

Project CoLab

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The Café Classroom — The Capital for CoLab

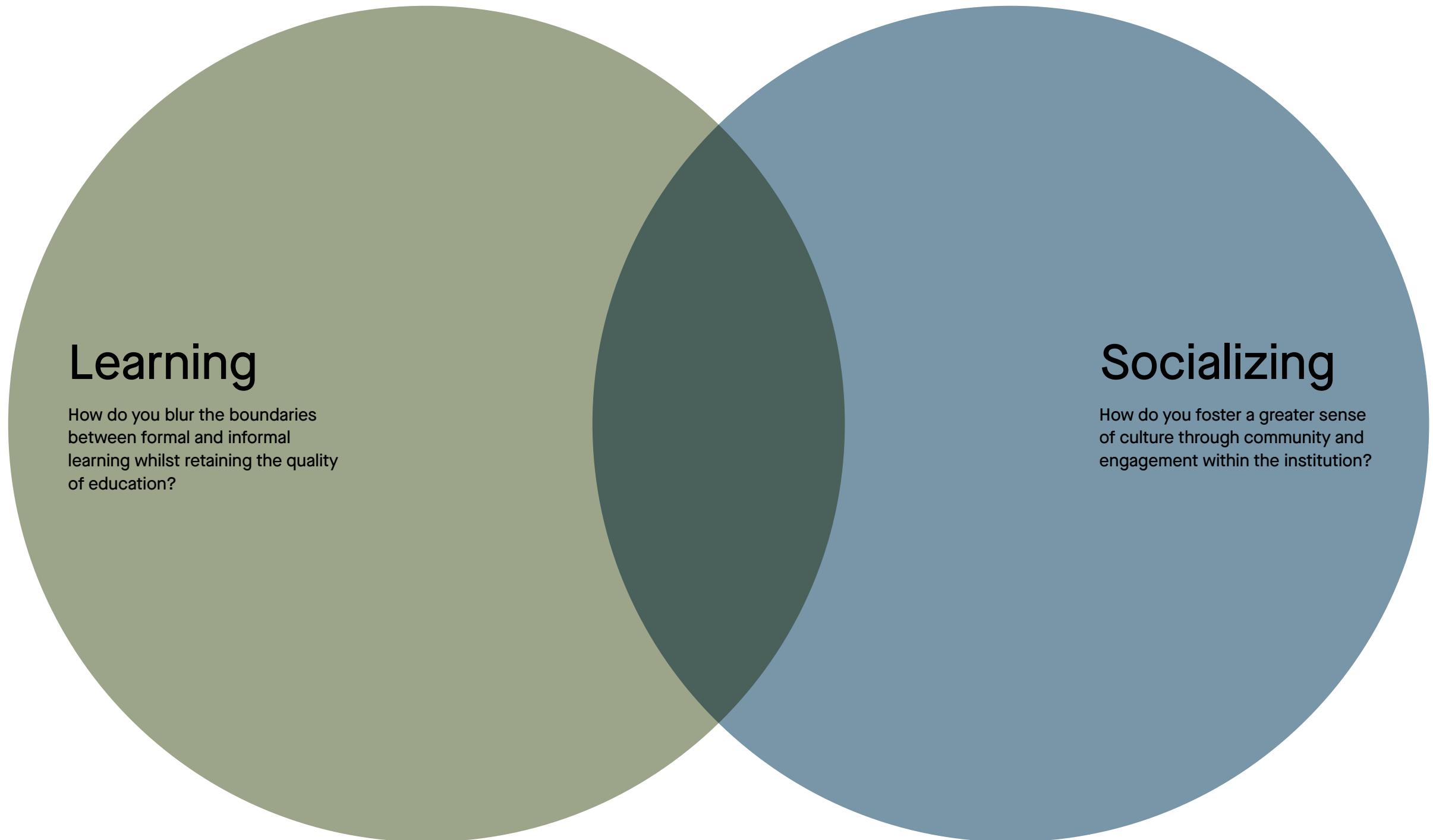
It goes without saying the profound shift caused by the global pandemic changed not only how we perceive the workplace but also education.

