

Project

WATER MILL PAIX DIEU, AMAY.

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Address

Amay

Programme

The Tourism office of Amay occupies the former mechanical room on the ground level. The administration offices of the Journées du Patrimoine are settled in the old living core. The new program needs more room for storage and technical installation. Those functions end up in an extension built over a former shed which is extended and covered up by earth.

About

Paix-Dieu's Mill restoration (XVII) is part of a global restoration process over the site of the abbey and its shift to a Center for Heritage Skills. The rehabilitation confers 2 distinct functions on it. Originally, even though structural elements were used to separate the milling from the living core, it was all linked so as to maintain an easy control of the mechanism. The architects took it as a key element in the design. The new functions, distinct and independent, offer the visual perception of their presence in the building. Wooden partition walls with glasses ensure the physical and acoustic rupture while letting visual connexion between the two functions. A new vertical circulation replaces the former wooden staircase in the old living core. It now becomes a source of light that penetrates through the building initially furnished with narrow bays because of its « industrial » vocation. Some new bays are implemented on the north side of the roof, capturing northern light. Those openings are characterized by excrecence or recess according to the slope of the roof. In the offices, the windows allow a dilatation of space and give a glance at the woody landscape along the race.

Typology

Offices (include mixed use)

Status

Built

Conception

2005

Delivery

2013

Client

Institut du Patrimoine Wallon - IPW

Total budget

1.420.000

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Stability

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