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EXPERIENCE  
DESIGN



*Semester One*

# TIME BASED MEDIA

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Experience Design is the practice of designing products and environments with a focus placed on the quality of the user's experience and feelings. User experience includes interaction design, information architecture, user research and the facets of the overall experience delivered <sup>1</sup>.

## EXPERIENCE DESIGN



Year 4 semester I

Research	20%
Print	35%
Digital	35%
Presentation	10%

1. <https://www.qualtrics.com/blog/what-is-experience-design/>



As part of the module Experience Design, students were given a brief to address a problem with space and identity within the creative wing that exists in the School of Engineering. The brief describes TUS Athlone's strategy to integrate all creative courses under the creation of a new department to be housed in the main School of Engineering building. TUS Athlone recognizes the key role they play in the development of the young creative students in the college, and they believe that the environment in which students are being educated should highlight the key roles that these courses play within the University and beyond.

A creative work environment can lead to better engagement in the workplace and can increase productivity. It can also do a lot for people's mental well-being. It can also help draw out what is already there within.<sup>2</sup>

The current situation in TUS Athlone is that there are three main creative stands Illustration and Animation, Graphic and Digital Design, Music and Sound Engineering. These stand alone and are not integrated the way a design school might be expected to have them integrated. The purpose of the brief is for students to create the name for this department, design a promotional broadsheet which represents all the courses equally, to redesign the infrastructure of the Engineering building and to make a thirty second promotional piece.

2. <https://fellow.app/blog/productivity/constructing-a-creative-work-environment-benefits/>

→ VS TUS

Introduction



← NOT an obvious gallery - quite boring.



→ NO obvious entrance to design department → everything looks the same.

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# AIMS

The aims are to design a suitable, new environment for creative students, potential students and lecturers to meet, work and exchange ideas and to represent the creative courses in the University. The brief asks to create the name for this department, a promotional \*broadsheet which represents all the courses equally, the infrastructure of the engineering building which will inspire, create a presence and allow collaboration to exist, and a thirty second promotional piece. The brief stresses that all the courses must have an equal voice in the design.

# OBJECTIVES

To achieve the aims, the following objectives must be realised: to explore, analyse and photograph the current building environment; to analyse the creative courses listed in the brief; to research color theory; and to research the psychology behind creative spaces and environments; to do a comparative analysis of other creative hubs and space; and to experiment with type and colour.

# THE BRIEF

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Animation and Illustration  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

**"Technology inspires art, and art ch**

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This vibrant sector has huge potential and ca  
business areas such as manufacturing and tou  
key roll we provide in the development/educ  
a new beginning within in the University, our  
under the one umbrella/the creation of a nev  
Engineering". Creating a culture of collaborat  
Re-think, redesign this environment within th  
statement/strategy that highlights the key rol  
and beyond. Make the invisible visible.

### *Aim/Requirements:*

1. Create the name for this department.
2. Branding: A promotional roadsheet which  
Max size of final solution n bigger then A2 or  
count that deals with information for incor
3. The infrastructure/building: inspire, create a  
So examine the use/layout of the building. (
4. 30 Second promotional piece.

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Remember all courses with your design mu



1 The design thinking process is concerned with solving complex problems in a highly consumer centric way. It questions the problems, questions the assumptions and questions the implications. This design process can be broken down into five phases: empathize, define, ideate, prototype and test.

Empathy is a critical starting point for successful design solutions. It is important to understand who you are designing for. Understanding consumer needs and attitudes is key in uncovering opportunities for design. This involves observing and engaging with human beings to truly internalize their experience on an emotional and psychological level.<sup>3</sup>

To begin this design phase, the brief was read thoroughly and key points such as the briefs requirements were highlighted.

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WHAT MAKES A GOOD  
CREATIVE ENVIRONMENT?

3. <https://www.ama.org/marketing-news/the-5-phases-of-design-thinking/>

# THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPACE.

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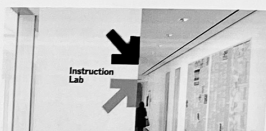
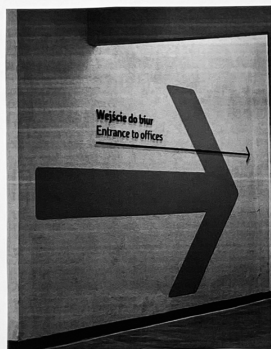
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The "construal level theory" (CLT) → the observation/perception of things far away from us stimulates abstract thinking. Nearby objects/concepts, on the other hand, stimulate a concrete and detail-orientated mindset. The most common method of enlarging interior space beyond its enclosing walls is to open it up to the outside by means of windows, french doors and screens. Windows looking onto a blank wall won't deliver the same psychological benefits as looking into the distance. Give the occupant an oblique view to the outside. An element of interior space that has been studied for its influence on creative thinking is ceiling height. According to a 2009 study, people perform better at tasks requiring creative problem-solving skills under ceilings 10ft or higher compared to 8ft ceilings. You might still be able to manipulate the perceived physical properties of your room to achieve the desired effect. Eg - a space decorated with vertically striped wallpaper will appear taller than the same space painted in a solid colour. Colour your surrounding walls blue/green.

