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Insight Group Seminars



The Psychology of Collaboration

(RIBA CPD Approved)

Collaboration is much talked about today, especially when it comes to workplace design. As companies employ more knowledge workers, it is no longer just what you know, but what you do with what you know. Successfully designed collaboration spaces as well as an enabling culture are key to helping this along. With this in mind, Herman Miller commissioned Dr. Nigel Oseland, a psychologist specialising in workplace, to carry out a literature review of the psychology of collaboration and how that might impact workplace design. Herman Miller will share these findings with you, as well as some observational research carried out by our International research team.

Future Scenarios

(IDCEC CEU Approved)

Scenario planning is one way in which Herman Miller tries to understand and learn about the changes in the workplace in the future. Through formal research methods, protocols, and tools such as scenario planning, companies are better able to anticipate change, respond creatively towards those emerging user needs and problems, and be better prepared for the future. In this seminar we will share some findings from Herman Miller's most recent Scenarios project.

The Living Office (New Landscape of Work)

(RIBA CPD Approved)(IDCEC CEU Approved)

In businesses around the world the workforce is changing. The expectations of workers are changing. How work gets done is changing. The tools of work are changing. The work itself is changing. There is a new landscape of work. At Herman Miller, we are working with the world's leading thinkers and designers to apply a greater understanding of people – how we think, how we are motivated, and how we create and collaborate – to this new landscape of work. In this seminar we will share our approach to how to manage our work, the tools and technologies that enable us, and the places where we come together to do it.

Agile Working

(RIBA CPD Approved)

Agile Working means empowering employees to work where, how and when they choose, to maximise their productivity and deliver the greatest value to the business. We would like to share with you some research carried out on our behalf relating to this subject – we will look at the benefits as well as the barriers to Agile Working, and then look at the implications for workplace providers and designers.

Social Capital in The Workplace

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Sociologists, governments and residential developers continue to investigate the intangible qualities which turn a group of individuals into a community, and what benefits this 'social capital' can deliver. Today it is recognised that social capital is not only important at a civic level, but is a valuable asset within commercial organisations. The Workplace Intelligence Unit has undertaken original research to better understand how the working environment can impact 'Social Capital in the Workplace'.

Creativity at Work

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Innovation resides at the core of any thriving commercial organisation, generating new ideas to enhance business performance and help organisations stay ahead. Herman Miller has investigated how the creative mind works, finding four different 'types'. This seminar explores the characteristics of these minds and the workplace design attributes that enhance their creative ability.

3rd Spaces

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Whereas some companies may see the 'Third Space' as the areas left over once the desks and meeting rooms have been mapped out – other, more visionary organisations see a newly emerging role of the workplace, in which interactions are far less rigid and work is more dynamic both in terms of the quality of collaboration and with regards the ease with which employees can move between different environments in a self-determined way. This is what the functional third space supports. The title of this research piece is The Third Space in a changing economic environment. We look at what the potential is for the Third Space, how organisations perceive its value and how economic recession may have impacted the pace at which companies are 'walking the talk'.

The Future of Work – How and Where We Will Work in 2030

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The Future of Work is based on research carried out on behalf of the UK Government by The Workplace Intelligence Unit, which was founded by Herman Miller. The Seminar looks at three possible future global warming scenarios established by the Government's Foresight Team, and looks at what work could be like under those scenarios. The seminar is designed to create debate about Sustainable workplaces.

The Office is dead - Long live the Office

At a time when there is an increased focus on the digital workplace, what role does the physical workplace play and are its days numbered? What are the pros and cons of virtual and physical working? Is coworking here to stay and will it impact the way corporations consume space? We discuss this subject looking at internal and external research sources from around the globe

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Robert Propst - 1968



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Fundamental Human Needs and The Workplace – A Herman Miller Interactive Workshop

In this interactive session we share Herman Miller's point of view and ongoing discoveries about Human Dynamics + Work – all grounded in research and first-hand experiences.

We explore our fundamental human needs – purpose, belonging, achievement, autonomy, status, and security – and ask ourselves how are these defined? What is their priority? What are their implications for management methods, technology and tools, and places?

The Office – A Facility Based On Change

“The business of people talking to each other in offices is a very serious consideration. It is by far the most expensive achievement of offices: the grouping of people that allows conversational exchange.” Robert Propst. Published in 1968, Propst's book revolutionised the thinking about workplace design. In this seminar we will explore the key issues raised by Propst, and discuss those that are still valid 48 years later.

The Science Behind Making Employees Happy In The Workplace

We know office design affects behaviour. But to what extent? Does office design actually affect brain activity, as well as behaviour? This session explores findings from new research with the Centre for Neuroeconomics Studies.

Wellbeing and Social Ergonomics in Workplace Design

A workplace that helps us initiate and regulate social interaction, and that takes into consideration factors like personal space, physical and psychological proximity, and territoriality, helps us feel better. And when we feel better, we work better. We will explore in workshop format how social ergonomics interacts with cognitive and physical ergonomics to create a full human experience at work.

People Place Potential

Where is work going? We're researching many trends shaping the future of work.

We filter these trends through our values and beliefs about people and work, and we think we're at a tipping point. Work in digital space is now defining the expectations of the physical workplace.

To guide us we will expand on these six principles: Help people work together; Let work happen anywhere; Help people engage; Make real estate work harder; Make technology work for people; Strengthen environmental advocacy. Hear more about how to create places where people reach their full potential.

Personality Preferences For Interaction

Following on from the hugely successful Psychology of Collaboration research carried out by Dr. Nigel Oseland, we will also be sharing some findings from his most recent piece of research looking at preferences for interaction and linking it back to the Living Office story.

What The Body Wants: A Full Range Of Movement

This seminar examines the impact of sedentary office behaviours, and the affects it is having on our bodies and the importance of the full range of movement to maintain healthy and productive staff. We are all aware of the aches the pains but what is actually going on inside our bodies? We not only cover musculoskeletal problems but also the biochemical processes which are affected

Cognitive Wellbeing in The Office

This seminar will provide a more thorough understanding of cognitive ergonomics. Cognition is the way we acquire knowledge and understanding through thought, experience, and our senses. A workplace that takes cognition into consideration in its design, including things like cognitive processing and information overload, helps us feel better. And when we feel better, we work better. Herman Miller's Insights will introduce participants to cognitive ergonomics and its implications for office design.

Our Work Empowers Every Body

For over half a century, ergonomic principles have been an integral part of Herman Miller's products, environments, knowledge base and customer service. The purpose of this presentation is to give you an understanding of what ergonomics is, what we believe in when applying ergonomics to the design of workspaces, and how we have applied these principles to everything we do.

The Evidence for a Living Office

People are the single most important consideration for every organisation, yet many of today's offices aren't designed to support their needs and activities. With Living Office, Herman Miller offers a new kind of workplace, one designed around a research-based understanding of people, the work they do, and the tools they need to succeed. In this seminar we will share the research findings from projects where the Living Office concept was implemented, using a variety of research tools, including the Leesman Index survey tool

Reinvigorating Individual Work - (Workshop)

Herman Miller's Insight team sought to understand the other side of workplace design—individual work. As organizations emphasize collaboration through the design of their spaces, the needs of the individual worker are becoming underserved. Through our research into individual work – we identified five of the most common states of mind users seek to cultivate when accomplishing individual work. For each state of mind, we outlined user needs and design opportunities for satisfying those states of mind

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