The traditional principles of formal learning, lengthy in-person lectures, campuses filled with back-to-back classrooms are now, more or less, redundant due to the online classes that have now replaced the bulk of day-to-day learning.

But how do you foster connectivity and a sense of community when the new normal is so heavily tilted towards an off-site, rather than an on-site campus?

While learning can take place in both a virtual and physical classrooms, campus buildings by their very nature are not as flexible.

This shift has seen one-use rooms become increasingly replaced by gathering spaces where people can eat, study, socialize and professionally network.



The term we are all familiar with is the Sticky Campus. The Sticky Campus refers to the idea of creating an environment on a college or university campus that encourages students to spend more time on campus to foster a greater sense of community.

The goal is to create a culture that is so appealing and supportive that students are reluctant to leave, even after their classes and activities are finished for the day. But to create a true community the solution needs to be more fluid and blended just like today's learning.

This halfway house is what we like to call the Café Classroom — this idea stays true to what is to principles of every learning environment, people.

By creating multiple relaxed and informal learning environments, creative hubs, quiet nooks, social labs, team touchdowns, it expands the classroom beyond the conventional solid four walls, into the café, library, atrium, corridor, or common room to encourage students and teachers to engage in open discussion and collaboration after the more conventional and formal teaching.

This informal approach can help students feel more comfortable, sharing their ideas and asking questions, which leads to deeper learning and better retention of information.





Introducing Pearson Lloyd

Pearson Lloyd is a London-based industrial design studio founded by Luke Pearson and Tom Lloyd in 1997 with the goal of creating products that are not only innovative but designed to enhance the experience of every user.

The foundation of the studio's work lies in a continuous process of making sense of the world. Rapid and continuous change in all aspects of our lives demands that our work be informed by both understanding and curiosity.

Underpinned by the belief that design, and design thinking can make progress, and play an active role in our response to these challenges and in identifying opportunities to positively reshape the habits and rituals of our lives.

CoLab is the perfect example of this. CoLab was born by Tom taking his daughter to visit several university campuses, to quickly learn that the amount of contract furniture procured wasn't fit for purpose.