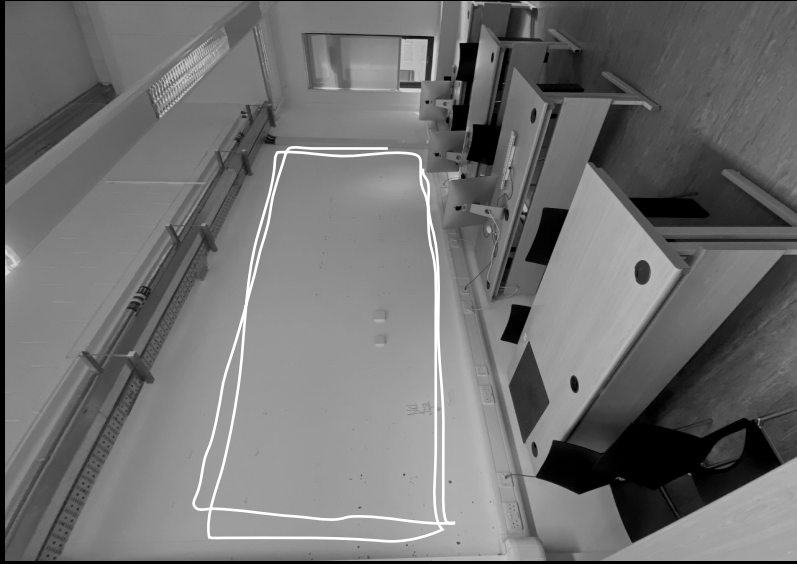
# RESEARCH



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# PRIMARY RESEARCH

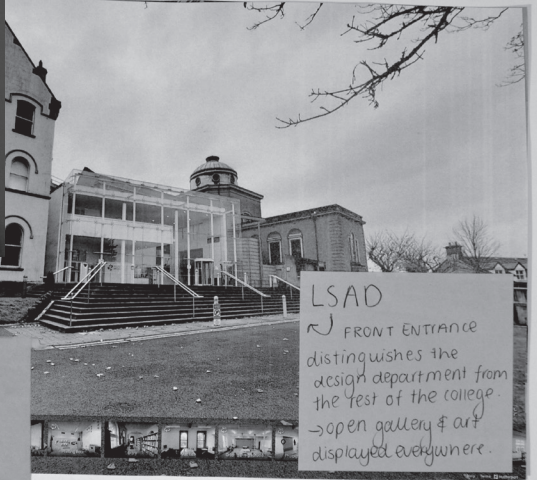


# ← CURRENT BUILDING

To gather firsthand information of the current creative spaces, photographs were taken of the building, and feedback was acquired from other students that are in the engineering building regularly on their thoughts of the interior of the building. Taking photographs is an important type of primary research as they provide a visual record of a moment in time.<sup>4</sup> These pictures prove valuable during the research stage as I can refer to them when designing the new interior. Talking to fellow students about how they feel in the present creative space. Information gathered from students leads to the conclusion that the environment of the current engineering building is boring and quite hard to navigate through.

4. <https://www.churchillarchiveforschools.com/guide-to-primary-sources/photographs>

VE HUBS.



LSAD

↪ FRONT ENTRANCE

distinguishes the  
design department from  
the rest of the college.  
→ open gallery & art  
displayed everywhere.



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LSAD

↪ Again, entrance  
distinguishes it as the  
design department.

→ also has open gallery  
+ art displayed  
everywhere



I went on to also look into other creative hubs such as LSAD and NCAD so a comparison could be made between the spaces. This research led to the realization that other creative hub spaces tend to show off their students work by having galleries in the college that is open to the public, and improved spaces that allow students to be creative.

# OVERVIEW OF COURSES. (A.T.I.E)

## ① GRAPHIC + DIGITAL DESIGN ADD ON BA (HONS)

- work with a variety of media
- utilise different communication tools to convey a message/idea.
- work placement.
- studio, professional practice + critical theory.
- TECHNOLOGY

Week Two

## ② GRAPHIC DESIGN (BA)

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## ③ GRAPHIC + DIGITAL DESIGN BA (HONS)

→ PORTFOLIO

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## ④ MUSIC + sound engineering

→ sound engineering, instrument technology, imaging, professional development.

