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CPD Overview

Established quality manufacturer of hinges, drawer systems & lift mechanisms with soft close action. Predominant supplier to the UK Kitchen industry. Full range of products to accommodate handleless design.

Our focus is not on assessing feasibility, but on creating benefits for you. Because it is not about our ideas. It is about enabling yours. We work together with you. We rack our brains to develop and pioneer the future. And deliver solutions that best meet your needs. Let's talk together – about new ideas and solutions for a better quality of living.

Architectural and Design Channel Manager:
Amanda Hughes

Working with the Blum research and development team, Amanda is an advocate for human centric design, helping to create inspiring spaces that work with the needs of the individual. A professional chef and CX expert, Amanda is now focused on education within the built environment, delivering lectures and workshops to those wanting a better understanding of ageing and accessibility. Involved with the R.S.A design challenge programme, and also a judge for the KBB Innovation Awards, Amanda champions universal, innovative design to improve the quality of our living spaces.

"How can we, as Architects and designers, support this shift in our approach to age and improve the quality of our living spaces, now and for future generations, at any age and at every stage of life?"

The design and function of furniture differ depending on living area. Our comprehensive range offers the right fittings solution for many different living and working worlds.

Contact Amanda to book an empathy lecture for you, your team, or your clients and to chat about industry trends, securing samples, or for advice on specifying components for bespoke furniture.



Available CPD Material (5)



Multiple formats

Ergonomics and Aging in the Built Environment - Designing for an aging population.

This CPD is Episode 3 of 5. Designing domestic interiors for an aging population. Join Amanda Hughes from Blum UK as she explores the challenges this sector face and how can we improve designs and support the "aging at home" model.

We look at the current data sets, how we age and the impact this has on the quality of our living spaces. Aging is an opportunity for creating inspired and innovative solutions to common problems.

By the end of this CPD delegates should:

1. Have an overview of global aging studies, the current data picture, and future predictions.
2. Understand the physiological changes that happen as we age.
3. Have an understanding of the challenges in this sector and the design solutions to adopt to overcome these.
4. Know the limitations of the current "Box Method" of domestic furniture design and why it is not a viable option.

Material type: Online Learning, Seminar

RIBA Core Curriculum: **Inclusive environments**

Knowledge level: General Awareness



NLU - Door Opening Technology (for Quality Kitchen Specification)

This seminar will provide information on:

- Important factors that influence the selection and specifying of concealed hinges
- Special features available to enhance appeal of functional hardware
- Solutions for special cabinet requirements
- Testing standards/Health and Safety relevant to concealed hinges
- Forthcoming developments in cabinet hardware

Material type: Seminar

RIBA Core Curriculum: **Design, construction and technology**

Knowledge level: General Awareness



NLU - Automated Opening for Handle Free Furniture

This seminar will provide:

- An overview of application areas for motorised hardware
- Details of functionality for automated drawers and lift mechanisms
- Information on safety considerations and legal requirements for this style of product
- Information on how to achieve a handle free kitchen design

Material type: Seminar

RIBA Core Curriculum: **Design, construction and technology**

Knowledge level: General Awareness



NLU - Drawer Systems (for quality kitchen specification)

- Overview of application areas for drawer systems to suit base cabinets
- Details of various accessories and features available for drawer systems
 - Safety considerations for this style of product
 - How the product can maximise storage space and improve ergonomics in a kitchen

Material type:

Seminar

RIBA Core Curriculum:

Design, construction and technology

Knowledge level:

General Awareness



NLU - Lift Mechanisms (for Quality Kitchen Specification)

This seminar provides:

- An overview of application areas for lift mechanisms to suit wall cabinets
- Details of functionality and various geometries available for lift mechanisms
- Safety considerations for this style of product
- Important factors to consider when specifying

Material type:

Seminar

RIBA Core Curriculum:

Design, construction and technology

Knowledge level:

General Awareness

Classifications

Subject/Product Areas (CI/SfB)

Fittings

Furniture and accessories > Furniture accessories

RIBA Core Curriculum areas

Inclusive environments

Knowledge level: *General Awareness*

Design, construction and technology

Knowledge level: *General Awareness*