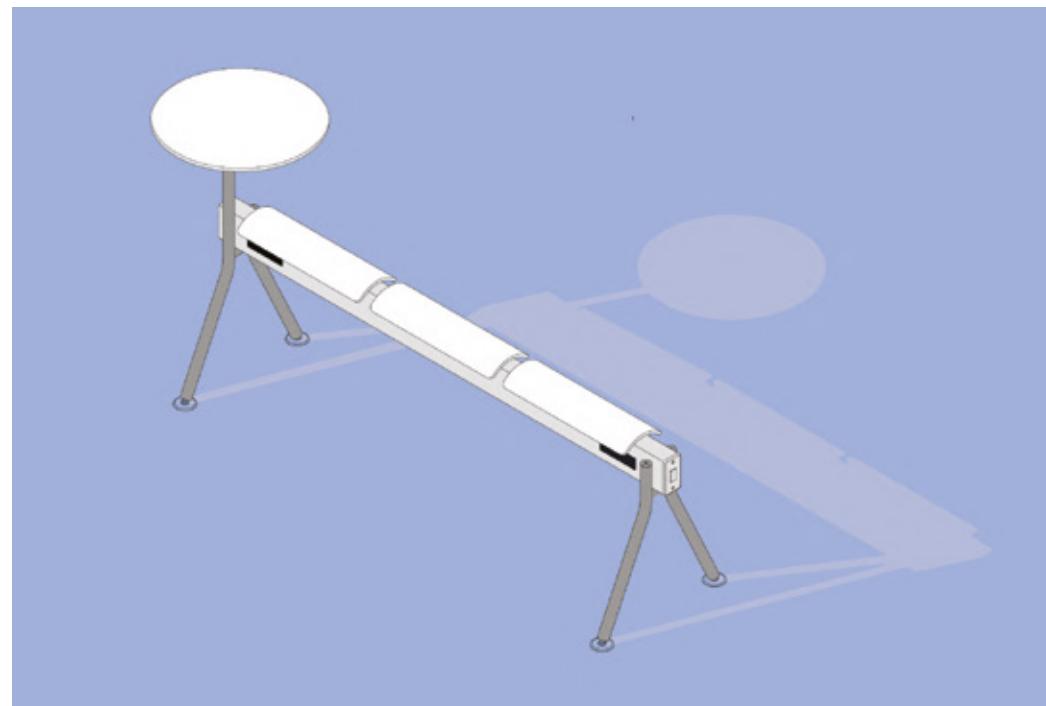
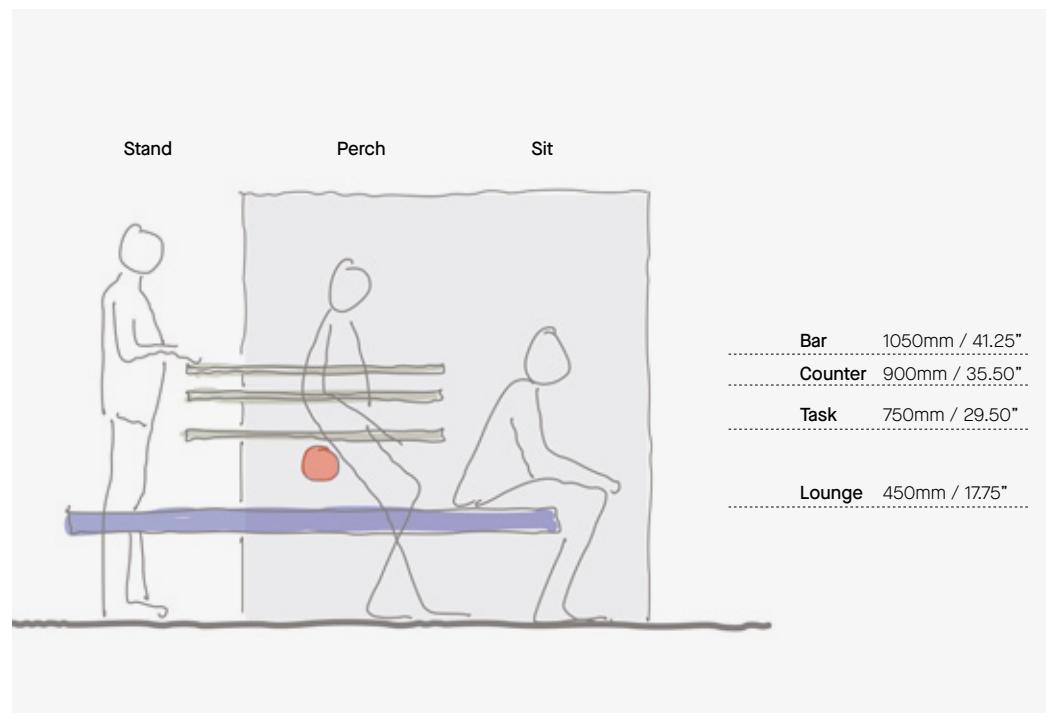
After those visits, a 36 month process was ignited between Pearson Lloyd and Senator.

What followed was an intense research and immersion project, to understand why. From Pedagogy to students, architects, procurement and facilities — a full 360 qualitative research project was undertaken.

