

LEEBOYD

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 has been a Lee Boyd Director since 2001 and is a talented designer. She has excellent project management and communication skills and has experience of working for clients within both the public and private sectors. She is currently Director in Charge of the partnering framework Lee Boyd has to provide design services to a Major UK High Street Bank. Works have ranged from the full refurbishment of a grade A listed Office Building (NIA 20,405m²), to the fit-out of production and security facilities.

She has considerable experience of refurbishment and interior projects as well as new build, as exemplified in the selected projects listed below.

- Project Director for a multi million pound project for a Major UK High Street Bank, in Edinburgh. This complex project involves the phased refurbishment of a grade A listed Headquarter building for over 2300 employees, while the building remains occupied and fully operational. It has required a comprehensive understanding of the client requirements, operations and interdependencies and well as liaison with a wide and varied range of project stakeholders.
- Nicola was 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 for the Humble 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. The project is intended to create a local meeting and gathering place, to promote local enterprise and produce as part of a sustainability agenda that also includes biomass district heating and solar heater water. The final phase of works is due for completion in Spring 2015.
- Project Director for the major refurbishment of the HBOS computer centre in Edinburgh. The design provides the once high security building with a public face by opening up the solid facades with new windows and creating a bespoke glazed entrance facade and welcoming reception area.



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- Project Director and Designer for extension and alterations to rural cottages in East Lothian for a private Client.
- 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.
- Project Director and Designer for major alterations to a hotel and spa in Scotland.
- Director in charge of a fast track series of branch refurbishments for one of the largest UK High Street banks. Located throughout the central belt, the projects required to be turned around as quickly as possible, creating minimal disruption to the day to day operations of the branches.
- Director in Charge of various fit out projects for a UK 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 Director and Designer for a new outdoor class room for University of Edinburgh.
- Project Director for a new Masterplan for the whole of the Royston/ Wardieburn area of North Edinburgh for CEC Housing Department in 2005. The proposals were developed through a series of workshops, meetings and discussion groups with local community organisations, schools, councilors and tenants. They included proposals not only to upgrade existing housing stock, but also to provide new housing, green spaces, schools and links to wider community and emerging Waterfront development.
- Project Director for a new build office and factory in West Lothian for a manufacturer. Following the strict guidelines imposed by the owners of the business park, a scheme was conceived to allow the business to expand on their new site.
- Project Architect for the refurbishment of Dunfermline and Livingston Sheriff Courts, for the Scottish Court Service.
- Director responsible for the design of a new industrial and business park for SEEL at Easterinch, West Lothian.
- 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.

