

Summerschool 'Think, build and play' 29.08.2013 - 01.09.2013

Academy of Architecture, Hanze University of Applied Sciences, Groningen, The Netherlands



The Academy of Architecture Groningen and Onix Architects organise the Summer School 2013: *Think, Build and Play*. A limited number of places is available for this international workshop for Master students of Architecture. Those interested may gain further information and sign up using the information below.

The Summer School *Think, build and play* focuses on the realisation of a genuine experience in architecture. The purpose of *Think, build and play* is not only to come to an idea and realise it through collaboration, but also to set it up for specific use on the final day of the workshop. The workshop lasts three days.

Context

At a former sewage treatment plant, just outside the city of Groningen, an experimental context has been created. The terrain has been made available for various educational projects. Onix Architects takes the lead in researching the idea of a 'naturing architecture'. The area is already defined by the contrast that arises from simultaneously being part of a natural environment and a piece of cultural heritage landscape in the Netherlands. In this contradictory context lies the challenge to weave architecture and nature into one singularity.

Build

The workshop is about realising concepts within this context and translating these concepts into structures. The students may only use a minimum range of tools, need to deploy a hands-on approach and can only use the limited time available for working out their ideas. The focus of this workshop is not so much on the end result, but rather on the performative qualities of the installation.

Play

A 'naturing architecture' does not only have to deal with predestined functionality, but also with unexpected use. In order to test these qualities, the installations will be set up for temporary use. We think that this staging of architecture can contribute to imagining the many possible functions and therefore the multiple identities of built environments.

Think, build and play is about creating architecture as the scenery for tomorrow, where the city is no longer the opposite of nature.

Program

The Summer School will be accompanied by inspiring talks and surprising contributions, not only from architecture, but also from fields such as art, design and performing arts. A detailed program of the workshop will be available for those who sign up.

Practical information

For:	Master students of Architecture
When:	Thursday 29 August till Sunday 1 September
Workshop leaders:	Alex van de Beld, Haiko Meijer, founders of Onix architects Groningen (www.Onix.nl)
Where:	Groningen (sleeping accommodation and part of activities)
Workshop location:	ORIZU Slochteren, a location near Groningen
Costs:	approx. € 100 (three nights and lunches and diner for three days)
Register:	r.borchers@pl.hanze.nl
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