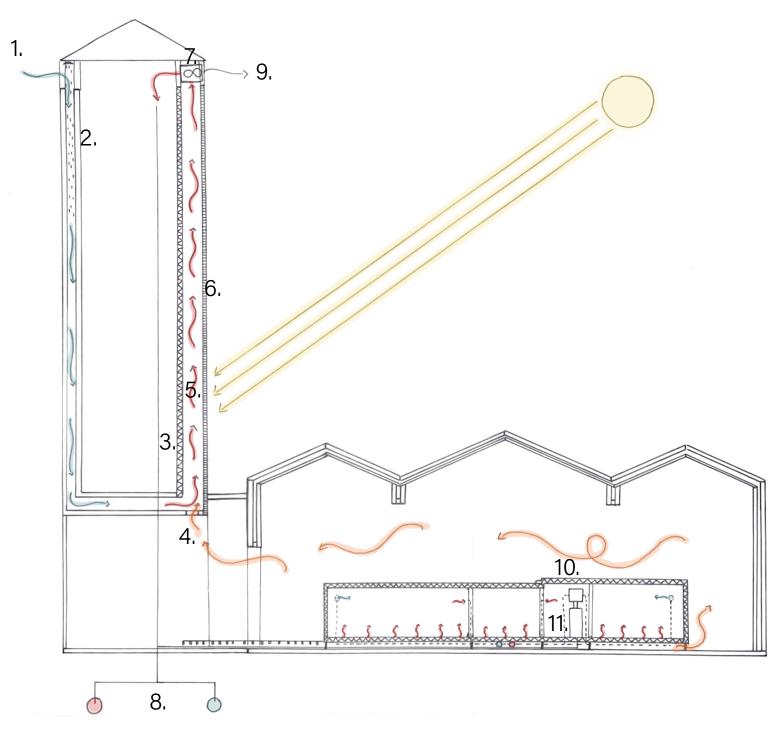


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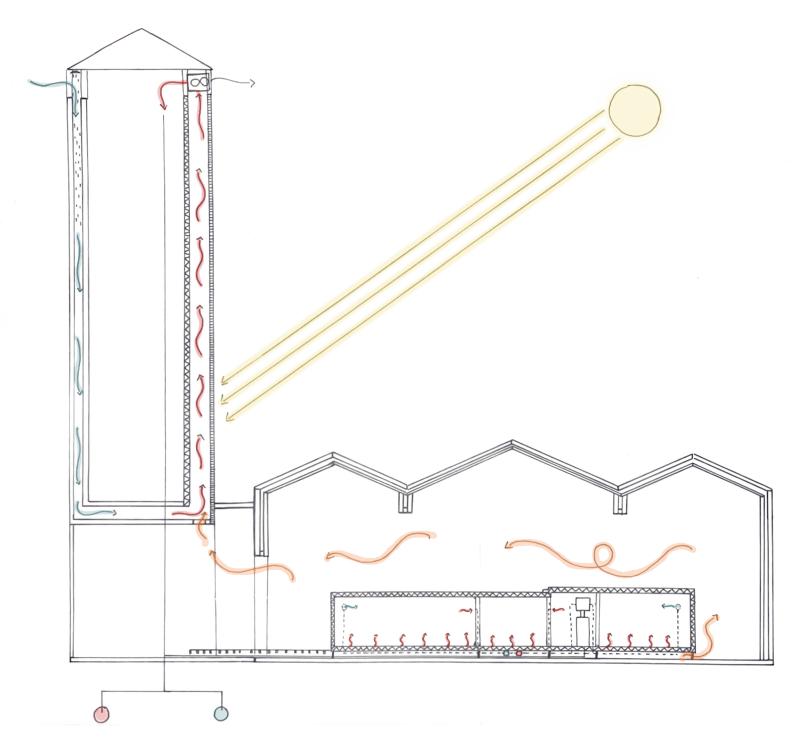
CLIMATE CONCEPT EARTH WIND AND FIRE



