

Project: Nordøstmager School

Team: Christensen & Co Architects

Size: 10592 m²

Location: Copenhagen, DENMARK



Feature:

Project - The new NORDØSTAMAGER SCHOOL in Copenhagen is designed as an open and inviting communal epicenter for learning and community engagement. A key feature is the leisure zone seamlessly integrated into the surrounding urban fabric with staircases doubling as seating and workout platforms. This "architecture of leisure" blurs the line between school and city, inviting the public to interact and take ownership.

As one ascends the exterior stairs, an elevated playscape opens up, giving respite from the busy streets below. Full-size trees and play areas create an outdoor oasis where kids play and locals relax. The zone facilitates learning through play and community connections.

Inside, the ground floor offers gym, workshops, maker spaces and an auditorium for after-school activities bringing together students, adults and neighbors. The open plan and flowing spaces are designed to enable dynamic social interactions.

An atrium with a monumental staircase connects the floors, bringing light in while allowing the youngest students privacy. This vertical circulation spatially organizes learning environments, with higher grades occupying the upper secluded floors.

The school promotes health, quality education, equality, sustainability, innovation, strong communities and more. The architecture facilitates the school's role as a unifying hub for education and community life in a progressive yet inviting way.

Design Team - Founded in 2006, Christensen & Co Architects (CCO) is an award-winning Danish firm recognized for high-quality, sustainable architecture created through innovative

design and close collaboration. Led by Founding Partner Michael Christensen and Managing Partner Vibeke Lydolph Lindblad, CCO works across Scandinavia, Europe and North America designing state-of-the-art buildings focused on user experience. Their 50-person creative team excels at educational, cultural, commercial and residential projects, driven by a commitment to long-term value through social, economic and environmental sustainability. CCO's collaborative approach integrates perspectives from clients, users and partners across disciplines to develop flexible, future-proof architecture tailored to each unique context. From initial concepts to construction, their focus on quality and integrated solutions has resulted in over 500,000 sqm of acclaimed buildings that make a positive impact.