SUSTAINABLE DESIGN WORKSHOP

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What is sustainable design?
Some topics we’ll talk about today:

+ Cradle to Cradle Approach
+ Material selection
+ Messaging, Information & Policy
Cradle to Cradle
“We see a world of abundance, not limits. In the midst of a great deal of talk about reducing the human ecological footprint, we offer a different vision. What if humans designed products and system that celebrate an abundance of human creativity, culture, and productivity? That are so intelligent and safe, our species leaves an ecological footprint to delight in, not lament?”

— Michael Braungart, *Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things*
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Case Study: Steelcase Think Chair
5 Steps toward eco effectiveness

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Reduce any obviously harmful materials from your product or process.
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Use materials and techniques that you have information and visibility about. Prefer ecological intelligence, respect, delight, celebration, and fun.
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Analyze the materials or “ingredients” used. Make plans to phase out or prioritize.
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Begin to design with eco-effective principles in mind, using positive or passive materials.
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5. Reinvent

Push the design to include an entire ecosystem. Instead of “redesign the car” think “redesign a new transportation infrastructure”
Materials
“Instead of presenting an inspiring and exciting vision of change, conventional environmental approaches focus on what not to do. What about an entirely different model? What would it mean to be 100 percent good?

— McDonough, Braungart *Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things*
Case Study: Accoya Wood
Case Study: Ecovative Mushroom Materials
The “X” list

The most problematic substances. Any that are harmful in direct or obvious ways.

>> Make these highest priority for phase out.

The Gray list

Problematic substances that are not quite so urgently in need of phase out. Products that are essential, but that don’t yet have a better substitute.

>> Consider models where these might become technical nutrients retained or recycled by the manufacturer.

The “P” list

Positive or preferred substances that are actively defined as healthy and safe.

>> Activate these moving forward.

Passive Positive List
Material Health Certificate Registry

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Search by keywords

Daylighting & Shades Silver Daylighting & Shades Bronze Yarn Platinum

Chelsea Shadecloth
MECHOSYSTEMS
Fabric with solid, graphite-colored backing, designed to be viewed from interior and...

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EcoVeil® Sheer Shadecloth is a window shade fabric. It is 100%...

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ZEGNA BARUFFA LANE BORGOSESIA S.P.A.
Millennium Nature Yarn is 100% wool spun from 17.5 micron ultra-fine merino wool...
Product and Building Materials Red List

The materials red list (commonly shortened to simply “red list”) is a compilation of harmful-to-humans chemicals and materials compiled by the International Living Future Institute (ILFI) as part of its Living Building Challenge.

Products that contain chemicals on the red list must not be used if a building is to achieve Living Building status. There are seven performance areas, or “petals,” included in the Living Building Challenge and avoiding red list products falls under the Materials petal. This requirement is intended to ensure that buildings are not only conserving energy or limiting waste, but also protecting occupant health.

Development of the Red List

In addition to seeing chemicals on the red list phased out of production and use, ILFI hopes to influence the materials industry to be more conscientious about producing nonharmful-to-humans materials. While many products exist that may have an adverse effect on human health, the red list focuses on some of the worst offenders. It is subject to change based on emerging scientific knowledge, but currently includes:
Information, Messaging & Policy

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Imagine Preferable Futures
Environment and Sustainability Policy

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Through its relationships with clients, and through its operations, Tellart has an opportunity to be an environmental caretaker.

To minimize its impact on the environment, Tellart shall:

- minimize waste in its operations
- be aware of the environmental and sustainability policies of its clients and vendors
- encourage active discussion of developing environmental problems and solutions proposed by the design community, science, industry and the arts
- whenever possible use non-hazardous chemicals, such as cleaners, markers and paints. When a hazardous chemical must be used, measures must be taken to dispose of it safely and in a way which prevents its introduction into the natural environment.
- recycle whatever we can, both through municipal recycling and by reusing leftover/scrap materials
- encourage our clients to use responsibly-manufactured products and materials
- meet or exceed its obligations under relevant environmental laws
- be aware of, and actively avoid direct use of, or use by its vendors of, materials found on the U.S. Green Building Alliance “Red List”: https://www.go-gba.org/resources/green-building-methods/materials-red-list/
- work toward establishing a giving program to help offset its environmental impact, such as 1% for the Planet.
Consider

● Where in your business do you generate the most waste? How might we make that visible or easier to understand? How might you transform this into an opportunity to recycle / reuse?

● What materials are you using? What might be a more environmentally friendly alternative?

● How might we create policies, standards, or initiatives to create a culture that’s willing to prioritize sustainable measures?
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Biological Cycle
- Plants
- Biological Nutrients
- Biological Degradation
- Use
- Product
  - for Products for consumption

Technical Cycle
- Technical Nutrients
- Disassembly
- Return to Producer
- Use
- Product
  - for Products for Service
RETHINK
Innovation New Uses

REUSE
with high quality

UPCYCLE
Quality Improvement

RECYCLE
Downcycling

REDUCE

ECO-EFFECTIVENESS
OPTIMISE POSITIVE IMPACT

ECO-EFFICIENCY
REDUCE NEGATIVE IMPACT

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Overall Status of Building 101

- **Current Faults**: 4
- **Total Energy Impact (KWh) This Month**: +22
- **Total Waste Estimate ($ This Month)**: +10
- **Deviation from Average Usage (based on similar OAT)**: +20%

Building Level Energy Usage

- **Cumulative Usage This Month**
- **Energy Usage Breakdown**
  - 40% Light & Plug
  - 60% HVAC

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Today **Organization 1** and **Organization 2** partnered to announce **Initiative Name** to help deal with **problem**. **Initiative Name** works by **solution**. It will help **positive**, but experts are concerned **criticism**. The service will be launched in **date and location**.
Share Out
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