

Project: Le Vau Pavilion

Team: L'Atelier Senzu

Size: 100 m²

Location: Paris, FRANCE



Feature:

Project - The newly completed Le Vau Pavilion stands as a pioneering exemplar of sustainable architecture and community engagement. Crafted from rammed earth and wood within a school complex in Paris, the distinctive circular structure fosters connections on multiple fronts. Conceived in response to the need for more welcoming and egalitarian educational spaces, the innovative design accommodates varied arrangements while its all-encompassing facade rejects conventional hierarchies.

Strategically situated between the street and school building, the pavilion bridges contexts in form and function. Its aesthetically striking round shape, accentuated by a slatted wooden exterior, creates an inviting arena for collective learning that contrasts with the orthogonal lines of traditional institutions. The choice of rammed earth as the primary material, a first for a load-bearing building in Paris, brings structural integrity and appealing thermal properties in service of sustainability.

As a convergence of diverse concerns - the imperative to decarbonize construction, the need for inclusive pedagogical environments, and the goal of building community ties - the Le Vau Pavilion stands as a resounding success. Its exemplary approach points the way forward for educational architecture and sustainable construction practices in urban settings.

Design Team - L'Atelier Senzu upholds a workshop culture emphasizing teamwork and exchange of ideas, combining members' expertise to create design schemes collectively. Our method is to hybridize perspectives and knowledge, blending ancient wisdom with novel technologies, preserving traditional essences while tackling challenges optimistically and responsibly. We constantly question how to build more sustainably, seeking innovative

alternatives to energy-intensive materials. We believe this paradigm shift must be grounded in material experimentation. Therefore architects must collaborate closely with manufacturers.