Würzburg Architecture Workshop

The workshop for students of architecture organized in Würzburg is based on an idea of Bernd Müller, an architect from Marktheidenfeld. In close co-operation with the City of Würzburg’s planning department this form of a very practical approach with an intensive supervision by well-known professors of architecture has been existing since 1995.

Over the years a renowned workshop being held in Würzburg every second year, has been developed from this idea. For the students the subjects of the Workshop can offer real planning situations similar to complex problems of topical interest which they also find in their studies at university. All students as well as graduates having finished their studies not longer than two years ago, are entitled to participate in the workshop.

The Würzburg Workshop offers the participants the unique opportunity of working on site in a provisional architect’s office to make them experience the „genius loci“, to make the local spirit become reality for two weeks.

The Workshop is entirely funded by sponsors and co-operation partners interested in the work. Reports in the local media and the internet cover the event.

Structure of the Workshop

During the Workshop groups of students are formed which are intensively supervised by university lecturers in daily talks about the ongoing work. As there are so many participating universities from non German-speaking countries English has been chosen as the only official language.

The students will present the results of their work in a final presentation that is public. The presentation is attended not only by fellow students and tutors but also by guest lecturers, political and professional representatives of the City of Würzburg, potential co-operation partners and sponsors as well as an interested professional audience. The designs presented by the students will be subject of a critical discussion and at the same time the students will get practical advice for their future design work.

Some of the participating students will use the results of the workshop later for their studies at university as a basis of their regular term reports or even their thesis.

The results of the workshops will be published in a documentation booklet which is proof of the students’ intensive work on the relevant subjects and the various design and planning options.

Above all, the students will profit from the pleasure of intensive design work in a team, from the international character of the workshop, the daily professional supervision, and from the effect of learning to discuss the real conditions on site, sometimes even by facing a public discussion. The City of Würzburg as well as potential co-operation partners and an interested professional audience will get the opportunity of learning from the students’ new, fresh and innovative ideas which are not yet influenced by demands of reality and finance. The differences in the teaching practice of the international participants might lead to completely different planning approaches and might even provide the initial idea and basis for developing a specific project.