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Fishtown Web Design Firm Moves Into New Green Office

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(Credit: Yikes, Inc.)

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) – A Fishtown web design is doing its part to make the 19125 zip code, the “greenest” zip code in the city. Today, the office officially opens for use. The grand opening is in October.

Tracy Levesque is co-president of Yikes, a web design and development company that recently decided to move out of its old offices and into new ones. But then LeVesque and her partner saw two long-vacant buildings on East Girard Avenue.

“When we found them, they were a wreck, they were a mess, but I loved them. I saw the potential in these building, so we bought them and decided to do green rehab of these buildings, so that when they are completed, they will be certified LEED. We’re going for certified platinum.”

That means a lot of the materials were reclaimed, “A lot of the framing materials came from struck-down movie sets, such as the Last Airbender. We also have all the interior doors are reclaimed from architectural salvage. The floors are reclaimed from bleacher boards in Pennsylvania, actually a high school.”

LEED platinum is the highest green certification you can get. LeVesque says the buildings were given tight, new insulation and high efficiency heating and air systems.

Reported by Kim Glovas, KYW Newsradio 1060

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