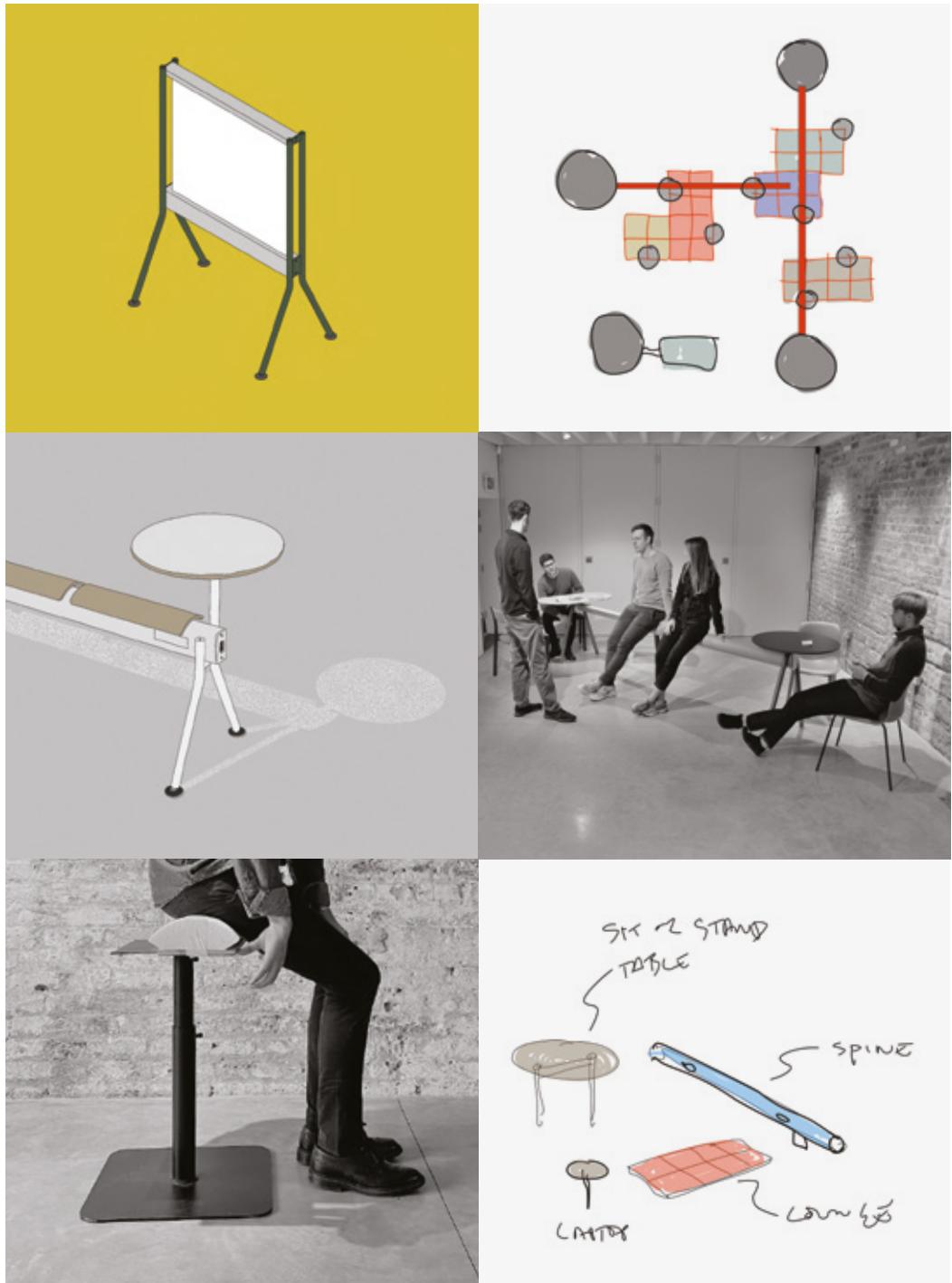
The research showed that the learning environments weren't sufficient to the Pedagogy and their delivery of their curriculum. Facilities constantly battle to deliver the operational and estate needs required but the current furniture procured isn't durable, repairable, or adaptable for the multi-disciplinary and hybrid way students learn and Pedagogy teach.

Students too expect more. There's now an increased expectation from students due to them being a consumer of education. How can you balance the combination of physical and digital learning to facilitate a campus and culture associated for post-C19 learning?