→ "MASE"

→ practical work

→ instrument craft + design

→ PORTFOLIO

→ video/animation development

→ work placement

→ communication module

## ⑤ ANIMATION + illustration BA (HONS)

→ independent + collaborative learning

→ IT skills

→ critical reasoning

→ emphasis on both arts

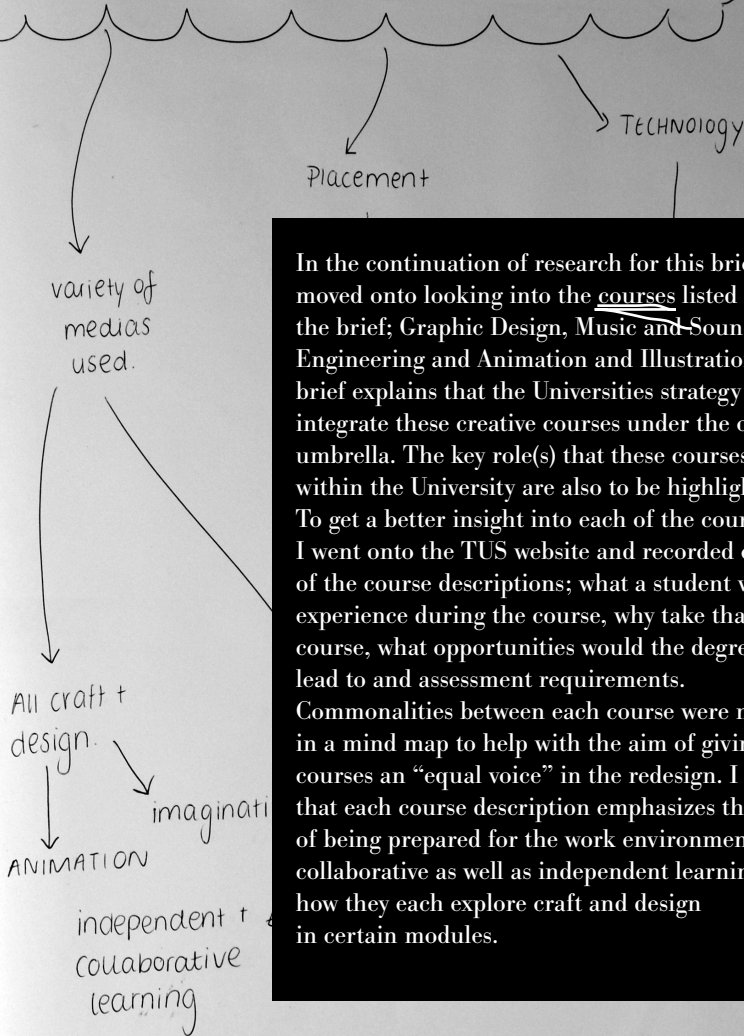
→ imaginative

→ PORTFOLIO

→ studio work



# WHAT DO THESE COURSES HAVE IN COMMON?



In the continuation of research for this brief I moved onto looking into the courses listed on the brief; Graphic Design, Music and Sound Engineering and Animation and Illustration. The brief explains that the Universities strategy is to integrate these creative courses under the one umbrella. The key role(s) that these courses play within the University are also to be highlighted. To get a better insight into each of the courses, I went onto the TUS website and recorded each of the course descriptions; what a student would experience during the course, why take that course, what opportunities would the degree lead to and assessment requirements. Commonalities between each course were noted in a mind map to help with the aim of giving the courses an "equal voice" in the redesign. I noted that each course description emphasizes the idea of being prepared for the work environment, collaborative as well as independent learning and how they each explore craft and design in certain modules.

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perception of physical space. The extent of our intellectual openness to new ideas, our sense of surrounding space, the more prone we are to generating original and useful concepts for new products, services, and methods.<sup>5</sup>

Along with this, the psychology of space and color theory was reviewed. There are so many factors that come to play when considering the design of an effective creative environment. It was learned that people generate more ideas and useful solutions to creative problems when they are at home than in any other environment. Our mental space stands in direct proportion to our perception of physical space. Mental space means the extent of our intellectual openness to new ideas. The more expansive our sense of surrounding space, the more prone we are to generating original and useful concepts for new products, services, and methods.<sup>5</sup> The Construal Level Theory (CLT) is the perception of things far away from us stimulate abstract thinking. Nearby objects, on the other hand, stimulate a concrete and detail-oriented mindset. This research was beneficial in considering design aspects of the interior of the creative realm.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> <https://medium.com/s/how-to-design-creative-workspaces/how-to-use-the-psychology-of-space-to-boost-your-creativity-1fe6432ef687>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.medium.com>

<sup>7</sup> <https://99designs.ie/blog/tips/the-7-step-guide-to-understanding-color-theory/>

# THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SPACE.

Week Two

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The "construal" of things far away, objects/concepts, detail-orientation, enlarging interior up to the outside.

