

# A short presentation Bryggen Foundation

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Bryggen Foundation and Friends of Bryggen



**Two sister-organisations established in 1962. Our main goal is to safeguard and protect Bryggen\*(wharf) in the city centre of Bergen, Norway.**

- + Bryggen Foundation; The major site manager - planning, maintainance, conservation, restoration and craftsmanship at the site. Organizes projects and activities.
- + Friends of Bryggen; Member organization -, dissemination of work results and information, social values, safeguard the OUVs (outstanding universal values) from negative impacts

- Bryggen was inscribed to the World Heritage Site list in 1979. Bryggen is an ancient wood structure in the city-centre of Bergen. Hanseatic oversea office.
- The management principle applied by the Bryggen Foundation since 1962: Protection by sustainable use





# Bryggen Foundation



- + A national key player in excellent craftsmanship, conservation and restoration of ancient wooden buildings at WHS Bryggen. Owns 40 of the 62 buildings at the site.
- + 17 employees, 11 craftsmen. Site manager. Non-profit organization.
- + Main task is to find and apply «best practice» in restoration processes – traditional craftsmanship. Needed: Long-term systematic work, training, courses, research and development
- + Bryggen Foundation is working in the entire value-chain from wood to restored buildings.

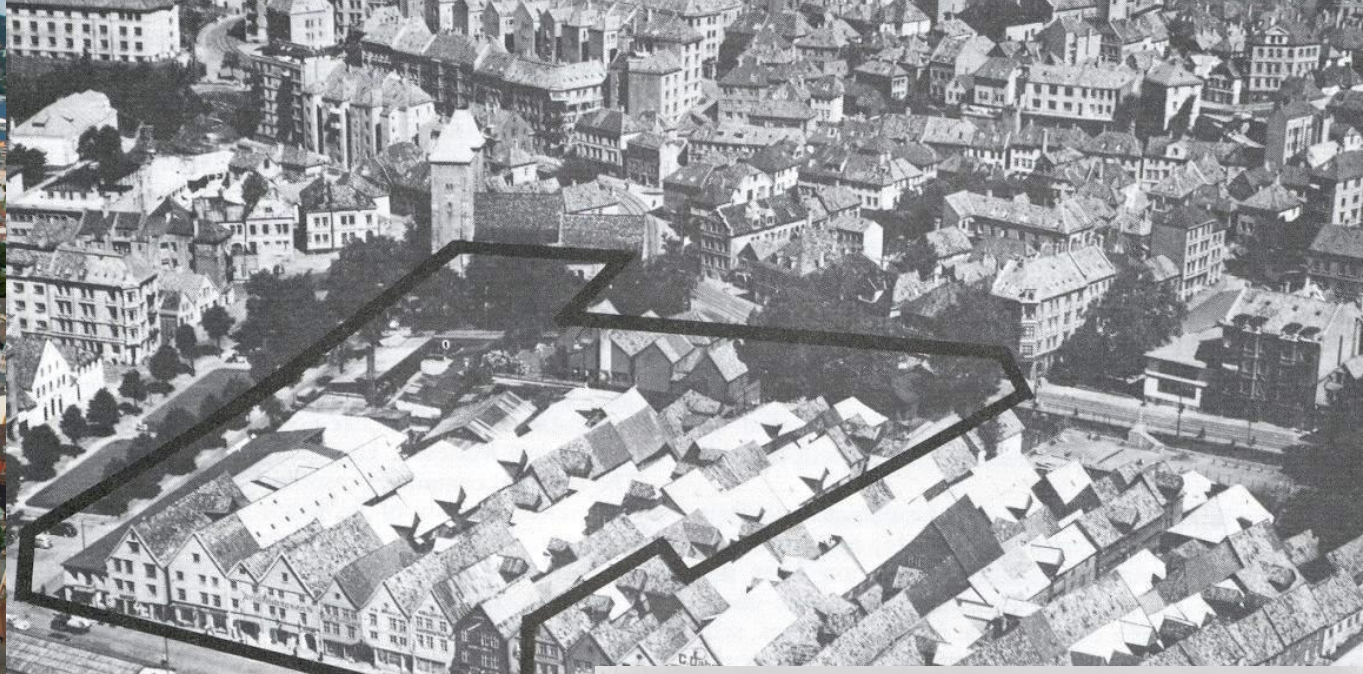


# The later development phases

- + From 1870-1930s; heavy transformation; from fish storage to boutiques
- + From 1930s-1960; heavy decay, two heavy fires and the majority of the population wanted to tear down Bryggen!
- + From 1960s-1980; early restoration work started, secure and safeguard damaged buildings (Bryggen Foundation). Fire protection. WHS in 1979.
- + From 1980s-2000; consolidation and competence building
- + From 2000s-2022; Project Bryggen, restoration of 20 buildings at Bryggen. Number of visitors to Bryggen has rapidly increased from 600 000 per year to 2 000 000 per year. New threats from railway-plans and heavy tourist traffic







*Slik kunne Bryggen ha sett ut om det vært ubetrente forslagene var blitt fulgt.  
Knut Arne Strand, Bergens Tidning.*















1:1 Model of light rail, 42 m  
No mast and wires are shown



Foto: Bryggen Foundation, 2015





Thank you for your attention!



The World Heritage Site of Bryggen, Bergen, Norway

