Collective Transformation:
Cooperative Housing in Existing Structures
In this diploma, my aim is to study how to transform former industrial buildings into housing collectives. To study a way of living collectively in existing structures, what possibilities and limitations this will have on such a program, and to suggest a form of living in the city that is more social and experimental.

Combining building preservation and collective living, I want to find a logical connection between the two. Collective ways of living demands a new way of shaping spaces, and the limits of the exiting situation can open up for interesting spacial proposals.
Suggested types of inhabitants

- **FAMILIES**
  - Access to playroom and outdoor area, private apartments.
  - Help with babysitting.

- **ELDERLY**

- **YOUNG ADULTS**
  - Access to workspace and workshop, private room, shared kitchen and bathroom.

- **WORKING TOGETHER**
  - Private studio space or apartment, access to workspace and workshop.

- **BUILD YOUR OWN**
  - “Experimental” – given a space to build with access to bathrooms and kitchens as well as workshop.

- **REFUGEES**
  - Access to common functions as well as own private space. Work training with access to different functions such as gardening, workshop, babysitting. Language training and integration through community.
Values

**Community**
To create a good living environment, the social benefits for living together, sense of neighborhood and participation.

**Preservation**
Continuity in history and collective memory, and sustainability in persevering.

**Innovation**
This translates in the ability to experiment and self building.

**Diversity**
In focusing on integration and community.
The Old Factory, 1921
Office building, 1967
Process
WORKING COLLECTIVE
- Living and working together
- Shared workshop and office space
- Self-building

EXPERIMENTAL
- Open plans to build walls as you want
- Plans decided by each floor

FAMILY FLATS AND HOUSING FOR REFUGEES
- Playrooms
- Common rooms

COLLECTIVE
- Own bedroom, sharing bathroom and kitchens and living rooms

ELDERLY
- Own bedroom (single or couple)
- Sharing kitchens and living rooms
The Project
Old building: 1670 m²
Office building: 3670 m²
Warehouse: 4000 m²
Tower: 3500 m²

Sum: 12840 m²

300 people
30–35 m² each
1. "Build your own" apartments
2. Tower with open floors surrounding a core
3. Common rooms: playroom and laundry room
4. Apartments with gallery
5. Private apartments
6. Collectives
1. Cafe
2. Workshop
3. Auditorium
4. Dining hall
5. Kitchen for everyone
6. Workspace
7. Gym
8. Green houses
9. Byscle room
10. Housing collectives
11. Guest rooms
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Plan 1:200

Diagram of the building layout.
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Ground floor plan 1:200