

THE EXPERIENCE BETWEEN THE USER AND THE SPACE

Reflection

Transmission

Intergration

How can this experience be linked to support expression of self identity?

1st Phase Reflection

Library -Guided books

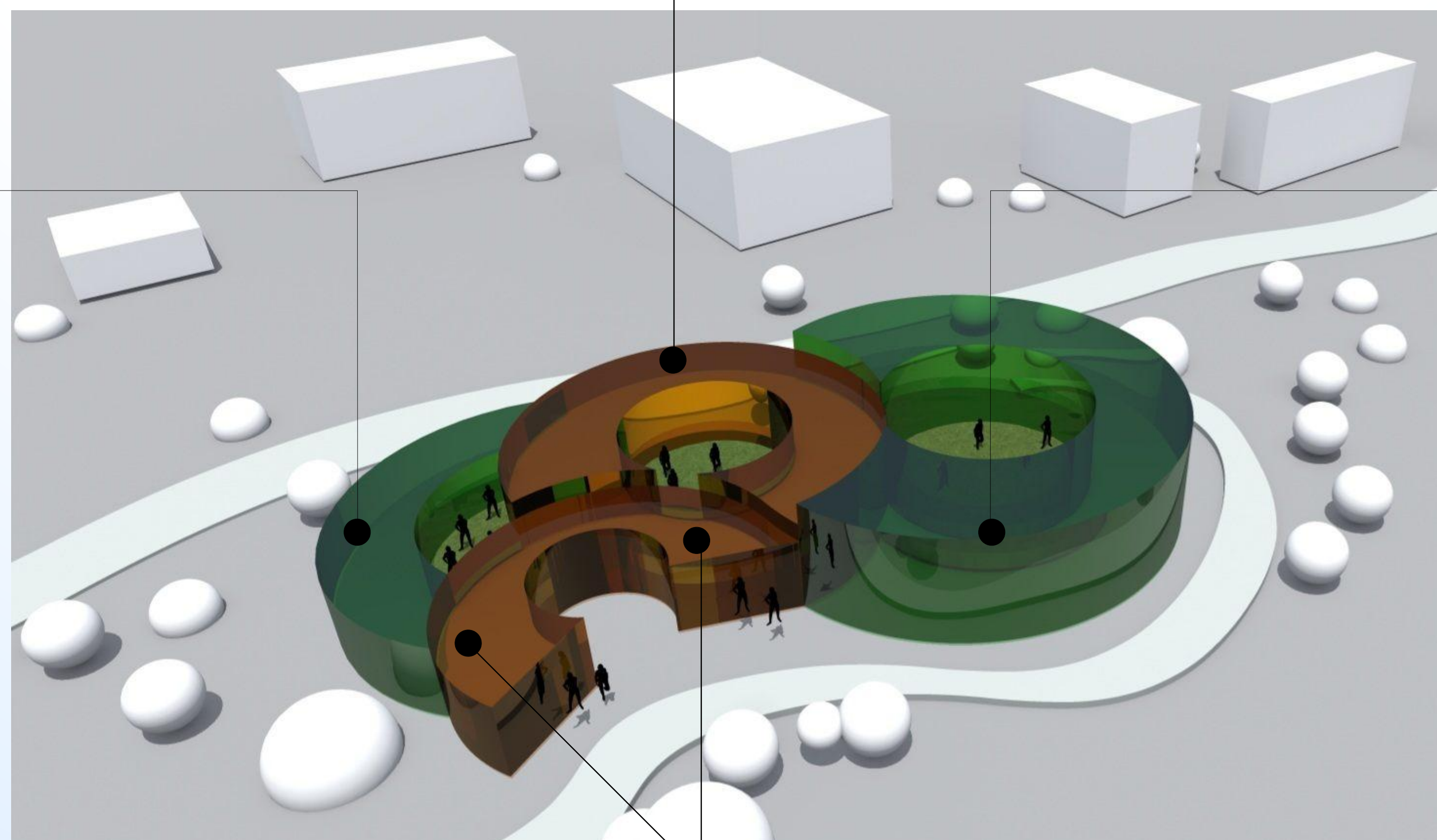
Courtyard/Gardens - Free of chairs and tables. Meant for meditation and time alone .This space is meant for silence and to encourage contemplation and self regulation.

2nd Phase Transmission

- Introduction to more sources of entertainment i.e Tv time and board games
- Can spend more time outside.
- The courtyard has tables and chairs for groups of four .
- Allowed to work within the workshops. At this stage, no money is earned but they are given tokens for discounts at the institutions store.

3rd Phase Intergration

- Given freedom to develop their own schedule (one of the features of their spaces is that it has a wall clock)
- More entertainment and socialization time. The courtyard has bigger tables and more seats and is divided into different areas to accomodate for family visits and children play time with their parents.
- They can be mentors to the people in the previous phases.
- Allowed personal items in the rooms like photos on the walls.
- They can customize their room i.e if they make something at the workshop they can bring it to their space.
- They are able to earn money from time spent working at the workshops and as mentors. The money is kept with the staff responsible for their re-socialization programme and when they finally leave the institution, the accumulated amount is given to them.
- More visits from their families especially the ones with children.
- More visits from people living outside the institution slowly familiarizes them with the outside and slowly eases them back to society.



Administration block

Overall, the staff take differnet shifts in the different zones/spaces so they are able to somehow change work enviornments to break the monotony of the same space use.

Identity therefore becomes experienced through the development strategy between the people and the space, the spatial differences offered and the sense of community.