I also learned that colour theory is a collection of rules and guidelines which designers use to communicate with users through appealing colour schemes. Designers use a colour wheel and refer to extensive collected knowledge about human optical ability, psychology, culture, and more. A colour that can evoke one reaction in one person may evoke one reaction in another person due to culture, prior association or even just personal preference. This research also led to valuable factors to consider when designing the building interior.

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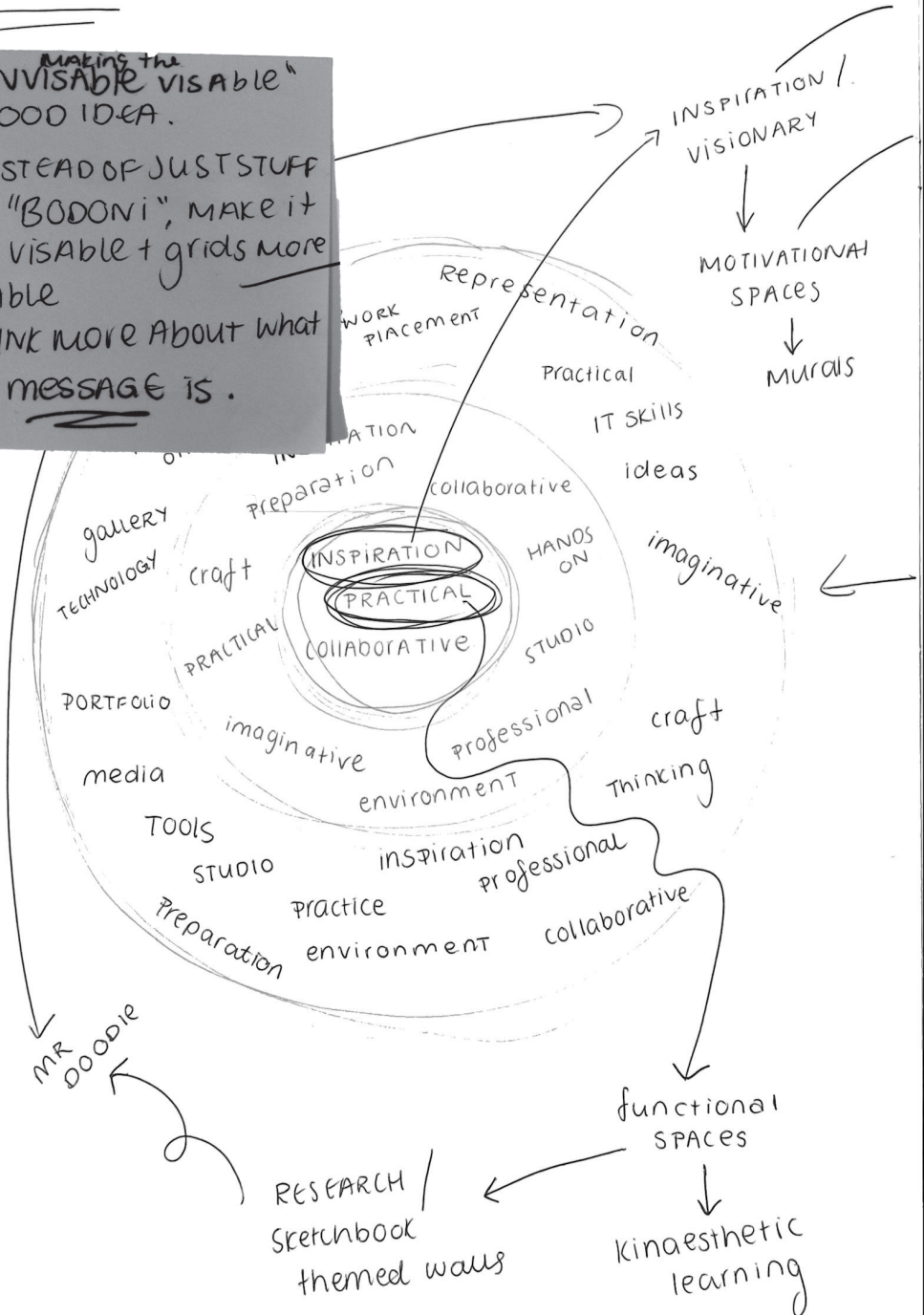
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# THEME BRAINSTORM.