NORTH

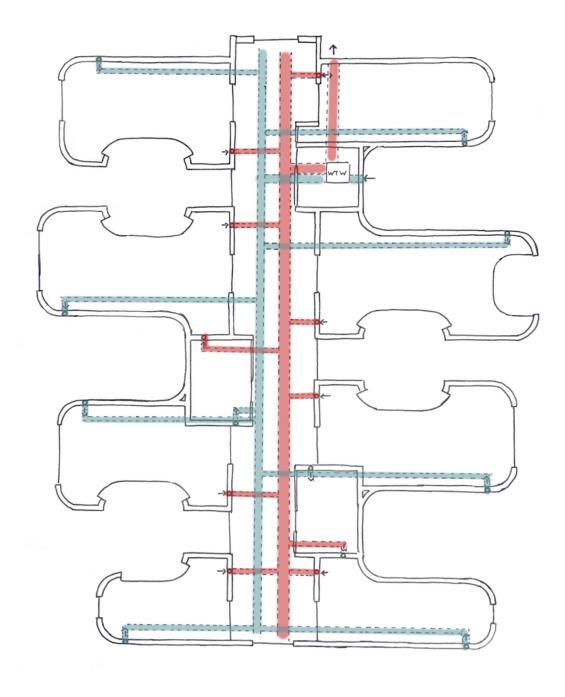
- 1. Fresh air
- 2. Air humidification
- 3. Insulated indoor wall
- 4. Passive air suction
- 5. Heated air through solar chimney
- 6. Glass bricks (U value = 1,1 W/m 2 K, G value = 0,75 %)
- 7. Heat exchanger
- 8. thermal energy storage system (WKO)