This insight informed the design principles which led to the creation of CoLab.



CoLab Design Principles



- 1. Next generation learning and work.**

Rooted in research into emerging paradigms in higher education, CoLab offers workspaces and institutions a versatile modular furniture system that empowers shared learning and collaboration.
- 2. Intelligent space**

CoLab creates agile, adaptable environments for dynamic learning, socializing, and collaborative work. The system provides freedom and flexibility to reconfigure spaces to meet the changing needs and modalities of groups, unlocking real estate potential by making space intelligent.
- 3. Sit, stand, or perch.**

CoLab's multi-posture design supports a variety of positions and movements, improving engagement and optimizing wellbeing. Pick the perfect posture to suit the task, then change when you need to inject fresh energy.
- 4. Power to everyone, everywhere**

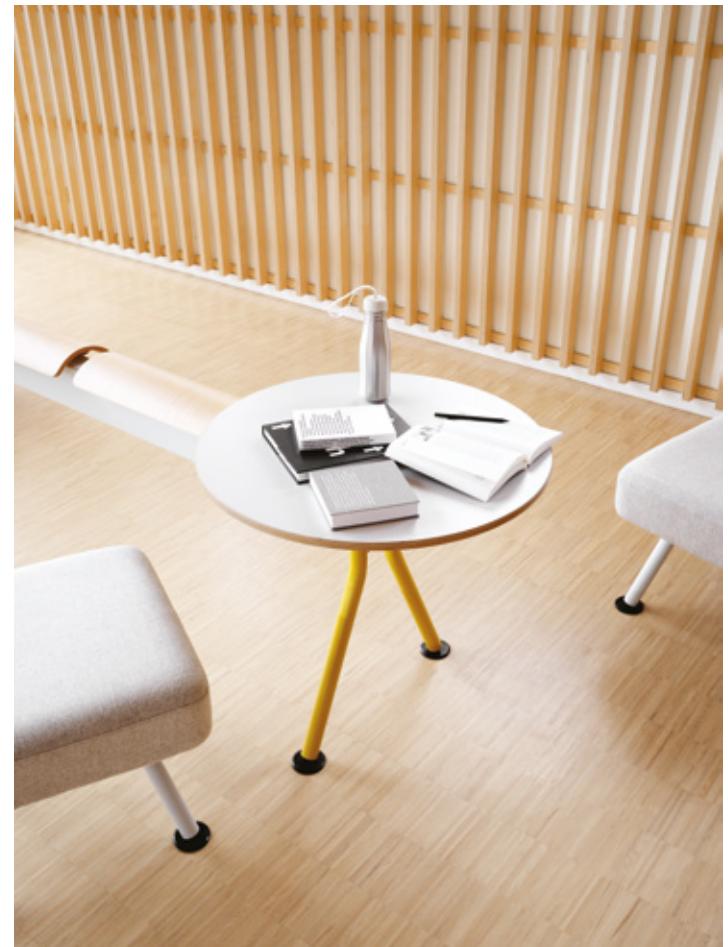
CoLab creates environments that support every mode of work, with an integrated power-distribution system to ensure a mains connection is always in easy reach. Thanks to power running through the central seating spine, workspaces are no longer tied to floor-box layouts.
- 5. Built for use.**

CoLab is constructed to combine the robustness and durability needed for everyday use, while maintaining the warm, welcoming aesthetic and engaging tactility of hospitality furniture.
- 6. Repairable and recyclable**

CoLab is designed in accordance with circular design principles, ensuring each component product in the system can be easily repaired. Exposed fixings promote ease of assembly, and simple on-site part replacement. Because no composite materials are used, any parts that do reach end-of-life can be recycled. This methodology of construction also facilitates the ease of remanufacturing and refurbishment.



