

Monio offers the residents of Tuusula a common living room for learning and culture, as well as possibilities for new encounters

Monio, the community center designed to be situated next to Hyrylä center and the services of Rykmentinpuisto, is a unique project. It is a house for many purposes, combining a new learning environment open for all the residents and the whole community. The aim is for Monio to function as a living room for everyone living in Tuusula.

Monio brings together high school, Community College, basic education of art such as visual arts, crafts, music, word art, theater and dance. The various users of Monio can produce together new educational and cultural services while working under the same roof. As the Hall of Culture Monio will offer the general public long-awaited assembly and performance spaces in Tuusula. Also, companies and associations can make use of Monio. The house is designed to serve its users from dawn to dusk, even on weekends.

Service design as a means to reach a common view about Monio

The brainstorming of Monio began in 2015 by means of service design. Before service design there was just a faint idea of Monio combining different services under one roof. Service design enabled bringing together the potential operators and customers of Monio. They developed ideas together about what kind of services Monio could offer and what the ideal building would be like for these purposes.

As a result the concept of Monio was born. The main goal of the project since the beginning has been diverse space. – Therefore, it can be said that Monio is a project jointly conceived by local residents and service providers. Service design has strengthened our understanding that we are creating a new service package and working culture, says Tuusula high school principal Seppo Kärpänen. Service design methods will still be used when the project progresses.

Diverse facilities and environment to support new learning concepts

New learning environments are designed to support new learning theories. The starting point has been the new curricula of 2016. Among other things, the phenomenon-based learning requires entirely new kinds of spaces that support independent work and creativity. The utilization of digitalization is essential in all spaces. The facilities are diverse and adaptable open learning environments. The concept of space in Monio is intended to allow teaching facilities for groups of various sizes as well as self-study demanding silence and also for relaxation.



Photo: Illustration of the inside of Monio

Tuusula high school in Hyrylä has had good experiences of an experimental learning environment which will be profited in the design of Monio. Since the summer of 2016, there has been a demonstration space of experimental learning which has been utilized in various learning events. In addition, it is an open space for students' breaks and leisure hours.

Outdoor facilities such as the yards and the surrounding cultural environment with its services are part of the new learning environment. Several services of the area will provide versatile leisure opportunities together with Monio: The 2015 awarded Tuusula swimming baths, the near-by sports center and the main library and its services

Targeted completion as a part of the 2020 Tuusula Housing Fair

Tuusula Day Care and Education Committee has approved Monio project plan at its meeting on January 24th and the Municipal Executive Board on March 6th, 2017. The final approval for the realization of the project was given by the Municipal Council on March 13th, 2017. The final stage is an architectural competition and planning of implementation. The aim is to finish Monio as a part of Tuusula Housing Fair in 2020.

Experience Monio, [presentation video](#) (duration about 6.5 minutes)

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