

THE WITNESSES OF THE CITY

STUDIO

BUILT HERITAGE & UPCYCLING

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Imagine that the city is a living archive of stories, forgotten places and inconspicuous structures waiting to be discovered. In this design studio, we set out on a journey to explore these hidden treasures in Dornbirn - places whose beauty and significance are often overlooked.

We invite you to shift your perspective and uncover the potential of underutilized spaces, small intermediate areas and inconspicuous buildings that we pass by every day as residents and users of Dornbirn. Your goal: to look from the outside, to enrich the archive with your personal layers in which you unfold the qualities of places, uncovering stories and develop new uses through creative, transformative approaches. The focus will be on connecting main and secondary sites in order to awaken unexpected spaces and to work out a hidden network of the city beyond the familiar main areas. Imperfection, disruption and incompleteness are allowed to create tension, density and urbanity. This studio challenges you to look beyond the ordinary and think of spaces in a new, sustainable and open way. By combining analysis, innovative design methods and the adaptive reuse of existing structures, we aim to create forward-thinking architecture that both respects history and provides creative visions for the future. Join us, discover the hidden potential of the city and contribute to a more sustainable and creative urban future.



historical map with today's buildings

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