

# ONE LIFE – THREE UNIVERSITIES

## LUDWIG WITTGENSTEIN

(1889-1951)

STUDIED AT THREE UNIVERSITIES BEFORE BECOMING A PROFESSOR AT CAMBRIDGE:

ENGINEERING AT TU BERLIN,  
AERONAUTICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MANCHESTER AND PHILOSOPHY AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

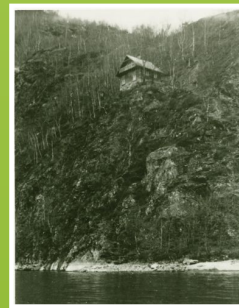
THROUGH THREE SUMMER SCHOOLS,  
STUDENTS FROM THOSE AND MORE  
UNIVERSITIES HAVE GOT TOGETHER TO  
HELP DISMANTLE THE HOUSE THAT WAS  
BUILT FROM THE ORIGINAL MATERIALS,  
MOVE THEM BACK TO THE ORIGINAL SITE  
AND RECONSTRUCT THE ORIGINAL  
HOUSE THERE, BASED ON DRAWINGS BY  
OLE MARIUS MANSCHOW LØKEN'S  
MASTER THESIS AT AHO (2015).

OLE MARTIN BAKKEN, THE BUILDER AT  
METRE AS, CARRIED OUT THE WORK AND  
KINDLY FACILITATED THE STUDENT  
PARTICIPATION.. THANKS ALSO TO  
TRYGVE MARTINUSSEN, HARALD VATNE  
AND MEMBERS OF THE WITTGENSTEIN-  
FOUNDATION FOR POSITIVE ASSISTANCE.

THIS CHRISTMAS 2018 PICTURE SHOWS THE  
HOUSE BACK ON THE MOUNTAIN SHELF.

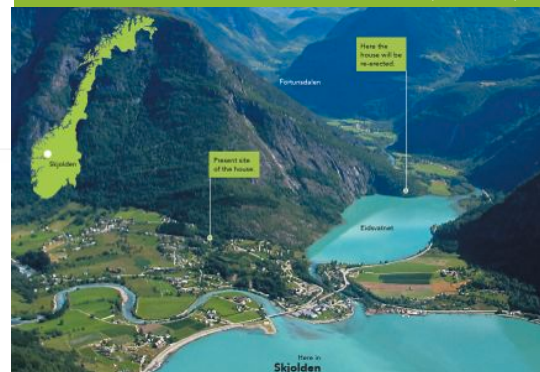


STUDENTS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED ON  
SITE SINCE 2015, FIRST TO CLEAN IT UP  
AND LATER TO ASSIST THE BUILDER.



FEW PICTURES EXIST OF  
THE ORIGINAL HOUSE.

FEW YEARS AFTER LW DIED, THE HOUSE WAS  
DISMANTLED, IN 1955, AND THE MATERIALS  
MOVED TO BUILD ANOTHER HOUSE (BELOW).



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WINDOW ON WINDOW ON WITTGENSTEIN:

AN ORIGINAL WINDOW WAS TAKEN ON TOUR  
TO BOTH CAMBRIDGE AND MANCHESTER.  
IN CAMBRIDGE IT 'MET' WITH THE WINDOW  
OF LW'S TOP FLOOR TRINITY COLLEGE ROOM.



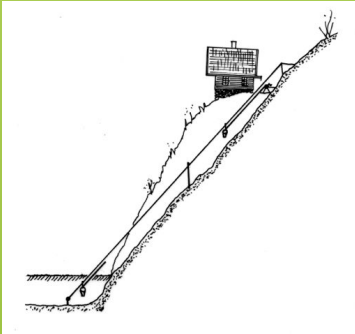
'OFFERING SKJOLDEN A CONSIDERABLE  
ACADEMIC LIFT', SOGN AVIS WROTE ON  
THE UNIVERSITIES' ENGAGEMENTS.



