

The School Church

Groningen Historic
Churches Foundation

The School Church: spectacular re-use of the medieval church in Garmerwolde. With an interactive exhibition presenting holidays from Christian and Islamic traditions in its tower

- Designed by interdisciplinary team: architect, designers, building engineers, local volunteers and educators
- Climate sustainability: through a.o. biodiverse church yard and solar panels on the reception building
- Social sustainability: focus on inclusive education through dialogue



Results:

- Multi-functional space used by volunteers, café owners and education department Groninger Churches
- A diversity of visitors gathers and enjoys cultural activities, beautiful surroundings, learns about (immaterial) heritage, history, sustainability and art.
- Creating understanding between communities
- Winner of European Heritage / Europa Nostra Award 2021

The Groningen Historic Churches Foundation (NL) aims to maintain its unique cultural heritage and to create an interest in this heritage for current and future generations. As a secular organization the foundation uses its heritage for educational, cultural and commercial activities.

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