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From Oxford Street to Oast House, lighting designer Eleni Shiarlis knows how lighting can bring out the best interior and exterior space in an energy efficient way. She tells us about the work of her Brighton-based company ...



The Designer

Following her degree in design, Eleni Shiarlis quickly progressed to consulting for a renowned UK design company, where she gained invaluable experience on a variety of high profile projects.

Today, based in Brighton, Eleni Shiarlis Lighting is proud to list an international, residential and commercial client base including exterior retail facades on Oxford Street, London, and the Moscow flagship store for a leading mobile phone company. The company's services include bespoke illumination concepts, enhancing existing schemes and sourcing innovative fittings. 'Every project brings with it different challenges,' says Eleni, 'but whether starting from scratch or simply renovating, the company applies the same ethic – the design must complement the client's vision perfectly.'

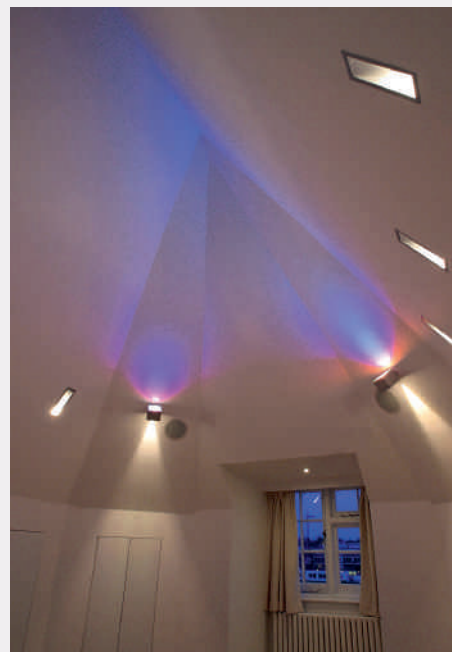
THE company strives to use the most up-to-date, cost-effective and environmentally-friendly technologies. Eleni says that passive infrared sensors are a great way to ensure energy efficiency in the home, particularly in utility rooms, hallways and landings, as well as for exterior lighting. There are also a large range of compact fluorescent lamp types available, even spot light replacements and 'dimmer' versions. Eleni asserts that "the most important factor about energy efficient lamps is to make sure you recycle them." You can do this by taking them to a registered collection point such as Select Electrical at Teville Place, Worthing.

Eleni stresses that designer lighting needn't cost the earth. Pre-construction planning of a lighting system is far more cost-effective and can prevent problems later.

For her most recent project, the Oast House in Sussex, Eleni worked with an interior designer to make the most of the listed period building, enhancing the detail without affecting the oak beam ceilings. She decided to stay away from conventional lighting and accentuate the exposed brickwork.

Her other latest projects include designer garden lighting and commercial properties, as well as bar and restaurant interiors and exterior landscaping – transforming any space into a perfect retreat.

For more information on Eleni Shiarlis Lighting go to www.eslightingdesign.co.uk or contact 01273 415254





Opposite page, top: Demonstrating the effect of coloured light in the interior of a penthouse in Hove

Middle and bottom: With the trend to make outdoor space into an additional room, Eleni has used IP54 exterior low voltage adjustable spotlights to highlight the natural forms as well the colour and texture of the materials used in the garden of this luxury property in Hove

This page, above: Sussex Oast House at dusk, showing the use of IP54 exterior mains voltage wall lights

Left: A feature is made of the exposed brickwork and beams using interior up and down wall lights