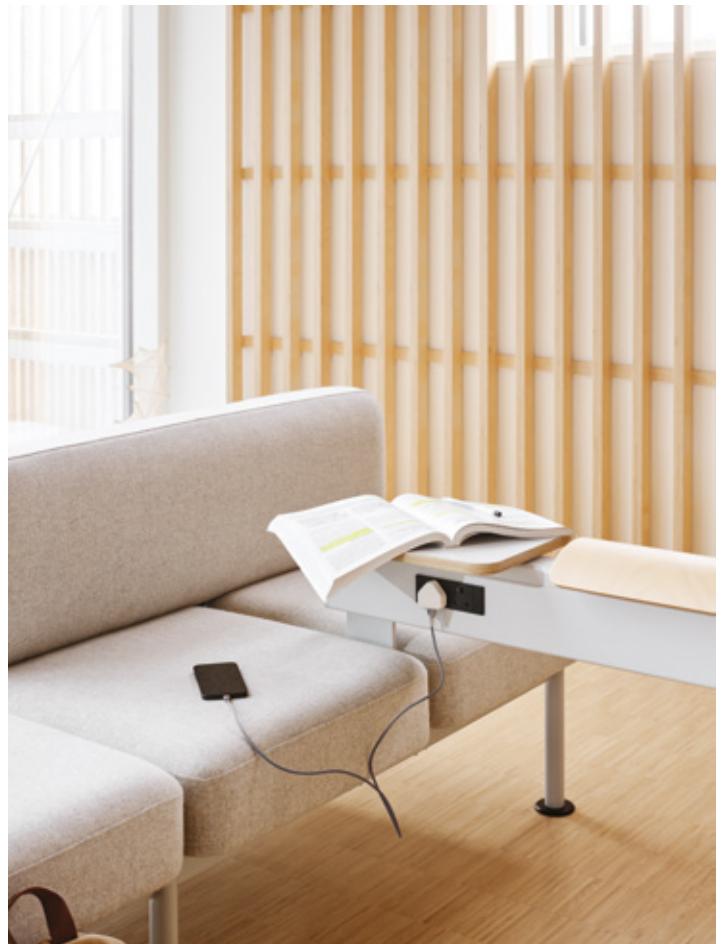




CoLab in Use







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CoLab Beam



CoLab Bench



CoLab Stackable Tables

CoLab Spaces



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CoLab Whiteboard



CoLab Fixed Desk



CoLab Soft Seating



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The Touchdown
— Setting Example One



