

DESIGN THE STANDARD

An Interior Design Challenge by Standard Office Space Society

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1. Overview

Standard Office Space Society (SOSS) is a Kamloops-based non-profit that provides an inclusive, energetic, and supportive co-working community for entrepreneurs, remote workers, and digital nomads. Our purpose is to empower people at all stages of their careers by creating vibrant spaces that spark connection, collaboration, and growth.

We are relocating to a brand new second-floor space in a mixed-use building in Kamloops, BC, and we want this new home to be more than just a place to work — we want it to feel like somewhere people are genuinely excited to show up.

Design the Standard is an open design challenge inviting interior designers, creatives, students, and design enthusiasts to reimagine what a co-working space can look and feel like. We are looking for a full interior concept that transforms our new floor plan into an inspiring, functional, and welcoming environment that reflects the SOSS community.

2. The Space

The new Standard Office Space location occupies the second floor of a brand new mixed-use commercial building in Kamloops, BC. The floor plan has been designed to accommodate all existing tenants and to optimize revenue-generating potential, and will be provided to registered participants as part of the challenge brief package.

The layout is largely fixed; however, minor suggestions to the floor plan are welcome and will be considered.

Key Zones

The space includes the following areas, all of which must be addressed in the submission:

- Communal Working Area — open hot-desking and shared workspace; the social heart of the floor
- Reception — the first impression; welcoming members, guests, and prospective tenants

- Kitchen — a shared amenity space for breaks, informal conversations, and community
- Boardrooms / Presentation Space — flexible rooms for meetings, pitches, and events
- Private Offices — individual offices of varying sizes for dedicated tenants

3. Challenge Objectives

Participants are asked to develop a cohesive interior design concept for the entire second-floor space that achieves the following:

- Creates an environment that is inviting, inspiring, and energizing — a place where people genuinely want to come and work
- Reflects the values of Standard Office Space: inclusivity, energy, community, and entrepreneurial spirit
- Balances creativity with practicality, acknowledging that SOSS is a non-profit with real-world implementation constraints
- Supports the diverse needs of the SOSS community — from focused solo work to collaborative sessions and formal presentations
- Makes thoughtful use of colour, light, materials, furniture, and spatial flow to create a cohesive and distinctive identity for the space
- Considers accessibility, sustainability, and the long-term durability of finishes and furnishings

4. Who Can Enter

Design the Standard is open to everyone. We welcome entries from:

- Professional interior designers and design firms
- Emerging designers and recent graduates
- Architecture and design students
- Creative professionals from related disciplines (graphic design, set design, etc.)
- Anyone with a passion for design and a vision for the space

Submissions may be made by individuals or teams. There is no limit on team size. There is no entry fee.

5. Prizes & Recognition

As a non-profit society, Standard Office Space is proud to offer one main prize that reflects what we do best: building community, supporting entrepreneurs, and creating space for people to thrive. The Main Prize will include, at a minimum:

- A \$1,000 cash prize
- Complimentary co-working membership for 12 months at the new Standard Office Space location.
- Portfolio recognition, public promotion of their work through SOSS channels, and an invitation to the new location launch event.
- Public promotion and recognition at the NSBIA November Business Mixer hosted at SOSS.
- The winning design concept will be used to guide the interior fit-out of the new space. The winning designer(s) will be acknowledged publicly and may have the opportunity to be involved in the implementation process in an advisory capacity.

6. Submission Deliverables

All submissions must include the following components. Participants are encouraged to present their work in a polished, clearly organized format. All file types must be submitted digitally.

6.1 Design Concept Statement

A written narrative of 500–800 words explaining the overall design vision, the story behind the concept, and how it reflects Standard Office Space's identity and values. Describe how your design makes the space inviting, energizing, and functional for the SOSS community.

6.2 Mood Board

A single visual collage communicating the aesthetic direction of the concept. Should include colour palette, material and texture references, furniture style, lighting mood, and any thematic inspiration or precedent imagery.

6.3 Annotated Floor Plan

A 2D plan of the second floor (based on the provided floor plan) with annotations describing the design approach for each zone: communal workspace, reception, kitchen, boardrooms/presentation space, and private offices. Minor suggested changes to the floor plan should be clearly noted and explained.