MASTER STUDENTS FROM ONE OF SEVERAL  
COURSES AND SEMINARS ON THE WITTGENSTEIN  
HOUSE HELD AT THE MANCHESTER SCHOOL OF  
ARCHITECTURE. AT CENTRE DEAN AND PROF OF  
THE SCHOOL THOMAS JEFFERIES AND PROF  
HARALD N RØSTVIK, 'ONE LIFE' CO-ORDINATOR.

## CREDITS

ALL PHOTOS: HARALD N. RØSTVIK UNLESS OTHER CREDITS GIVEN. AREA PHOTO OF SITES: FROM THE WITTGENSTEIN-FOUNDATION FLYER. HOUSE AND LAKE PHOTO: BEN RICHARDS/WITTGENSTEIN ARCHIVE CAMBRIDGE (1935) AND SAME BY HARALD VATNE (2019). THANKS TO ECONOMIC SUPPORT FROM STO FOUNDATION IN GERMANY AND FROM OFTEDAL HOLDING IN STAVANGER STUDENTS HAD SOME TRAVEL COSTS COVERED. A SPECIAL THANKS TO DEAN AND PROFESSOR THOMAS JEFFERIES AND DOMINIC SAGAR AT MANCHESTER SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE (MSA) AND PROFESSORS NICK RAY, MICHAEL NEDO AND KOEN STEEMERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.



WATER SUPPLY – THE WITTGENSTEIN WAY. DRAWING FROM THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE PAPER - BY HARALD N. RØSTVIK.

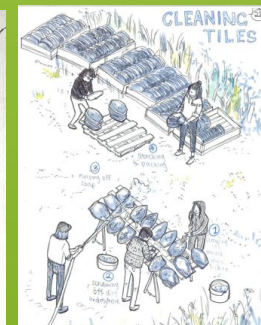


THE LW HOUSE WAS COMPLETED IN 1915 BUT SOON AFTER LW DIED IN 1951 THE HOUSE WAS DISMANTLED AND MOVED TO THE VILLAGE. MATERIALS WERE VALUABLE. IN 1955 A NEW HOUSE WAS BUILT FROM THE ORIGINAL MATERIALS. BECAUSE THE TIMBER WALLS HAD BEEN CLAD WITH CEMENT SHEETS IN 1955, THEY APPEARED WELL PRESERVED IN 2018 AND 90% COULD BE USED WHEN THE RE-CONSTRUCTON AT THE ORIGINAL SITE IN 2019 WAS COMPLETED. LEFT: DETAIL FROM ONE ORIGINAL WINDOW.



SEVERAL COURSES ON LW AND THE HOUSE HAVE BEEN HELD AT THE UNIVERSITIES MANCHESTER (MSA) AND AT CAMBRIDGE. TWO SCIENTIFIC PAPERS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BY HARALD N. RØSTVIK AND PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL QUEENS COLLEGE CONFERENCE BY 'CONSTRUCTION HISTORY SOCIETY'. ONE IN 2017 AND 2019. AT THE LAST ONE THE THEME WAS WATER AND THE AUTHOR PRESENTED 'WATER SUPPLY THE WITTGENSTEIN WAY' THROUGH DRAWINGS AND WORDS AS SEEN ON THE TOP LEFT OF THIS PAGE. AT THE SAME CONFERENCE IN 2018, ONE ORIGINAL WINDOW WAS EXHIBITED. ALL CREATED ACADEMIC DISCUSSION AND MEDIA ATTENTION.

STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER'S AND METROPOLITAN'S SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE (MSA) DESIGNED AND BUILT KITES THE WAY WITTGENSTEIN DID AND TESTED THEM ON THE HILLS OF GLOSSOP OUTSIDE MANCHESTER.



LEFT: MARKING TIMBER COMPONENTS BEFORE DISMANTLING. CENTRE AND RIGHT: DRAWING AND PHOTO BY CAMBRIDGE STUDENT EDEN M. DAY, SHOWING THE HOUSE ON THE ORIGINAL SITE DURING ONGOING WORK.