The Workshop
— Setting Example Two



Third Space
— Setting Example Three



Team Space
— Setting Example Four



**The Seminar
— Setting Example Five**



**The Forum
— Setting Example Six**



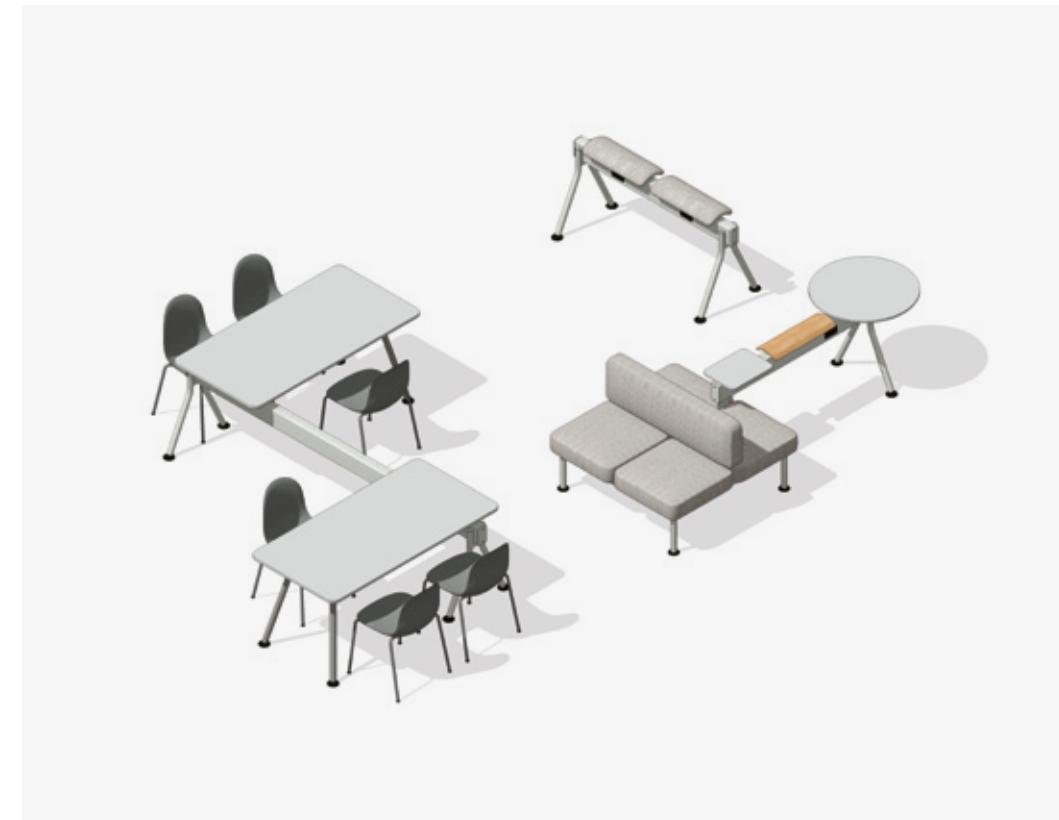
The Breakout
— Setting Example Seven



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The Hive
— Setting Example Eight



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The Classroom
— Setting Example Nine



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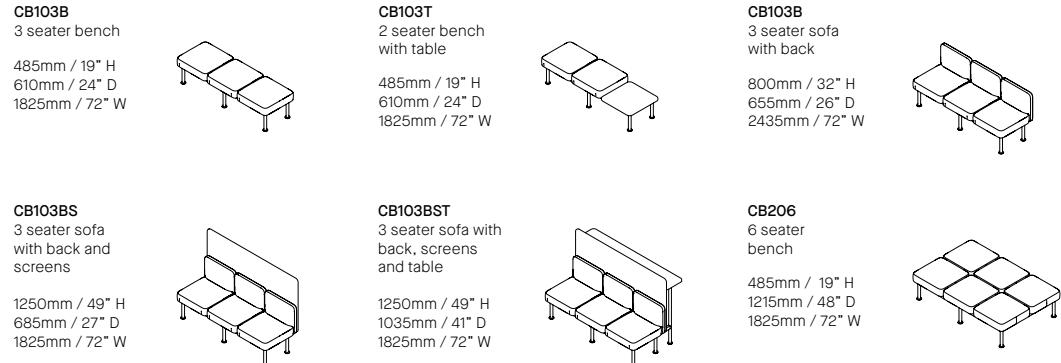
The Team Sprint
— Setting Example Ten



