



GAMMEL HELLERUP GYMNASIUM MULTI-PURPOSE HALL & COURTYARD

Program Multi-Purpose Hall, Public Space

Client Gammel Hellerup Gymnasium

Size 1,100m²

Location Hellerup, DK

Status Completed 2013

HOW CAN A COURTYARD GIVE RISE TO NEW FORMS OF PUBLIC SPACE?

When the architects were invited to propose a multi-purpose hall in the central courtyard of an existing school, they realized that they had to intervene carefully while steadfastly upholding tenets of flexibility of use, sustainability, and historic integration. As the high school's student body grew, the school faced a lack of multi-functional spaces for the students' physical education and school-wide event programming. The Gammel Hellerup Gymnasium Multi-Purpose Hall has expanded the high school facilities by providing a sustainable multifunctional space for expression, effectively creating an additional 1,100 sqm of space while maintaining sight lines and connectivity within and across the existing school compound. More than simply a sports hall, the Multi-Purpose Hall's position in the central schoolyard and its semi-submersed design unites the school both above and below grade via an exciting activity hall below and various landscaping and social spaces above.