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Experience

Michael Laird Architects, October 2007-Present

Role - Architect 2008-present; Architectural Assistant 2007-2008.

Key Skills - Design and delivery of prestigious commercial and residential buildings in Edinburgh, the Lothians and Glasgow with experience in concept exploration, design development, production of presentation drawings, 3D visualisations, producing construction drawings, details and schedules, and assisting in the production of NBS specifications.
- Project running responsibilities, including design coordination, attending design team meetings, day to day project correspondence, document control, coordinating design team information and managing change control.

Projects - St Marks Quay Affordable Housing: Winner of Scottish Design Awards – Involvement in scheme design and development of design to construction stage.
- St Mary's Axe Office Fit-out: Feasibility: Concept studies and 3D modelling; inception stage.
- Rosewell House, Newbridge, new speculative office building: Development of concept design into full design scheme proposal. Preparation of planning drawings and application. Involvement maintained throughout construction stage.
- Scotland Gas Networks, Newbridge: new office building: Development of external envelope and interior joinery works packages. Attendance of design team meetings. Coordination of M&E information.
- Westport House, new speculative city centre office/retail building: Full time involvement during 18 month construction period. Design development, change control, coordination of construction information, attendance of design team meetings and day to day job running.
- Fortis Data Centre, Airdrie: Simple, elegant and flexible scheme to provide speculative space for four new data centres. Involvement at concept stage then fully engaged in development of detailed proposals from stage D onwards. Due to start on site early 2012.
- Agilent Technologies Office Fit-out: Detail design and project delivery with considerable job-running responsibilities. Day to day liaison with design team members, planning and building warrant applications, production of construction information, attendance at design team meetings and workshops and regular site visits.
- Edinburgh Bioquarter, Biomedical Sciences Building: Job running responsibility for two week leave period of project associate. Development of detail design proposals for bespoke joinery items in reception fit-out; such as timber ribbed ceiling and suspended lighting feature.

Software - Autodesk Autocad 2011: Advanced CAD user with specific responsibility for developing CAD standards and manuals within the office. Highly organised approach to setting up project drawings throughout all job stages, from presentation to construction.
- Sketchup Pro: extensive experience in using for concept design, detail design development, sun path studies and producing high quality 3d visuals for clients.
- Vray/Podium: experience in setting up high quality photo real renders and conceptual images using advanced light, material and texture mapping technology.

Additional Experience - Practice Manuals: Working closely with one director to produce drawing standards and document management manuals for use by all design employees within the practice.
- CPD: Responsibility for office Continued Professional Development programme for two years, ensuring adequate depth and breadth of CPD training for architects.
Sponsored Events: Organisation of charity cycling events for office employees.

Experience

Paterson Architects, Edinburgh, June - October 2007

Role - Part II Architectural Assistant

Key Skills - Design of small scale projects, including individual homes for private clients and developers, extensions and alterations to existing buildings in conservation areas; producing design drawings and presentation/concept models; preparation of planning and building warrant applications and negotiating with planning authorities; preparation of appointment documents; attendance and participation in client meetings.

Projects - Three sustainable homes, Cupar: Simple rural forms designed to high environmental standards for a private developer. Granted planning permission in August 2007.
- Hill of Morphie, Aberdeenshire: Early concept design work and model making for contemporary house/extension which went on to win the 2010 RIBA award.
- Extension to Existing Cottage, Aberlady: Two-storey extension within a conservation area.

Experience

Trevor Black Architects, Invergordon, June - September 2006

Role - Part I Architectural Assistant.

Key Skills - Scheme and detail design: Producing working drawings using Powercad, Photoshop and Sketchup; Building Warrant applications.

Projects - Housing Association Project, Alness: Detail design proposals.
Office Refurbishment; Invergordon. Outline/scheme design.
Private Residence; Alness. Feasibility/concept.

Experience

Thomas Munro and Company Architects, Inverness, June 2004 - September 2005

Role - Part I Architectural Assistant.

Key Skills - Scheme and detail design: Sketching and photoshop illustrative work; project administration; 3D modelling work.

Projects - Extension, alteration and outbuilding conversion, Drumnadrochit: Interior remodelling.
Steading and watermill conversion, Tain; outline proposals
St Andrew's Cathedral; Inverness; disabled access and facilities.

Training/Education

The Scott Sutherland School of Architecture, Aberdeen; 2001 - 2007

Qualifications- 2008 - Completed Part III Exam to become fully qualified Architect.
2007 - Distinction; Masters in Advanced Architectural Studies, RIBA Part II.
2006 - BSc (Hons) Architecture, 2:1, RIBA Part I.

Awards - Building Design Student of the Year - Finalist
Rob Hunter Prize for Architecture - Winner
Civic Medal Award for Architecture - Honourable Mention

School - Hazlehead Academy, Aberdeen; seven Standard Grades level 1; six Higher Grades Level A; two Advanced Higher Grades.

Achievements

2006/7 - President of the Scott Sutherland School's lecture programme with speakers such as Paul Robbrecht, Malcolm Fraser, Jonathan Sergison, Andrea Deplazes and Claus en Kaan.

1995 - 2002 - Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award; Deputy Head Boy at Hazlehead Academy; Rotary Youth Leadership Award; Gold Medal at North District Swimming Championships; Finalist in Brass Band Solos Competition.

A Little More About Me

I have a full clean UK driving license, which I have held since 2001.

My fascination with cultural differences has taken me travelling across Europe, to Hong Kong and New Zealand. I am a keen cyclist and regularly take part in 24 hour mountain bike races. I enjoy reading works of fiction and non fiction, with particular interests in Physics and Scottish History.

I am passionate about excellence in the built environment, and believe that design intent must inform everything we do as architects; from the first tentative mark of a pencil to the final rendering of a detail. In my spare time I like to draw as much as I can, as I believe that ability to describe visual impressions lucidly and efficiently is at the core of our profession. I am an excellent communicator on all levels.