

THE LIVING LABS, LLC



The living labs is an interdisciplinary studio that integrates architecture, social science, and participatory design to create spaces with public value and social utility. We prototype solutions at all scales and with specific communities in mind; focusing on sustainable systems, education, public housing, public art, and interactive exhibitions that foster creativity and problem solving.

OUR VISION

No matter the program, we believe public spaces should be more than functional—they should be transformative, imaginative, thought provoking, inspiring. By combining architectural design with social science, we uncover the cultural, historical, and emotional dimensions of place to create environments that foster collective well-being.



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

Unlike traditional architecture firms, we don't just design for communities and our partner institutions—we design with them. We believe great design is the outcome of many ideas and many perspectives.

Using field research, we engage residents, local organizations, and policy-makers to co-create solutions that are innovative, inclusive, and grounded in lived experience.

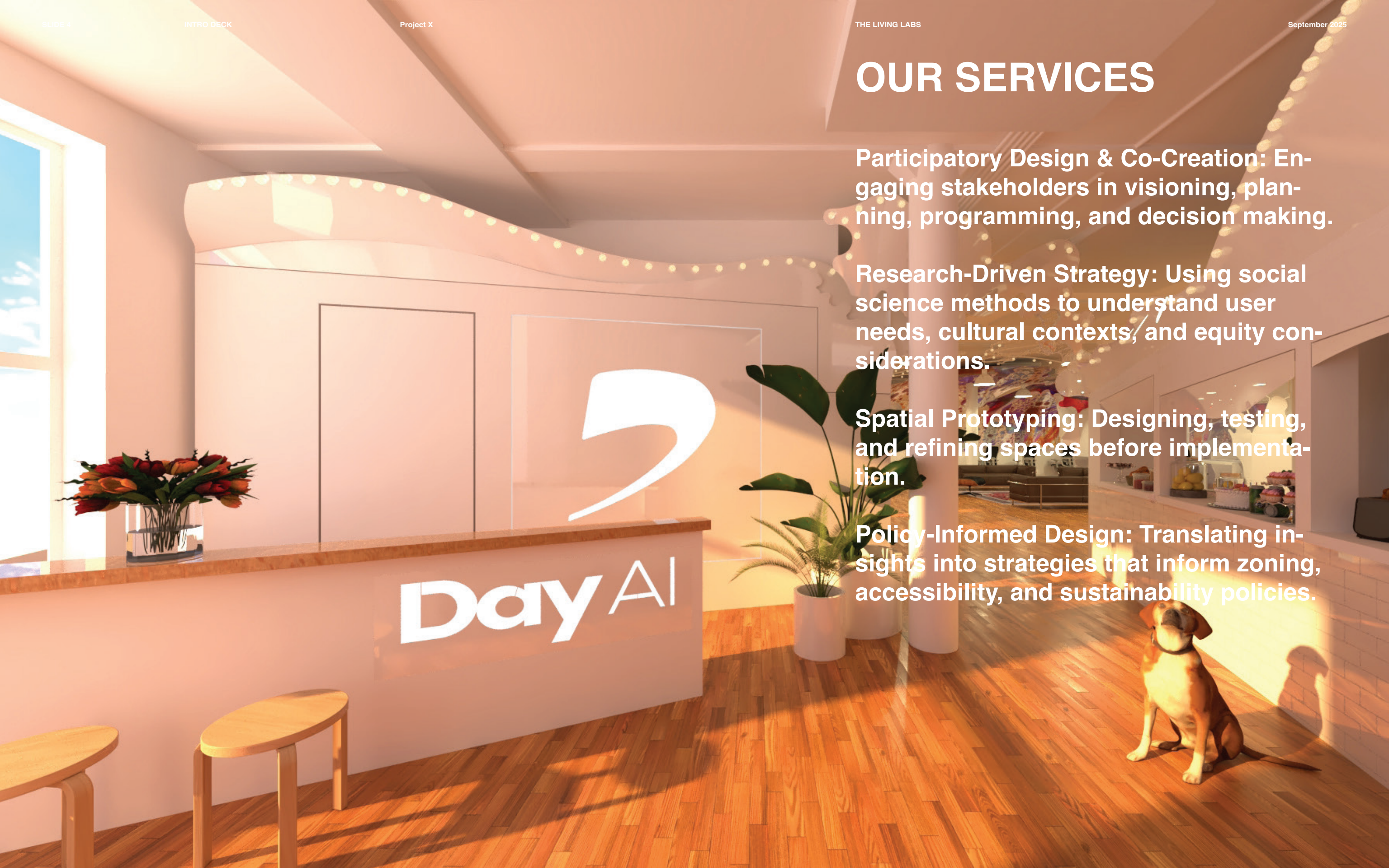
OUR SERVICES

Participatory Design & Co-Creation: Engaging stakeholders in visioning, planning, programming, and decision making.

Research-Driven Strategy: Using social science methods to understand user needs, cultural contexts, and equity considerations.

Spatial Prototyping: Designing, testing, and refining spaces before implementation.

Policy-Informed Design: Translating insights into strategies that inform zoning, accessibility, and sustainability policies.



WHY WORK WITH LL?

Cities, Institutions, nonprofits, and community-based developers are seeking human-centered design first and foremost. We merge architecture, urbanism, and social science research to create projects which adapt to the evolving needs of our clients and constituents.

We are invested in the future of entertainment, the future of public space, the future, the future STEAM and STEAM education; and we see both humans and technology at the nexus of all of these endeavors.



CALL TO ACTION

The Living Labs, LLC is seeking mission-aligned investors, partners, and collaborators to:

1. Fund flagship living lab projects that demonstrate our regenerative design approach.
2. Co-develop partnerships with municipalities, nonprofits, and educational institutions.
2. Scale innovation in community-driven, evidence-based design across the U.S. and globally.



OUR TEAM

Dr. Maaz Gardezi (Co-Founder) Environmental sociologist, participatory design researcher, and expert in computational social science. Leads living labs that integrate policy, regenerative practices, and community design.

Ben Pennell (Co-Founder): Architect specializing in sustainable, community-driven spaces that blend aesthetics with resilience.