The World’s Most Scenic Town Hall is Faroese

**For the inhabitants of Eysturkommuna, a visit to the local town hall is a breathtaking experience.**

Deep in the spectacular Faroese landscape is a town hall completely merged with nature: The green roofed town hall of the small Eysturkommuna is not just a building, but serves as a bridge for the citizens to cross the river. Designed by Danish architectural company Henning Larsen, the building pays tribute to the Nordics and the traditional Faroese way of building. Yet, it defines a new path for contemporary Faroese architecture:

“Having difficulties distinguishing where the landscape ends and the building begins is a central theme in traditional Faroese architecture. The town hall design was driven by the notion of this blurred line, and as such a take on modern architecture in the Faroe Islands,” Ósbjørn Jacobsen, Partner and Lead Design Architect at Henning Larsen, explains.

**Go for a picnic on the roof**

Furthermore, the town hall in Eysturkommuna assumes the important task of establishing a space that will revive the local community. The terraces and roof are open to the public, people can come here to have picnics and swim in the river.

The town hall is the first of more buildings and events that will reclaim public life in the centre of Norðragøta. Before the fishing industry made its entry with a large and important factory, the attractive local beach was the natural gathering point at special occasions; the bond fire on New Year’s Eve was lit here, the flag day celebrated on April 25th and locals used the beach for sporting events.

**Captions**

*Discreetly cut into the lush landscape this town hall creates the framework for the work of the City Council and the administrative staff.*

*The tiny building bridges the river in the village of Norðragøta and through a glass covered opening in the council hall floor, the local government can spot trout on their way up-stream.*

*Designed by Henning Larsen’s Faroese partner, who is also the architect behind the award winning concert hall Harpa in Reykjavik, the town hall in Eysturkommuna revives the riverbank.*