

I am a socially motivated and environmentally conscious architect, with experience of commercial, residential, and community projects ranging in size from small domestic extensions to major developments. I am seeking an opportunity to gain further experience as a project architect and work on projects which improve their surroundings and benefit communities and users.

In addition to my role as an Architect, I have acquired a keen interest in ongoing professional development, and have taken on the role of CPD coordinator in my current practice. This includes arranging regular CPD sessions and supporting my colleagues in their own development. During lockdown and home working, I also arranged regular virtual training sessions via teams/zoom.

I have also been developing my knowledge of the Principal Designer role, having undertaken the RIBA Principal Designer course, and have been using this new knowledge to input into my current practice's ongoing CDM strategy.

My software skills include AutoCAD, SketchUp, V-Ray, Adobe Creative Suite and Microsoft Office and Revit, and I am willing to undertake additional training in other software packages as necessary.

Qualifications

Feb 2020 - APEAS - ARB Part 3 Qualification

2014-2016 - University of Edinburgh - Master of Architecture

2010-2014 - University of Edinburgh - MA(Hons.) Architecture

Professional Experience

May 2017 - Present

Architect, McLaren Murdoch and Hamilton Ltd, Edinburgh

Projects Include:

Scout Hall Extension, Inverleith, Edinburgh

- Extension to a local Scout Hall to provide accessible facilities including expanded toilet provision and level access
- Involved at all RIBA stages, including Contract Administration (Minor Works Contract)
- Full design responsibility, working closely with a community client group

Double Car Dealerships, Stirling

- Commercial project for large motor retail chain
- Involved from RIBA Stage 4 to completion
- Supported lead architect at all stages, with responsibility for the Building Warrant process
- Assisted with contract administration (Standard Building Contract)

50 New Flats, Slateford, Edinburgh

- Large multi-storey residential development on brownfield site
- Involved from RIBA Stage 4 (currently on site)
- Responsibility for Building Warrant and responding to site queries
- Prepared and administered non-material variation application

Multiple residential projects for private clients, and commercial projects of varying sizes, including:

- Attic conversion and internal alterations in a conservation area (Cramond, Edinburgh)
- Several domestic extension schemes in Edinburgh and Fife
- Corporate identity updates to car showrooms for several manufacturers
- Major development planning application for a large commercial development

Oct 2013-Jan 2014

Architectural Placement, Fife Council

- Short-term placement during Part 1 qualification
- Gained experience working on several small public sector projects, including refurbishment of a council owned golf club house, and small works to various schools and nurseries

Project: Scout Hall Extension, Inverleith, Edinburgh

This project was to improve and extend a local Scout Hall to provide full accessibility and replace the original, limited sanitary provision.

The needs of all hall users were considered throughout the project, with the final design opting for a large unisex main toilet facility to allow flexibility in use, and provision of a large accessible toilet/shower room and separate baby changing facility.

A separate external access door was also provided to accommodate outdoor events independent of the main hall being open.

This was a very rewarding project, and the feedback of hall users about the improved facilities has been overwhelmingly positive.

