Workshops

Circular design for academies, universities and businesses

Learning to see what material can become next

Three circular design workshops for academies, universities and businesses, in the Netherlands and abroad. Participants do not draw reuse, they make it: with existing material, in a day or less.

Who we are

Architects in The Hague, specialised in reuse. Since 2006 Denis Oudendijk and Jan Körbes work by Design for Succession: hands-on and direct, with the material leading the design. They work for academies, universities and businesses.

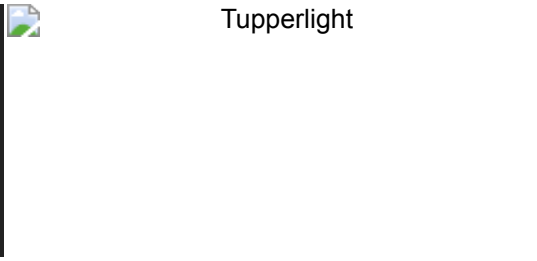
What participants learn

To read a stock of material as a design brief, to get to know a material or object by form and joint instead of by its first use, and to decide fast, with their hands, in a team.

What every format includes

A lecture, preparation, guidance on the day, material and tools (or what you already have), and clearing up afterwards.







01

Refunc Workshop

Material is never finished

Most projects start with a brief and then look for material. Here the order flips: a stock of existing material comes first, and the brief has to be found inside it. By the end the group has built a function that was not there at the start.

Duration	**afternoon, half day or full day, lecture included**
Group	**up to 60 participants**
Price	**see your indication below**

- Read a material stock by form, joint and quantity
- Find your position in a team that makes
- Treat reuse as a design method, not a limit

Last run: Sweatshop, KABK The Hague, August 2026. 60 students cut, drew on and coupled workwear coveralls.

02

Tupperlight

Look and listen

A lamp is the smallest complete building: structure, envelope and light. Each participant composes one from plastic household objects: in 2D on a lightbox, where overlapping parts make a new colour, in 3D with real materials, as a working lamp to take home.

Duration	**afternoon, half day or full day, lecture included**
Group	**around 20 participants**
Price	**see your indication below**

- Compose on light, colour and proportion
- Test a decision before you commit to it
- Let the design come out of the material

Last run: 30 international students, autumn 2026.

03

House in a Day

Hours, not months

Most people who draw, commission or finance buildings have never stood inside one they made themselves. After a design session the group builds a small mobile dwelling on a trailer in one day, at full scale, and then decides what happens to it tomorrow.

Duration	**one day, lecture and design session included**
Group	**around 10 participants, more on request**
Price	**made to measure, tools included**

- Build at full scale, with real weight and joints
- Feel structure instead of drawing it
- Give a building an afterlife

Built in the Netherlands, Austria, Spain, Italy, Portugal and the United States since 2010. houseinaday.org

Working Session for businesses: two architects, your own material, advice and a built example. Business prices: refunc.it/workshops.

1 Pick a format

Or combine them: a lecture and a Refunc Workshop, Tupperlight in 2D or 3D, a House in a Day at the end of a semester.

2 See your indication

For education: group size and place in, a price band out, travel from The Hague included.
refunc.it/workshopcosts/indicatie.php

3 Write to us

One conversation about location and materials, then a fixed quote.
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Prices depend on location and materials and are excl. VAT, travel and catering; education is often VAT-exempt. Abroad on request.