

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

Neighbourhood Time Exchange is an artist-in-residence program that pairs visiting artists with community organizations in Prince George, BC. Curated by Justin Langlois.

Omineca Arts Centre is an art space established in 2017 in Prince George that will enhance regional capacity for arts and culture through events, exhibitions, residencies, workshops, educational programming, and research. This project was initiated by an emerging group of artists, curators, and community organizers based in Prince George in collaboration with Emily Carr University of Art + Design and Two Rivers Gallery.

Ten Different Things engaged ten critically-engaged artists to provoke, prototype and test new visions of art and civic life in Vancouver. In partnership with CityStudio Vancouver and the City of Vancouver Public Art. Curated by Kate Armstrong.

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.*

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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Two Rivers Gallery
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