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Nicola Hall: Director

Year of Qualification: 1994 (RIBA PT3)

Date joined Practice: 1993

Qualifications: BArch (Hons) DipArch

Professional Membership: RIBA, RIAS, ARB

Background and Experience:

Nicola joined the Practice when it first established an office in Canaan Lane, in 1993 and was made a Director of Lee Boyd in 2001. She is a talented Architect and skilled designer with excellent project managment and communication skills and has experience working for clients within both the private and public sectors.

Nicola has a keen interest in the adaptation and re-use of existing buildings and the integration of new contemporary design within traditional buildings. Her early experience working on projects for the National Galleries and National Museums of Scotland provided a solid foundation for a broad range of projects which have included new housing and offices, major office and factory refurbishment projects, heritage and community projects as well as a range of interior projects including spas, hotel and cafeterias.

She was Director in Charge of the partnering framework Lee Boyd had to provide design services to the Bank of Scotland. In addition to the major projects listed below, these works ranged from the fit-out of production and high security facilities to the refurbishment of a major call centre, bank offices and branches across the UK.

- Project Director for the refurbishment of The Cafe at the ECA for the University of Edinburgh, including the upgrading of the servery, new external entrance and integration of lighting new finishes, bran and bespoke furniture. The project was completed in 2018 and was shortlisted for the Most Inspiring Learning Space by the Education Buildings Scotland Awards.

- Project Director for Accessibility improvements made to the Grade B listed Ashworth Laboratories for the University of Edinburgh, including the rededsign of the external plaza, formation of new stairs and ramps and upgrading of the entrance lobby and new floodlighting to this gateway site, to the Kings Building Campus. The project was completed in 2018

- Project Director and Designer for the substantial refurbishment and extension to a private house in East Lothian for private clients. The property comprised a series of five cottages which were replanned and interlinked. New concrete floors were laid, all the walls insulated and new windows and doors installed to significantly increase the thermal efficiency of the house and new bathrooms and kitchen installed. The project also saw the installation of new ground-source heating system as well as the construction of new sunrooms and annexes to the building, the repointing of all external stonework and upgrading of all skews and chimneys. Works were completed in 2018.

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- Project Director for the Humbie Hub, converting a former village shop and post office and reorganising and extending the accommodation to create a range of facilities for this rural community, including a café/bistro and other flexible community spaces. Completed in 2016 the success of the project was recognised with a commendation from the Civic Trust My Place Awards.

- Project Director for a multi million pound project for Lloyds Banking Group, in Edinburgh. This complex project involved the phased refurbishment of the Grade A listed Scottish Widows HQ for over 2300 employees, whilst the building remained occupied and fully operational. It required a comprehensive understanding of the client requirements, operations and interdependencies and well as liaison with a wide and varied range of project stakeholders.

- Project Director for alterations to a hotel and spa in Scotland. The scope of works required close co-ordination with specialist suppliers, both in the UK and abroad in the design and manufacture of bespoke upholstered furniture, lighting and the co-ordination of the fit-out FF&E.

- Project Director responsible for the interior design of the Grade A Listed Banking Hall and five floors of office accommodation at 110 St Vincent Street, Glasgow. The project, delivered for the Bank of Scotland required the complete fit-out of the refurbished core of this building to create a bright and adaptable working environment suitable for modern and flexible working. The project included a range of bespoke furniture installations, including glass oval meeting pods, an illuminated alabaster storage wall, reception and writing bureaux. It received a number of awards including : 2008 The Roses Design Awards: Winner of Silver Medal for Best Interior Scottish Design Awards: 2009 Scottish Design Awards. Commendation in the Interior Design Category.
- Project Director and Designer for new Day Spas for PURE Spa, located in Braehead and in Aberdeen. A simple, yet sophisticated palette was developed and bespoke furniture and graphics designed to promote the brand. Facilities included retail display and a range of beauty treatment areas and enclosed facilities. In 2010 the Spa in Union Square, Aberdeen was awarded Boutique Spa of the Year by the Professional Beauty Awards.

- Director in Charge of various fit out projects for Lloyds Banking Group, creating bright and flexible workplaces for the organisation. Most of these projects involved the detailed space planning of existing buildings to rationalise and improve the use of space, to meet current workplace regulations and reflect the organisation's design standards.
- Project Architect for Lochside House, a new build project located on Edinburgh Park. The design of the building was generated by the need to provide a completely flexible building, capable of being subdivided into very small office units or operate as open plan office accommodation. It was shortlisted by the British Council for Offices in 2000.
- Project Architect for 30 new flats at 10 Pitt Street for Port of Leith Housing Association. This project won the only Category A Saltire Society Award for new Housing in 1998.