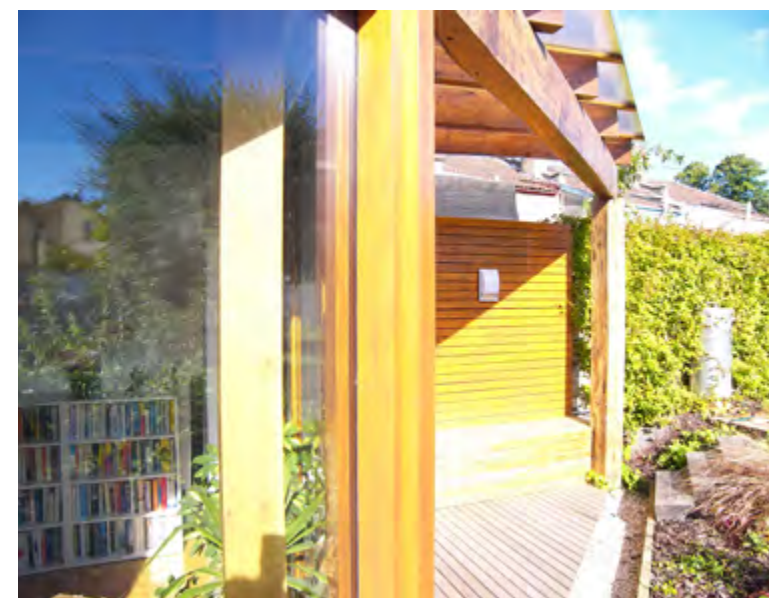




Greenbank Road, designed by **Federica Vasetti** for herself and her partner, Jens Marklof, is a remarkable and creative extension project in Bristol, England. The existing, terraced Victorian house was originally constructed in 1875 to house the influx of tobacco factory workers at the time. Vasetti's goals for the new house were simple: space for a family, a studio in the home, generous open plan living, and lots of natural light. Several previous owners had altered the property in an ad hoc fashion that resulted in a sequence of dark rooms disconnected from the garden. The desire to achieve open internal spaces within a limited English terrace house was integral to the design of the new home.





The extended elements include a ground floor extension of 290 square feet (27 square meters), relocated kitchen, internal insulation, and new bathroom, flooring, plumbing, wiring and landscaping. The new design incorporates a long hallway from the front door that leads to a large open plan kitchen–dining–living area. This open space was achieved by relocating the kitchen completely and extending the space into the former yard. To highlight the exterior space, the new roof rises toward the yard, opening up views and producing the appearance of an independent pavilion rather than an appendix to the house. Reclaimed timber rafters and beams support the roof and are left exposed to provide a focal element to the new living room. To reduce the impact on the neighboring properties, the corner of the new façade is chamfered, creating a striking contemporary statement. The timber cladding extends to the garden wall to define a covered decked area, which marks the transition between the interior and the beautiful landscaped garden.

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