

"Harajuku Active Complex for all generations"

This community center in Harajuku transforms a former school compound into a shared space for all generations. Rooted in pattern languages observed by students studying the local area, the design responds to the everyday rhythms and quiet details that give Harajuku its character.

The existing basketball court is preserved and elevated, becoming a central play space that invites both memory and movement. A looping running track connects the ground to this upper level, turning circulation into an experience of play and discovery.

The program is simple but inclusive: a daycare for children, a fitness center for all ages, and a town hall for gathering and conversation. Each space supports different needs while remaining visually and physically connected, encouraging interaction between generations.

More than a building, the project is a continuation of the life that once filled the school—now open to the broader community. It celebrates the idea that play, care, and connection are not limited by age. Through familiar forms and thoughtful links, the center creates a place where people grow together, learn from each other, and share the space as equals.