

DESIGN SENSE

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experience

Blackburn Young Office Solutions
DYNAMIC SHOWROOM

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who we are.

SSDG Interiors is one of BC's top interior design firms, working with great brands including Fortis BC , Terminal City Club, and HootSuite Media Inc. We have a loyal client following with over 70% alumni and a team of 20 talented designers who love what they do and deliver amazing results.

what we do for you.

At SSDG we are passionate about creating unique spaces. Spaces that tell your story, define your brand, evoke emotion and create amazing experiences for clients, guests and employees.

Why? Because without the story, it's just another space.

Visioning
Concept Development
Space Planning
Construction Drawings
Project Management



collaboration

MOTIVATES PEOPLE | INSPIRES CREATIVITY | CULTIVATES INNOVATION | DRIVES PROFITABILITY



Last issue we talked about mentoring and coaching relationships, this month we discuss the dynamics of the learning through collaboration.

1. Teams
2. Peer-to-Peer
3. Mentoring
4. Learning
5. Socializing

Part 4: LEARNING

You might ask – is learning collaborating? Well it involves more than one person so we think so.

Learning is more than training rooms, classrooms and conferences. Learning happens in many ways and places. __

- Traditionally learning has been collaboration of one to many - one instructor with a number of students.
- But this model is rapidly changing with millennials entering the workforce – think YouTube DIY videos, online learning and lunch n’ learns.
- Technology is taking a leading role in education for both staff and clients.
- It is a more interactive and less structured style of learning that is emerging in the workplace.





a collaborative *experience*

One of Vancouver's longest established commercial real estate firms, Colliers International faced a significant challenge in 2012 when the lease for one of their floors was about to expire. Colliers decided to make the most of this opportunity; SSDG Interiors was retained to create a cutting edge, professional workplace with areas that would encourage the exchange of intellectual capital and support business and social gatherings with staff, clients and partners.

The new workplace lets everyone enjoy the natural light and stunning mountain views, resulting in bright uplifting open spaces and a high impact reception area. The reception area doubles as a social event area, with a coffee bar and lounge; the use of soft seating has created a meeting space that is very appealing and an operable partition

increases the versatility of the space. The client envisioned a comfortable home-like atmosphere that would encourage gathering and socializing; one large lunchroom located by the elevator lobby called the Colliers Café is a natural attraction like the kitchen in a home. Flexible meeting rooms with creative AV solutions meet the fluctuating demands of their business and support a range of social and client activities from daytime through to evenings. The redesigned work areas include more open plan and fewer enclosed offices with centralized coffee/copy service hubs along the core and main circulation of each floor, encouraging greater collaboration.

The new Colliers International offices are professional and sophisticated. The increased facilities for meeting and gathering have bolstered morale and productivity for the team and also give them a distinct advantage in recruiting talent.

"We wanted to build a workspace that was warm, welcoming and friendly for both our people and clients. And based on the feedback we've received, we achieved just that. It's interesting because while we thrived in our offices pre-renovation, now, we can't imagine going back to the old design. Our current office design has brought our productivity and connectedness – to our peers and partners – to a whole new level. The enhancements we made to our offices highlight how we, in turn, can help our partners create an effective, enjoyable workspace. When they come through our doors, they can see our expertise and its benefits in action." **David Bowden, CEO of Colliers International in Canada**





dynamic *award winning** showroom

Established in 2003, Blackburn Young Office Solutions celebrated 10 years of service in BC's lower Mainland by moving their existing showroom to a highly visible location in downtown Vancouver. As Knoll's newest Canadian dealer, the agency's vision was a timeless yet contemporary showroom to spotlight the extensive Knoll line and offer a multitude of resources to designers and clients.

SSDG Interiors designed a space that is both a working office and a furniture showroom. Actual work stations, offices and meeting rooms featuring a range of products and layouts allow clients to touch, feel and experience, in order to visualize the possibilities. Low furniture panels and glass walls allow natural light to flood the space. The design utilizes bold colour accents, and strong graphics to create a vibrant modern space in keeping with the Knoll brand.

**2013 Award of Excellence from the Interior Designers Institute of British Columbia*

"The final result has been an overwhelming success! With the positive feedback from our customer base, along with the renewed motivation of our own team, our new downtown showroom has provided us a platform for our business to grow in ways previously not possible. We sincerely thank Susan, Kenna, Kim and the rest of the SSDG team for their support, hard work, and dedication to the success of our project!"

Michael Blackburn, Owner

top *trends* at Neocon Chicago 2013

by SSDG, North America's largest design exposition and conference for commercial interiors



FLEXIBILITY WITH ACOUSTICS

Modular walls incorporating sound control

Steelcase - VIA Wall



ZONES IN 'WE' SPACES

Dividing space without walls

Izzy - Nemo Trellis



FUNCTIONAL SCULPTURE

Purpose + beauty

Knoll - Tools for Life



TRANSFORM HOW YOU WORK

Controlling devices and sharing information

Haworth - Bluescape Touchscreen Wall



'I' SPACES IN 'WE' SPACES

Individual places to concentrate

Coalesse - Massaud



RESI-MERCIAL

Commercial spaces, residential feel

Teknion and B & B Italia - Tuip Chair

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