



Zecc preserved many of the church's large open spaces and original features. Living areas are modular and could be removed without affecting the structure.

The increasing urbanization of Utrecht is creating a lot of potential for new work.

courses in conservation. Quite simply, the needs of the moment have compelled them into an understanding and appreciation of the building techniques and materials of the past, not to mention how these must be re-ordered and restructured to create environments suitable to the modern age. Those who excel in their own profession are often obsessive about their area of expertise. Zecc are no different. The interest in renovation, they say, "is purely the result of our fascination for this after our first project in this area."

In many ways, we are entering into a new phase with how historic buildings are dealt with in our cities, largely due the increasing drive towards urban living. "The attitude towards the transformation of old and monumental buildings had to change," says Kellerhuis. "Now governments and municipalities are more progressive towards transformations than ten, twenty years ago." We still want to retain our sense of continuity with our past, but we have changed our attitude about how to do so. _____