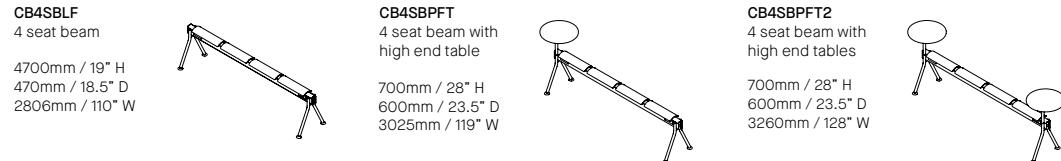
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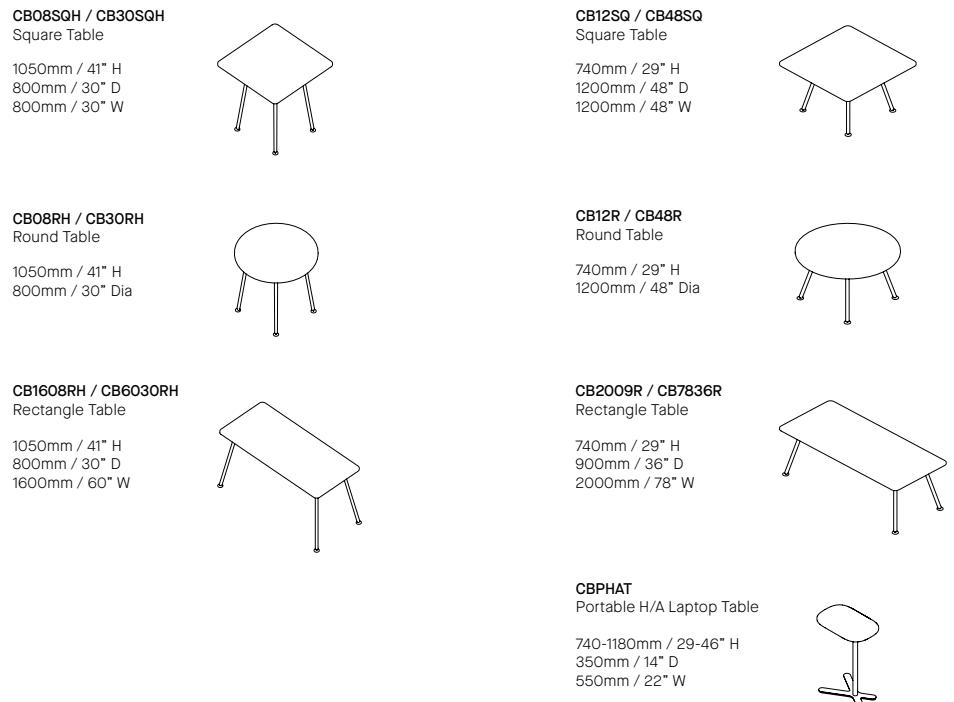
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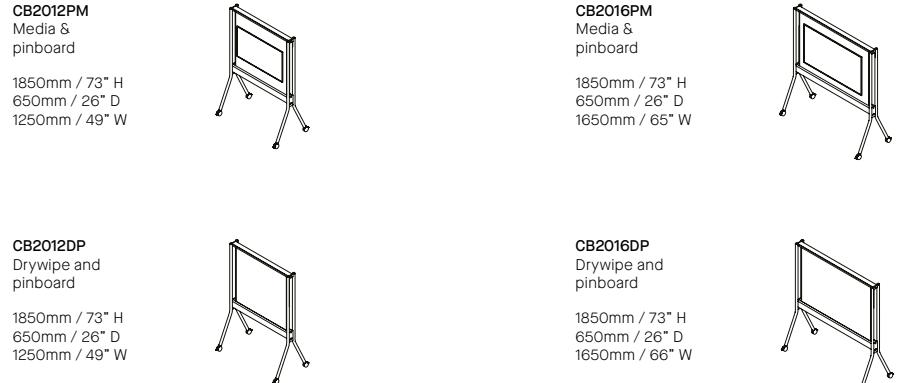
CoLab Beam-Table



CoLab Tables



CoLab Easel

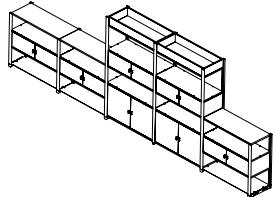


Associated products

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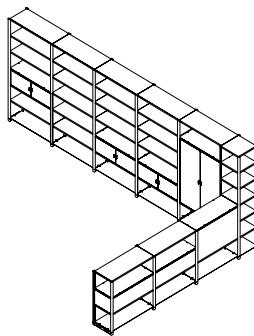
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Sholes SHL01



Roam ROM01



Mote MTE-BSF01



Array AR1407RC



Associated products

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KIN205

Kin Armchair, star base



Kin

KIN305

Kin Tub Chair, star base



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KIN502



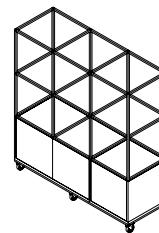
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