The ZDB Workshop

Workshop "Analysing Spaces" with art and design students



Academy Boardroom

At the Art and Design Academy the Faculty of Science has a boardroom.

The space contains no personal items. It is clearly scattered together. No one has thought it through design or social wise.

Is has only a few very old art pieces. The carpet is brown and dull. The void in the centre of the table is unreachable, and leaves all participants with no physical link across it. Everyone for themselves.

The ceiling is split so that one end (where the people are at the photo above) cannot see the ceiling of the other end, and viseversa. It suggests a secret or hidden agenda.



Lawyers Client Meeting Room

At the top of a 16 stories high rise is the prime client meeting room of a top lawyer of Lisbon. On two sides is a magnificent floor to ceiling window view of the town.

There are no lockers or cabinets. No mess, archive or paper. Only clearance and transperence. The carpet is crystal blue with no spots.

On the table are only a few office items such as cello tape, paper clips, staple gun and hole puncher – items to order papers.

The pleasant and light wood table connects all participants – it is both metaphorically and physically possible to shift ideas and items from one to another. All chairs are executive leather chairs.