

Tampere Region Built Heritage Centre

Getting started with the project

ERDF-project for developing an operational environment for the built heritage centre started in October 2011. The project operated till the end of 2014.

The project brought together organizations, schools, training centres, professionals and enterprises in order to find new ideas on how to repair buildings, simultaneously respecting the values of the heritage.

The project initiated an association which is going to continue the means of the project. The association, Pirkanmaan rakennuskulttuuriyhdistys ry, renovates an old house called Piiru in Pispala city district, 2.5 km from the centre of Tampere. The house has originally been built for the *timber floater's in the year 1892.

Exhibitions and meeting place – Rakennuskulttuurikeskus Piiru

The Built Heritage Centre Piiru is going to be a memorable surrounding for exhibitions and a meeting place for local people as well. Here, the owner of an old building, constructor, apprentice, instructor or anyone who is interested in traditional buildings can find information.

- How to upkeep, repair and renovate old buildings? Which materials should be used?
- Where to find trained repairers or planners? How to save on expenses?
- How to reduce the energy consumption of old buildings without destroying their cultural value and identity?

In the centre there will be a permanent exhibition about the renovation of old buildings. There one can see different phases and materials that were used when repairing the Timber Floater's House. The courtyard offers a place for various events and workshops. The Piiru website gives information on how to find a databank for different repairing methods, materials, experts and educational possibilities.

The leading thought

The centre encourages people to take care of the diversity of their own environment, its built heritage and the existing housing stock in Tampere Region. The centre aims to advance use of good quality recycled materials and the values of environmentally conscious maintenance and restoration of traditional houses.

More information: www.piiru.fi info@piiru.fi

Forum for skilled labour: www.osaajaforumi.fi

*The Timber Floater's House was built in 1892 and enlarged in the 1920's. The house served as the Kokemäenjoki Timber Floating Company's office until the end of the floating era in the 1960's. After that the building was inhabited approximately for thirty years before it was deserted.

