



The Democratic Town Square – Egedal Kommune

Project background

Building a new city as a greenfield project, we want to activate the people using the urban space within the city. As part of the Innovation Festival 2015 a competition was held among a group of young students. The two winner proposals are later transformed to a project to be realized within this framework.

The goal is to transform the square behind the new Town Hall into an interactive playground and an electronic speaker's corner or exhibition wall, letting the users be involved in activating and steering the artificial lighting and sound around the square, and also contribute to an electronic exhibition wall of art and stories.

What we want to solve

We seek a solution where moving along a playing path on the square activates different kind of artificial light and sounds, making playing on the ground creating a kind of interactive art, that attracts people to use and gather at the square, making it an interesting urban space. We seek a way to combine the play with an interactive wall telling stories of the people living in the town, or used to create common activities.

Who or What do we seek?

Anyone that can come up with a good solution. But in particular we are looking for expertise in building the bridge between sensors and the software steering the light, sound and the exhibition wall. We are also looking for skills in software to run an electronic speakers corner and exhibition wall.

About Egedal Kommune

Egedal Municipality is located 30 km. from centrum of Copenhagen. Egedal is characterized by a high growth with low rate of unemployment. The 42.000 citizens have easy access to 6 S-train stations from where central Copenhagen can be reached within 30 minutes. Nearby one of these stations the new centrum, *Egedal By*, is under establishment. In 2014 a new Town hall and Health Center opened here and for the coming years a dense urban development will unfold on the 84 hectares. With a strong focus on innovation, the municipality has been a pioneer in sustainable development and since 2003 new buildings has met the local requirements for low-energy standards. This will be continued in Egedal By, which further will be certified under the international program DGNB.



The award-winning roof garden on the combined Town Hall/ Health Center



The new Town Hall designed by Henning Larsen Architects



The Democratic Town Square will get a central location just besides the Town Hall