- 9. Outlet air
- 10. Heat exchanger ventilation type D
- 11. Heat pump

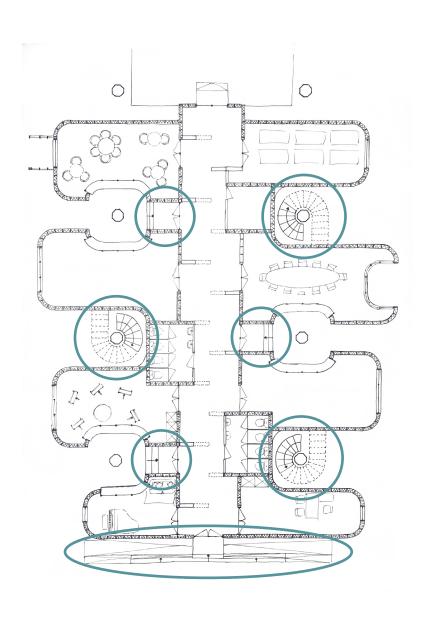
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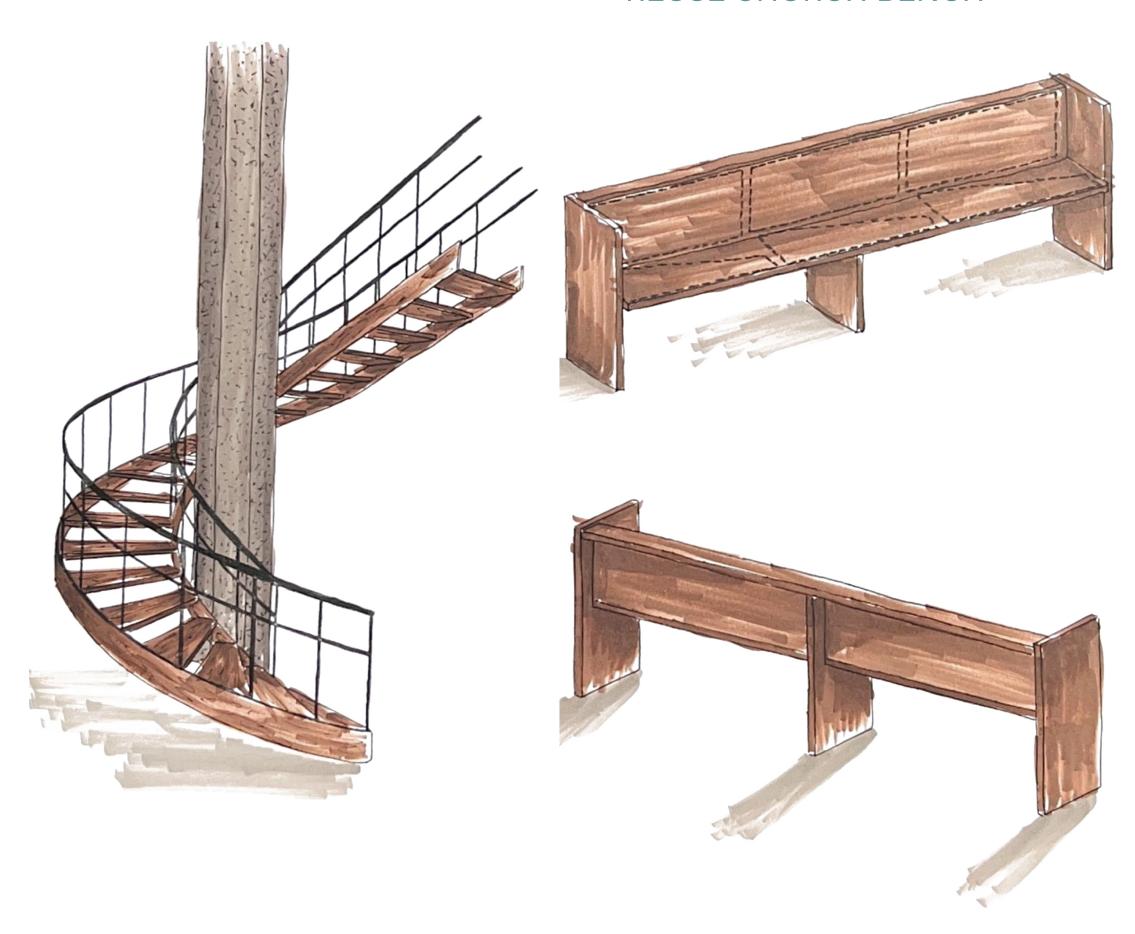
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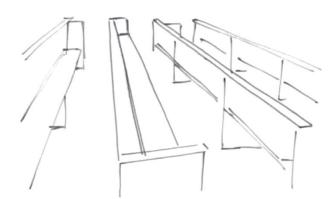




