BRINGING BACK THE SOCIAL INTO THE CITIES
TRANSFORMATION OF THE KORTEPOHJA STUDENT VILLAGE (JYVÄSKYLÄ, FINLAND)

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CONTEXT OF JYVÄSKYLÄ
FINLAND
SCALE 1
KORTEPOHJA DISTRICT
OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

SCALE 2
KORTEPOHJA STUDENT VILLAGE
MASTERPLAN

SCALE 3
'RENTUKKA' COMMUNITY BUILDING
DETAILED TRANSFORMATION

TO CITY CENTRE + UNIVERSITY

KORTEPOHJA DISTRICT

KORTEPOHJA STUDENT VILLAGE

RENTUKKA COMMUNITY BUILDING
SCALE 1

KORTEPOHJA DISTRICT
OVERALL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
SCALE 1 PROPOSAL | KORTEPOHJA | OVERALL STRATEGY

SCALE 1
Rautpohja Bay |
Recreational area

SCALES 2-3
Student Village Masterplan
(Scale 2)
+ Rentukka Student Union
(Scale 3)

SCALE 1
Kortepohja entry zone
SCALE 2
KORTEPOHJA STUDENT VILLAGE
MASTERPLAN
HISTORICAL CORE 1968-1972
Block R (Rentukka)
Blocks A-E

Since 2008 under the protection of the National Board of Antiquities

Architects: Erkki Kantonen + Niilo Hartikainen + Jukka Kolehmainen
1 FAMILY HOUSING CLUSTER
with a landscaped courtyard

2 COURTYARD INTERVENTIONS
Greenhouse pavilion and
landscaped path through the
courtyard

3 FRONTAL AREA OF THE VILLAGE
Rentukka Square, landscaped
avenue, services pavilion,
housing & sports fields

TO LAAJAVUORI
TO RAUTPOHJA
TO CITY CENTRE & UNIVERSITY
1 | RENTUKKA SQUARE
2 | LANDSCAPED PROMENADE
3 | SERVICES PAVILION
4 | NEW HOUSING BLOCK
5 | BUILDING T
(proposed by the client beforehand)
6 | CAR PARK ENTRY
7 | SPORTS FIELD
SCALE 2 PROPOSAL | REAR COURTYARD OF THE VILLAGE

1. LANDSCAPED PATH with stone seating + exterior lighting
2. GREENHOUSE PAVILION
3. OUTDOOR GROWING BEDS
SCALE 3 ANALYSIS | ‘RENTUKKA’ COMMUNITY BUILDING | EXTERIOR

RENTUKKA | MAIN (SOUTH) FACADE IN THE CENTRE OF THE HISTORICAL CORE

RENTUKKA | SOUTH AND EAST FACADES

RENTUKKA | NORTH FACADE

RENTUKKA | MAIN ENTRANCE AND A RAMP ADDED IN RECENT YEARS
SCALE 3 ANALYSIS | ‘RENTUKKA’ COMMUNITY BUILDING | INTERIOR

RENTUKKA | LOBBY WITH THE MAIN STAIRCASE

RENTUKKA | LOBBY WITH THE MAIN ENTRANCE

RENTUKKA | TOP FLOOR - CURRENTLY A PUB FOR OCCASIONAL EVENTS

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**SCALE 3 ANALYSIS | ‘RENTUKKA’ COMMUNITY BUILDING | FUNCTIONALITY**

**BUILDING M**
- Gym

**KORTEPOHJA SCHOOL**
- Choir 45

**LILLUKKA (GROUND FLOOR)**
- Drama club 20
- Music band 20
- Piano practice room
- Flexible events space
- Bike repair workshop
- Virtual reality games club 20
- Cooking club 15

**ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS**
- Auditorium
- Library space
- Performance space
- Group exercise room
- Gym (more spacious)
- Cafe / Lunch restaurant

**KORTEPOHJA SCHOOL**

1,6 KM TO VIITANIEMI PARK

**BUILDING F**
- Art club 15
- Board games club 30
- ‘Ukulele lalalovers’ 15
- Writing workshop 10
- Comic book workshop 15
- Culture club 10
- Programming club 10
- Meditation club 8

**BUILDING C**
- Virtual reality games club 20

**BUILDING B**
- Library / Magazines

**VIITANIEMI PARK**
- Gardening club (summer) 20

**SCALE**
- 3 ANALYSIS
- ‘RENTUKKA’ COMMUNITY BUILDING
- FUNCTIONALITY
SCALE 3 PROPOSAL | ‘RENTUKKA’ | GROUND FLOOR

1 | LOBBY
2 | CAFE
3 | KITCHEN & STAFF ROOM
4 | LIBRARY & MAGAZINES SECTION
5 | VILLAGE SECRETARY’S OFFICE
6 | CULTURE & COOKING CLUBS + BAR + CLOAKROOMS (THIS SPACE CAN BE RENTED FOR PRIVATE EVENTS)
SCALE 3 PROPOSAL | ‘RENTUKKA’ | FIRST FLOOR

1 | GYM
2 | FLEXIBLE OPEN SPACE
3 | PERFORMANCE & EXERCISE SPACE
4 | ARTS CLUB
5 | CLOAKROOM, WC
6 | PIANO PRACTICE ROOMS

FIRST FLOOR | PRESENT-DAY STATE