Buro Lubbers

Comprising a team of 25 people, including architects, landscapers, city planners, designers and artists, Buro Lubbers specializes in landscaping and city planning. Located in Herkenbosch in Holland since 1993, the company has developed a particular way of working, as a team, also contracting external professionals, to carry out projects for clients both public and private. They design industrial areas, municipal spaces and parks, and prepare studies for large-scale national planning. The company’s focus on any project it carries out is reduced to the essentials and they never lose sight of the genius loci or the surroundings. Turning elements with apparently no value into new opportunities is one of Buro Lubbers’ challenges. The company’s ambition is always to develop a solid environmental frame with space for the design and the creation of brilliant ideas. The work is characterized by its sustainability, and for the attention to detail and to the practical aspects of its execution.
Public areas in Gevangenismuseum
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De Jischoppen
A small town has grown around the penitentiary buildings, one of which has been converted to create the National Museum of the Prisoner. The characteristic orthogonal structure of the town is also reflected in the internal courtyard of the museum, which is surrounded on all four sides. This rigid geometry has affected the design of the building: the red brick perimeter runs round each side, while the central space is divided by an angled concrete net. Four of these areas stand out for their originality: a field of flowers, an area for theatre, a playing field and a terrace. The other fields – which are all covered in grass and create a contrast with their lack of definition and versatility for future uses – maintain the rigid structure of the building.
Sketches for general concept

Inspiration

Concept sketch
Schematic design of floor plan

Schematic design of concrete paths

Design development

Perspective view
De Bisschoppen is a new student residence on the Utrecht university campus. Buro Lubbers were contracted to design a series of public areas around the residence, with a clear focus on the user who combines the three main functions of the place: studying, working and living. The spaces become meeting points where people can enjoy public events and individual activities, and all around there are different types of plant-life related to the surrounding architecture. A uniform effect has been created by using the same type of wood for all the outside furniture: benches, tree protectors and raised platforms.
Concept sketch

Perspective sketch

Sketch for bench
Development studies