

Living Labs

FACT SHEET

ABOUT

Living Labs is one of four research centres at Emily Carr University of Art + Design. Established in 1925 and located in Vancouver, Canada Emily Carr is one of the top art and design schools in the world.

- + We support creative projects, social venture and entrepreneurship driven by art and design
- + We build projects and partnership models that use art and design as a mechanism for innovation and community building
- + We connect with organizations to develop externally facing, embedded, adaptive design labs that take a form suitable to the structure and culture of organizations and the nature of the design problems to be addressed

A living lab is a research concept. It is a user-centred, open-innovation ecosystem, often operating in a location-based context, integrating concurrent research and innovation processes within a public-private-people partnership. We are among an international network of active living labs.

SAMPLE PROJECTS

Design for Startups partners design students with early stage companies.

Platform is a cross-pollination between SFU Beedie School of Business students and Emily Carr design students, in which they collaborate to research, develop and launch business ideas. *Winner of 2014 Core 77 Award for Innovation in Design Education.*

Discovery Foundation Product Design + Development Workshops bring the expertise of our faculty and students to the startup community in compact, one-day workshops.

Lounge-based Innovation is a partnership with Wantoo to investigate the social and spatial form of the lounge.

EXPERTISE

Our faculty and students have expertise in:

Communication Design
Lean UX
Product Design
Interaction Design
Design-Led
Entrepreneurship
Data Visualization

Community Engagement
Social Practice
Place-Based Research

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