REUSE CHURCH BENCH

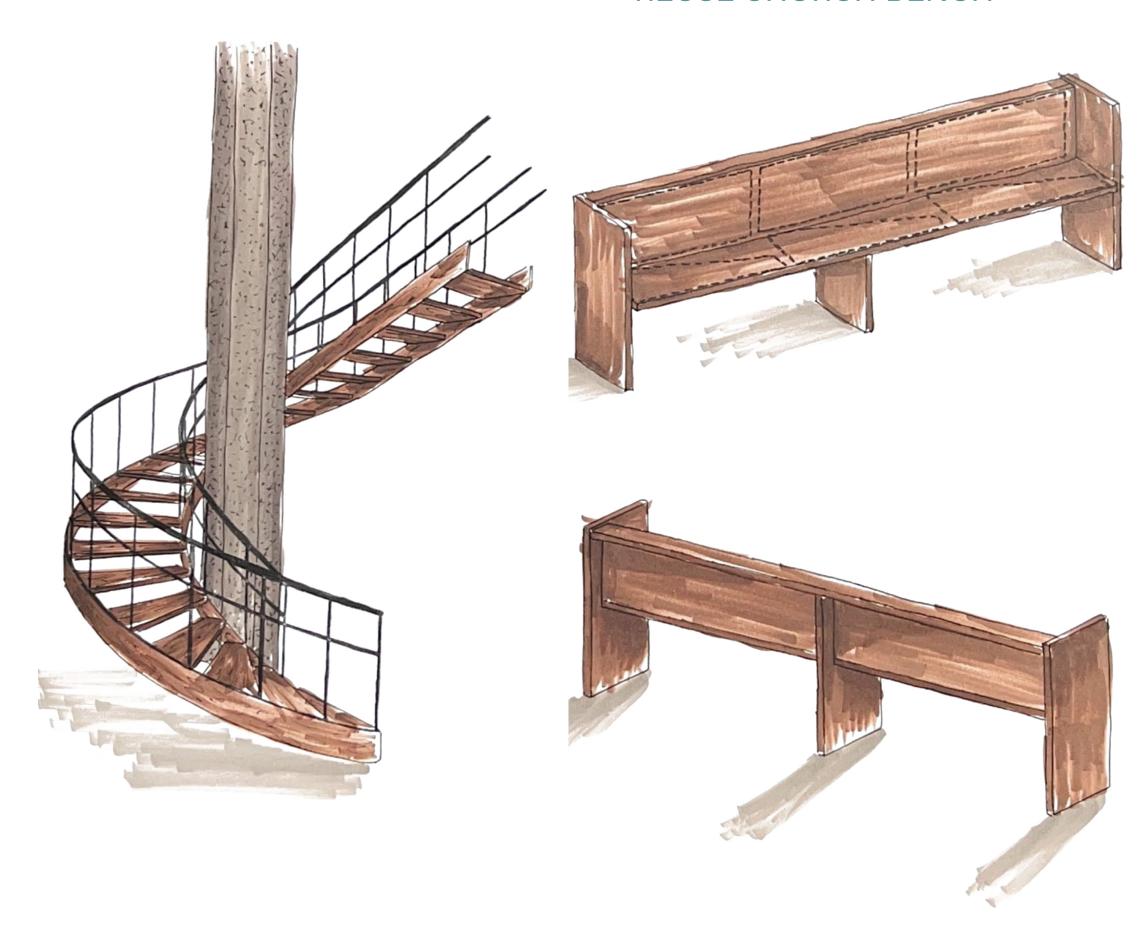


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"I just think these are cool old benches and chairs, they don't necessarily have to stay in the hall, but if they have a function. That these kinds of elements just come back somewhere."

REUSE CHURCH BENCH



CO-CREATION WORKSHOP EVALUTATION



Second meeting, 23th may

Interactive presentation evaluation survey

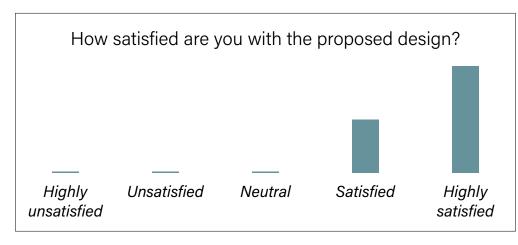




Satisfaction

CO-CREATION WORKSHOP EVALUTATION

Direction

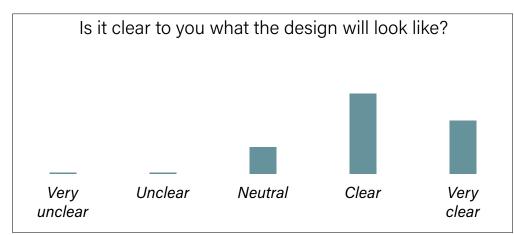


"Surprising solutions, such as the height, heating of the space, and the spiral staircases."

"I'm very impressed by the solar chimney."

"First floor is needed in 3D"

"Great drawings. that give a good impression of the proposed idea."



How satisfied are you with the proposed programming/functionality of the design?

Neutral

Satisfied

Highly satisfied

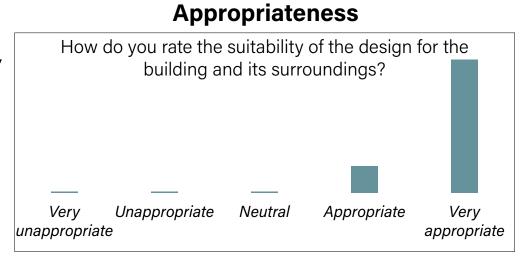
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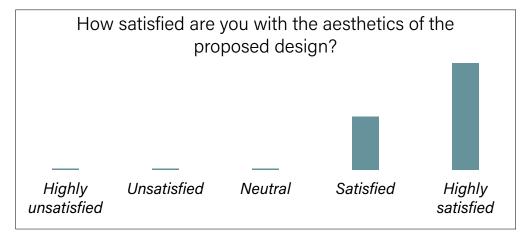
Highly

unsatisfied

"A lot needs to be done to be able to execute the plan"

"I can totally see this happening!"