6.4 Zone Renderings or Illustrated Perspectives

A minimum of three (3) and maximum of five (5) visual representations of key spaces within the design. These may be hand-drawn sketches, digital illustrations, collaged perspectives, or 3D renderings — all mediums and skill levels are welcome. At least one rendering must depict the communal working area.

6.5 Material & Finish Outline

A reference document identifying the proposed colours, surface finishes, flooring, and key furniture or fixture selections for the space. Product references or supplier suggestions are welcome but not required.

6.6 Budget Awareness Statement

A brief statement (100–200 words) acknowledging Standard Office Space's non-profit context and describing how the design balances creative ambition with realistic implementation. No formal cost estimate is required — this is an opportunity to demonstrate awareness and thoughtfulness.

6.7 Live Presentation

Shortlisted finalists will be invited to present their submission to the judging panel in person or virtually. Presentations will be 10–15 minutes in length, followed by a Q&A period of up to 10 minutes. Presentation format is flexible — slides, printed boards, or digital portfolio are all acceptable.

Submission Format
All materials (items 6.1–6.6) must be submitted electronically to the shared drive that is provided to registrants by SOSS.

7. Timeline

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| Registration & Submissions Open | June 15, 2026 |
| Submission Deadline | July 10, 2026 |
| Open House & Tour | Friday, Jun 26, 2026 from 3:00 - 4:00PM |
| Floor Plan & Brief Package Distributed | Within 2 business days of registration form received |
| Shortlist Announced | July 13 - 17, 2026 |
| Finalist Presentations | July 20 - 24, 2026 |
| Winner Announced | July 27 - 31, 2026 |
| New Location Opening | Early 2027 |

8. Resources Provided to Registered Participants

Upon successful registration, all participants will be given access to a shared folder and a Challenge Brief Package containing:

- Floor plan of the new second-floor space (PDF and DWG format)
- Standard Office Space brand guidelines (colours, logo, fonts)
- Overview of existing tenant types and typical usage patterns
- This challenge document for reference

SOSS will host an open house for participants to visit the existing Standard Office Space location at 348 Tranquille Rd, and the new location at 320 Tranquille Rd. to get a sense of the community and culture before developing their concept.

9. Judging Panel & Evaluation Criteria

Panel Composition

Submissions will be evaluated by a panel comprising Standard Office Space board members and community partners. Panel composition will be confirmed and communicated to all participants prior to the presentation stage.

Evaluation Criteria

| Criterion | Weight | What We're Looking For |
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| Concept & Vision | 25% | Strength and originality of the design idea; clarity of narrative; coherence of aesthetic direction across the whole space. |
| Alignment with SOS Values | 20% | How well the design reflects inclusivity, energy, community, and entrepreneurial culture. Does it feel like Standard Office Space? |
| Functionality & Livability | 20% | How well the design supports the diverse needs of SOSS members — focused work, collaboration, informal connection, and formal presentations. |
| Creativity & Inspiration | 15% | The ability of the space to uplift, motivate, and inspire the people who use it day to day. |
| Feasibility & Practicality | 10% | Realistic consideration of budget constraints, durability, accessibility, and implementation within a non-profit context. |
| Presentation Quality | 10% | Clarity, organization, and professionalism of the submission and the live presentation. |

10. Terms & Conditions

- The challenge is open to individuals and teams of any size. There is no registration fee.
- Participants must submit all required documents to their dedicated drive folder by July 10, 2026 to be considered for judging.
- All submitted work must be original and created by the registrant(s).
- By submitting, participants grant Standard Office Space Society a non-exclusive licence to reproduce and display submitted work for promotional purposes, with attribution to the designer(s).
- Intellectual property of submitted designs remains with the designer(s). The winning design will be used as a reference and guide for the fit-out; any formal engagement of a designer for implementation will be subject to a separate agreement.
- The judging panel's decisions are final.
- Standard Office Space Society reserves the right to amend the timeline or terms and will communicate any changes to all registered participants promptly.

11. How to Register

Ready to Design the Standard?

Registration is free and open to all. To register, **please complete the following form:**

<https://forms.gle/pJK4zYd6Ebne1yZu9>

You will receive a confirmation and the Challenge Brief Package within 2 business days of your registration form being submitted.

Questions? Reach us at hey@standardoffice.space or visit standardofficespace.ca

Let's build something the whole community can be proud of.