Järva Community Center
A social, cultural and religious hub for Järva
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Why this proposal makes sense...

The aim of this project is to research the relationship between a mosque and the functions of a community center. It is located between Tensta and Rinkeby, two suburbs in the north of Stockholm.

I believe that the two areas can gain a lot by a shared community center due to both positive and negative similarities. The proximity to Järvafältet is a great plus in the equation.

Kista is another suburb in the Järva area and has been a huge success with regards to education, entrepreneurship and the IT industry that resides there.

My goal was to create a contemporary mosque that stays true to Islamic architectural concepts while I develop a new aesthetic language for the spaces that a mosque requires.

How can we use the mosque as an attracting catalyst in order to reach out to the inhabitants in these areas?

A lot of people in Järva have roots in other parts of the world. There are a lot of vibrant communities from all over the world in Tensta and Rinkeby. People have great respect for faith and religious matters and consider it to be a major part of their identity.

What spaces can a mosque share with the community center for optimal use and convenience?

My proposal takes into consideration that a mosque has a limited number of days during the year when the worshippers need all the space that they can get.

I have therefore proposed to put the mosque next to the sports hall so that the sports hall can be used for prayer and spiritual activities during special events such as the month of Ramadan and Friday prayers.

When the sports hall is not used by the mosque it goes back to being just a regular sports hall with an intricate roof.

What makes it a community center?

To make the project more compelling I have added other functions in order to address the needs and wishes of the inhabitants. There is also a library, a food court, lecture halls, cinema, offices, conference rooms, seminar rooms and a class room.