The MH17 Memorial

Global: The memorial pays tribute to the lives lost and the families affected by the MH17 incident. The triangular plan of the memorial points in the direction of the flight path taken. The fluttering canvas of the facade quivers in the wind, exposing and hiding the image of the plane.

Local: We propose to connect the memorial to existing urban fabric as a multifunctional structure that allows the memorial to plug in to the city life, functioning as more than just a memorial but also as a ferry terminal, cafe, urban park as well as a skate park. The memorial should not be a constant reminder of the tragedy that happened, but provides a positive influence to the city to remind us to treasure the present.

Personal: The interior of the memorial creates a personalised emotional experience for each visitor. The dark interior creates a dark, solemn atmosphere whilst the streak of light at the end of the memorial symbolises hope. Passing through the memorial, families affected can find tribute panels with victim’s name engraved.

Micro: the variation in mullion material on the main facade will create a symbolic reference to the MH17 event on the anniversary of the incident by casting the date of the event (17.07.2014) as light rays through the interior of the memorial.

The MH17 memorial designed will redefine the role of memorials as a positive addition to the city and locals as well as remaining respectful to the event that has happened, allowing each visitor to experience the space in their own way, creating their own individualised memories.