



DESIGN WORKSHOP

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DESIGN THE ROOF FOR THE RUINS OF A ROMAN CHURCH

isola dei conigli, brissago island, lake maggiore (switzerland)



The workshop

The workshop originated as an initiative of the Association Isola dei Conigli, a non-profit organization in search of alternative methods in the approach to teaching, in collaboration with UNFOLD studio.

At the highest point of the island, surrounded by nature, lie the silent ruins of a Roman church, dating back to 1'200. The four stone walls define a compelling space, which is both an interior room and an outdoor space. Within this perimeter, the association currently organizes different types of events.

The purpose of the workshop is to render this space available during bad weather, without it losing the charm that identifies it, by conceiving a roof that will cover the ruins.

The Association Isola dei Conigli intends to collect a range of proposals for the roof of the church, which will consider spatial, functional and environmental aspects.

A design workshop is an effective tool to define architectural solutions of high quality, as well as a way to promote architectural culture and, at the same time, highlight the value of such a historical construction.

During the four-day workshop, the participants will be guided by a team of university professors and professional architects, landscape architects, engineers, designer and botanists.

At the end of the workshop, the architectural projects will be the basis of the final project, which will be build by summer 2017. The intention of the Association Isola dei Conigli, is to involve the author of the interested project in the construction of the roof. In summer 2017 the Association will celebrate 10 years of activity and the two islands - Isola dei Conigli and Isola Grande - will be connected through a temporary pier. During the summer months, several activities will be held on the small island and the visitors of the Isola Grande will be able to freely cross from one island to the other and take part of the events.

Participants

The workshop is open to a maximum of 15 participants. Architectural students and architectural graduates, professionals and anyone who is interested in the subject may apply.

The workshop will be confirmed with a minimum of 10 participants.

The application is open until all available places are filled.

Enrollment

The application, accompanied by a curriculum vitae and a portfolio of selected projects, should be sent by email no later than June 30th to the following mail address:
info@unfoldstudio.ch

or by post:

UNFOLD studio
Workshop Isola dei Conigli
Via Livio 16
CH-6830 Chiasso

Costs

350.- CHF workshop, seminars and events with lunch on the island

450.- CHF residential option: workshop, seminars and events with accommodation and full board on the island

Included services

- transport from the train station of Locarno to Porto Ronco
- return boat transport from Porto Ronco to the Island
- teaching materials
- conferences and tutoring by professors, architects and assistants
- lunch on the island
- the residential option includes accommodation and full board on the island

Information

Additional information, specifying 'Workshop Isola dei Conigli 2016' on the subject, may be requested at:

info@unfoldstudio.ch

THE LOCATION

The Brissago Islands are surrounded by lush vegetation and located on the Swiss side of Lake Maggiore, the largest of the subalpine lakes located between Switzerland and Italy.

The largest island, Isola di San Pancrazio, houses the Ticino Botanical Park, where about 1,700 species of plants from areas in the Mediterranean and subtropical climate are harvested.

The smallest island, Isola di Sant'Apollinare, or Isola dei Conigli, is covered with natural vegetation at its natural state. Home to the cultivation of plants for the botanical park, the island also has a small house, renovated by the Association Isola dei Conigli, which has a large common room with kitchen and two dormitories with ten beds and services. The house will accommodate the participants interested in the residential formula on the island.



