

A Basket Full Of Culture:
New Culture House in Bergsjön, Gothenburg

The architecture competition for a new culture house in Gothenburg has been judged. The winning proposal Kulturkorgen – ‘A basket of culture’ – is designed by Sweco Architects and is both an interior and an exterior space, a building and a square.

From the winning proposal: "The New Culture House in Bergsjön increase the presence of culture in everyday life and offers a thousand of opportunities to witness, to engage with, to do, and to show. The Culture House is like a basket full of possibilities that encourages the weaving of threads of dreams and influences into new beautiful wholes. What is created here is what forms public culture and develops societies into the future; processes that are based on sharing stories, expressions, knowledge and experiences."

The Culture House grows like an outcrop from the existing hill, twists, lands and blends with the square. It has an open and inviting façade that weaves the inside and the outside together in midst of happenings.

The square is rich in amenities with green areas, seating, areas for play, stages, sunny stairs and life. The atrium is open to the sky and the building is organized around and in relation to this atrium. The Culture House includes a library, a café, ateliers, exhibition space, meeting rooms, a studio, a small theatre, a green house, and multifunctional facilities. There are also less programmed spaces for encounters, meetings, talking, and socializing.

The architects behind the proposal emphasize that the design of the building is important; yet, the building has been designed to facilitate a multitude of activities. The Culture House in Bergsjön is rich in colours and patterns and is characterized by a welcoming and allowing atmosphere and is open for everyone in the city.

The new Cultural House creates together with the square a place for curiosity, playfulness and joyful exploration. It is a social arena that can support and foster networking, tolerance, trust and understanding that is important in today's society.

The competition was arranged by Higab – the real estate company of the City of Gothenburg- and East Gothenburg District Committee, in cooperation with the Property Management Committee and the Parks and Landscape Committee in the City of Gothenburg. It was carried out according to the Swedish laws of public procurements

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