INTERNATIONAL BUILDING WORKSHOPS

Reverse-Transformation
The final phase of the project will see the Neighborhood's University (UdN) transform its building once again, condensing and extending all uses which have been established throughout the past four years. During the presentation year of the International Building Exhibit (IBA), this process will take on a new form - the temporary “Hotel Wilhelmsburg”. Relationships to local actors and their micro economies will be intensified, as they will comprise the hotel operations and services. The UdN will merge its academic approach with that of hotel operations, not only geared towards meeting the needs of guests, visitors and neighbors, but also fostering a space of interdisciplinary exchange and hangout for the general public.

Workshop 3: 11.02. - 15.02.
Jeanne van Heeswijk (tbc)
Artist and Urban Curator, Rotterdam

Workshop 4/1: 25.02. - 01.03.
Martin Kaltwasser
Architect and Artist, Koebberling/Kaltwasser, Berlin

Workshop 4/2: 04.03. - 08.03.
Benjamin Förster-Baldenius
Performing Architect, raumlaborberlin, Berlin

Workshop 4/3: 11.03. - 15.03.
Peter Fattinger
Architect, Design-Build Studio Vienna UT, Fattinger Orso Architektur, Vienna

Workshop 4/4: 18.03. - 22.03.
Ton Matton
Artist and Urban Planer, Wendorf

Call for participation!
The „Hotel Wilhelmsburg“ will become an extension of the UdN, converting the solid structure of the existing building with that of a flexible scaffolding.

Throughout the project, themes and questions from the fields of education and research are being put into practice. In a scale of 1:1 a disused building that has an intermediate and residual-life is made operative again with a low-budget transformation.

Our main focus is directed towards the reciprocal exchange that takes place in the processes of utilizing, programming, designing and building. With the conceptual term of „Ermöglichungsarchitektur“ (enabling architecture), we attempt to reflect on these active processes, circumstances and potentials, and in doing so we create settings for spatial processes of change.

The Neighbourhood’s University (UdN) is a project expected to last for five years. It was launched in Wilhelmsburg in Hamburg in 2008 as an autonomous, experimental project set up by the Urban Design faculty of the HafenCity University Hamburg—the University Of The Built Environment And Metropolitan Development.

Hotel Wilhelmsburg

International Building Workshops

Over the course of four workshops, each lasting one week, we will continue the research and design process in 1:1 scale. The built realization will be carried out in the typical UdN tradition—being driven by the immanent logics of materials and following principles of self-construction and radical low-budget building techniques.

Each week the individual workshops will be attended and supervised by an international guest. These include Rotterdam based artist and curator Jeanne van Heeswijk, architect and artist Martin Kaltwasser (Koebberling/Kaltwasser, Berlin) and architects Benjamin Förster-Baldenius (raumaborberlin, Berlin) and Peter Fattinger (Design-Build Studio Vienna UT/Fattinger Orso Architektur, Vienna).

Crucial for a successful participation is one’s motivation and skills in realizing a built structure in the unique context of the “Hotel Wilhelmsburg” project, where familiar tools and images of architecture will prove to have limited feasibility. Radical pragmatism is put to the test: Go out and start doing it! Just build it!

Requirements

We invite professionals, students and researchers from the planning and social fields such as architects, urban planners, urban designers, civil engineers, social scientists, geographers and experts from related fields. This workshop will be held in English and German.

Board and Lodging

During the workshops parts of the UdN will already be used as a hotel: participants will have the opportunity to live in the building while working on its architectural transformation. Don’t forget to bring your own sleeping bag and towel! Living together and especially cooking together are essential components of the UdN project, which regularly turn our Kitchen Salon into a central point of communication and exchange.

Construction site clothing

Participants need to bring their safety boots (S3) as well as a construction site helmet. Please note that the Hafen City University Hamburg takes no responsibility for potentially lost or stolen items while you are taking part in the workshops.

Credits

Students
S: 1 week (plus documentation) 3 CP
M: 3 weeks 5 CP
L: 4 weeks (plus documentation) 8 CP

Professionals
Certificate of Participation

Attendance and Registration

To register, please send a short description of yourself and how your skills and knowledge might contribute to the workshops until February 18th to udn@hcu-hamburg.de (max. 1 A4; whole application shouldn’t be larger than 10 MB).

For more information
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