"Very beautiful! The application of the plastic number works very well."

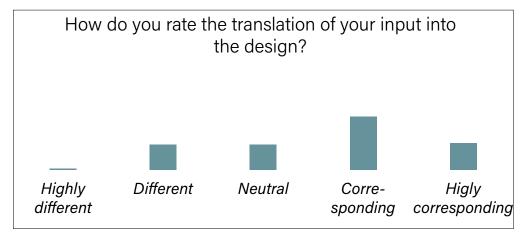
"Beautiful staircase, where the wood from the benches is reused." "The use as a concert hall is not yet fully developed."

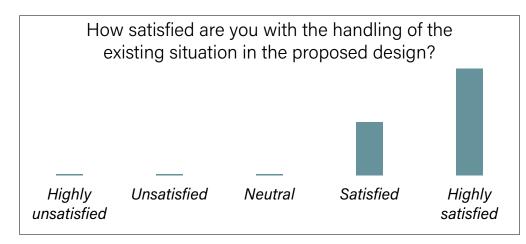
"There was a lot of input where it's impossible to address everything."

"I see and hear a lot in the design of what was brought up!"

"I was hoping to see more of the dwellings in the outbuildings. Unfortunately you only focussed on the church hall."

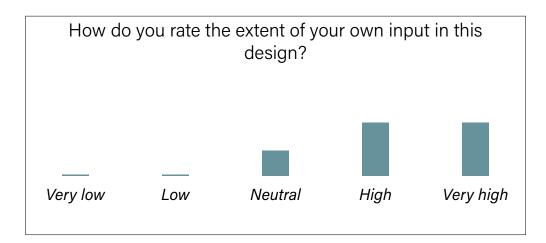
Alteration and deviations





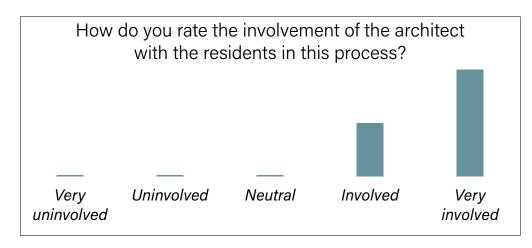
"Great respect for the existing monument."

Contribution



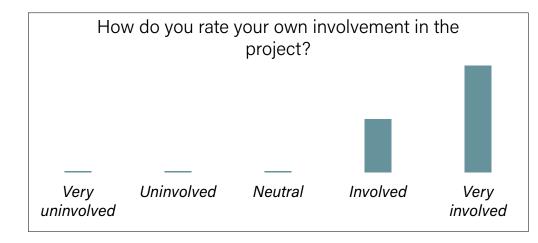
"Good opportunities for participation."

Inclusion



"There were quite a few complications; you handled them well."

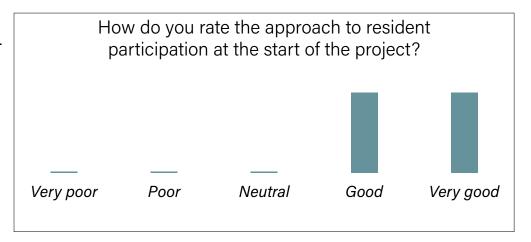
"You listened well and took everything into account."

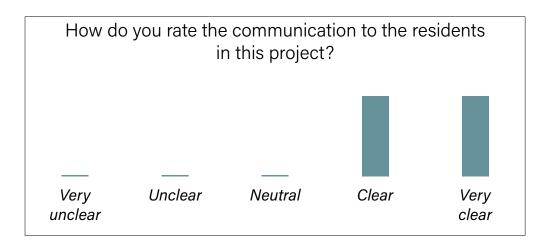


"A lot needs to be done to be able to execute the plan"

Communication

"I am amazed by your ability, your creativity, your patience, and your social skills. It's beautiful to see."





Ownership

"It was fun to participate, but ownership requires a much more intensive/frequent contribution."