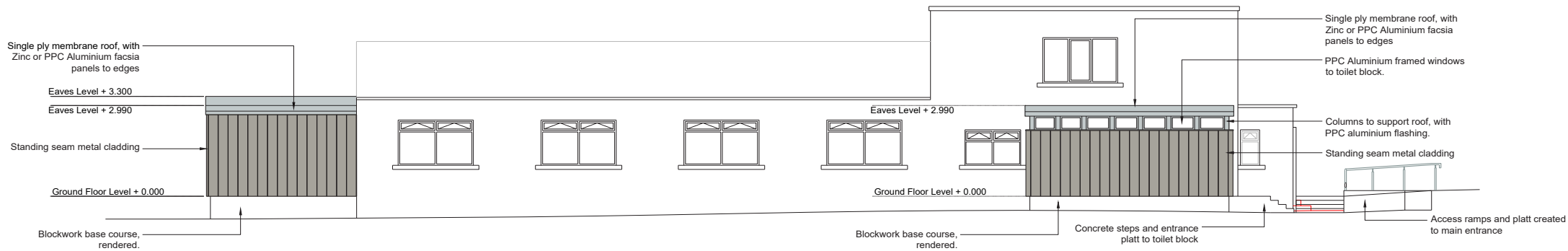
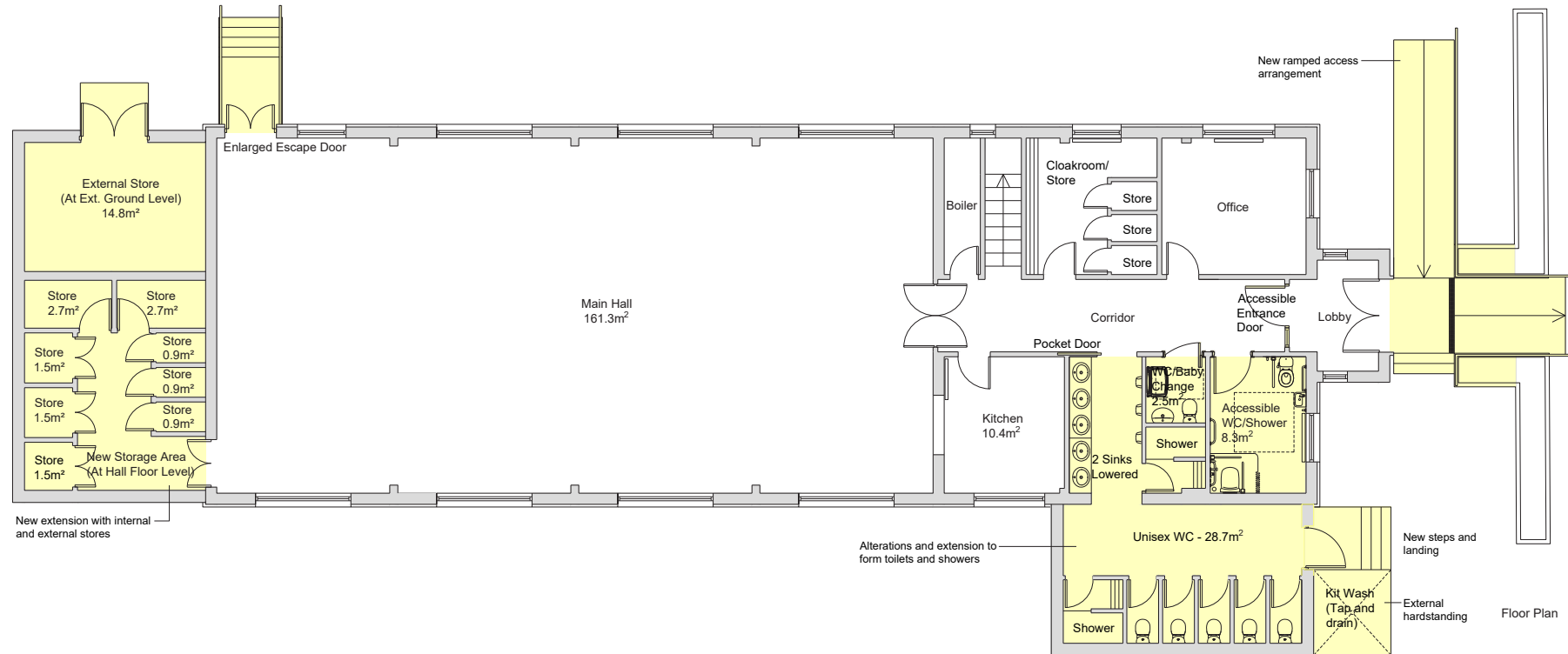
Having assessed the group's aspirations for the Scout Hall at large, I advocated a phased approach, with the new toilet block and accessibility works being the first phase of a larger project of improvement, including a further extension for storage. This has allowed the group to focus fundraising on one area at a time, and manage overall cost and disruption.

My involvement in this project began whilst working as an architectural assistant, and I took on the role of project architect, being wholly responsible for the design from inception to completion. For the construction stage I also had the role of Contract Administrator, preparing and administering a Minor Works contract for the project.

The on-site works were challenging, as all hall users needed to be kept aware of the works, with the main hall remaining open throughout most of the build.



New Toilet Block
Timber Frame with Zinc Cladding



NORTH ELEVATION

Project: Car Dealerships, Stirling

This project was to provide two new dealerships for a large Motor Retail group. Prior to my involvement, the project had received planning permission and stage 1 building warrant. The Nissan dealership was the first in Scotland to use their updated corporate identity, which brought challenges in implementation.

As an architectural assistant, I supported the project architect from Stage 4 through to practical completion. I was responsible for the Stage 2 (superstructure) building warrant application. This required a full review of the design to bring the planning drawings in line with Building Standards.

At this stage, I also coordinated closely with both car brands on the implementation of Corporate Identity elements, and communicated closely with other members of the design team.

During construction, I was given autonomy to attend site visits and meetings, and led a coordination meeting between the cladding and curtain walling subcontractors to manage the interface between packages.

I also came up with creative solutions to several issues encountered on site, including proposing a revised photo turntable bay to resolve sight line issues whilst minimising disruption to the ongoing works.

My role also included assisting the project architect with contract administration duties, preparing architect's instructions and valuations, and conducting site inspections, including the initial snagging visit.

The final finish of the two dealerships was to a very high standard, with both being regarded as flagship dealerships for their respective marques.





Project: Loft Conversion, Cramond, Edinburgh

This project was for private clients who needed more space for their growing family. Their existing bungalow only had two bedrooms, and they have one daughter and were expecting a second.

The clients were brought to us by a retired former practice member who had explored some sketch scheme option. I was given full responsibility for the project, with autonomy to work with the clients to develop the design prior to planning.

The project was situated within a conservation area, so I adopted a clean, modern style for the dormer windows, and suggested feature rooflight windows over the stairs to bring daylight into the heart of the home.

For the specification, I pushed for an approach of creating an improved insulation envelope, with high quality windows to allow glazing to be maximised whilst minimising heat loss and improving the overall efficiency of their home.

I administered a full tender process for the project, and assisted the client in choosing their preferred contractor, as well as preparing and administering the minor works contract throughout the build.

There were some small challenges during the build, mainly relating to the condition of the existing building, with a full electrical rewiring being added into the project whilst on site.

I kept a tight control on quality of the works, with the finished project being to a very high standard, and the clients continue to be very happy with their new living spaces, particularly their eldest daughter who is always keen to show off her new bedroom.





