

A Home For Humanity

Point of View

Born and raised in Egypt, moving to the United States was biggest and most challenging experience of my life. Leaving my home, my family and friends behind and starting a whole new life was a scary thought. A whole new world, new people, new language and a new culture. To a 12 year old kid, that transition can have a huge impact on their life. When my family first moved here, my mom made it a priority for me to improve my English, and what's a better way to improve your language than by speaking it with others. My mom found a community center where I can be surrounded by other kids my age who are also from different countries and are looking to improve their English as well. Not only did that force me to speak English, but also helped me understand that I am not the only kid with this new experience. I was able to learn about other cultures and their stories through events and gatherings. At that community center I made new friendships and it helped me feel more welcome to my new home.

Design Intent

Create a space of cultural intersection that celebrates diversity and using Exposure, transformation, and Juxtaposition to express a welcoming community.

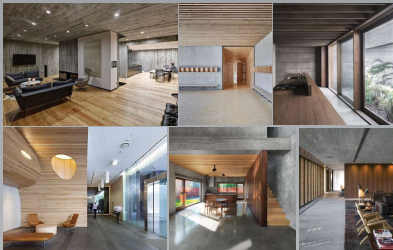
Qualifiers

Exposure Transformation Juxtaposition

Project Vehicle

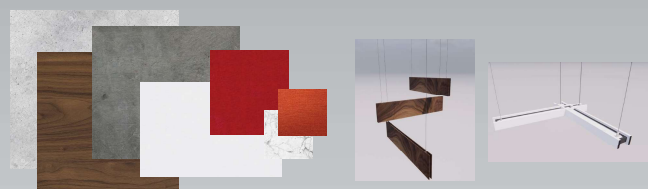
A community center for people from all over the world to come together, share their cultures and interact with one another through music, food, events, and many other activities. I want this to be a place where people can break barriers and build new friendships.

Visual Positioning



Materials

Lights



Building Info

South Lake Union Discovery Center
Location: Seattle, WA
Architect: Miller Hull
Size: 11,000 sq. ft.

Centrally located at the corner of Denny Way and Westlake Avenue N., the South Lake Union Discovery Center is ideal for community events, private party or corporate function. The Discovery Center is a stylish, flexible facility that offers a modern backdrop to complement an event, indoors or outdoors! The Discovery Center also offers a display devoted to the area's history, information about places to do business, and an interactive model of the entire neighborhood.



Program

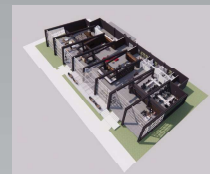
Gym:	2,000
Cafeteria:	1,000
Meeting/Event Room:	2,500
Game Room:	1,000
Multi Purpose Storage:	1,200
Office:	1,000
Entrance/Reception:	400
Restrooms/lockerroom:	1,500
Storage:	400

Total: 11,000 sq. ft.

INTERIOR DETAILS



Plan and Sections



Perspectives