→ "INVISIBLE <sup>Making the</sup> VISABLE"  
GOOD IDEA.

→ INSTEAD OF JUST STUFF  
like "BODONI", MAKE IT  
LESS VISABLE + grids MORE  
VISIBLE

→ THINK MORE ABOUT WHAT  
the MESSAGE IS.



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I brainstormed possible themes for the redesign of the creative department. Using a mind map method, advised by lecturers, two circles were drawn out, each with twenty words contained. One circle was words to describe emotions associated with the environment and how I would like students and lecturers to feel, and the other circle contained words associated with actions that may take place in the environment. This exercise allowed me to narrow down all these words to three words in both circles that I liked the most and that I thought would make up to be a possible theme. My words were narrowed down to inspiration, practical, collaborative, visionary, discovery and energetic. It allowed me to write down how I want the space to be experienced. From these words I created two different themes to work with. One being an "inspirational" theme, where the environment would consist of motivational quotes and areas designated for students to go to be creative away from the classroom. The other theme is a "research" theme, where the walls would show aspects of information from different courses that students can relate to. For example, the graphic design sections walls could depict type anatomy and grid structures. Once the themes were decided, I began looking at visual inspiration on Pinterest of creative hub spaces, office spaces and wall designs. Pinterest acts as a useful visual aid and can be used as a locus of digital collecting. It also allows us to learn from other people's designs.

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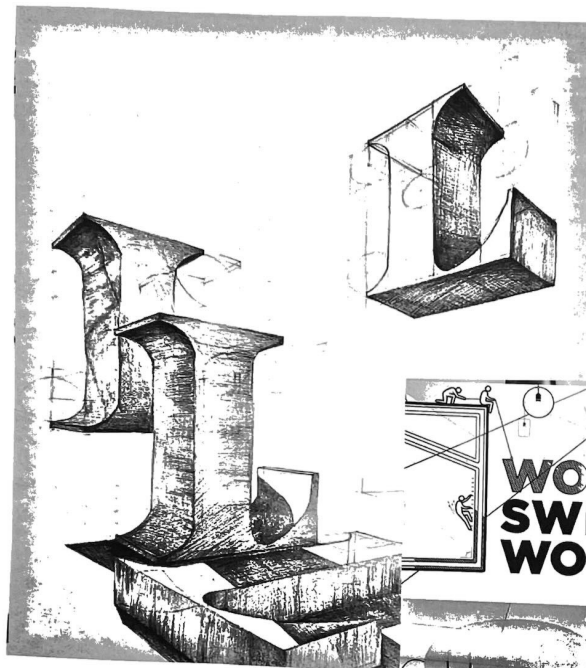
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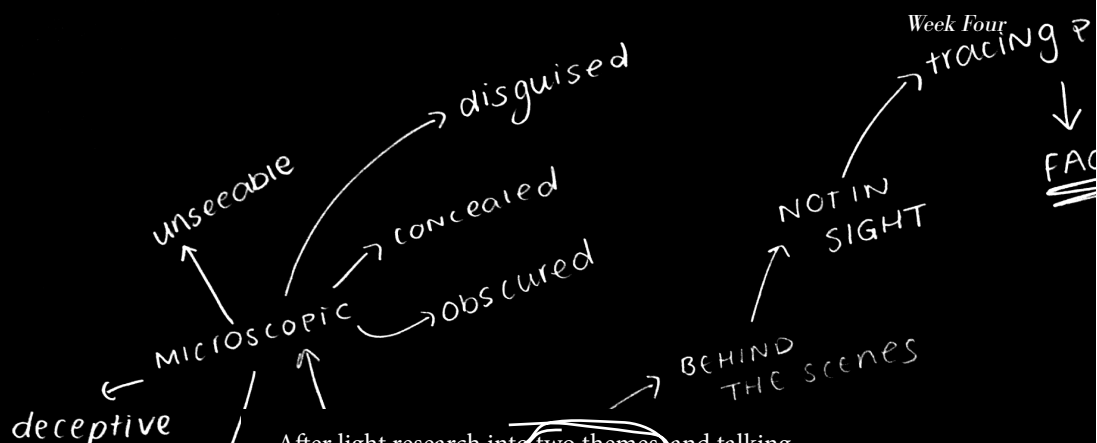
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## 2. "RESEARCH" THEME.

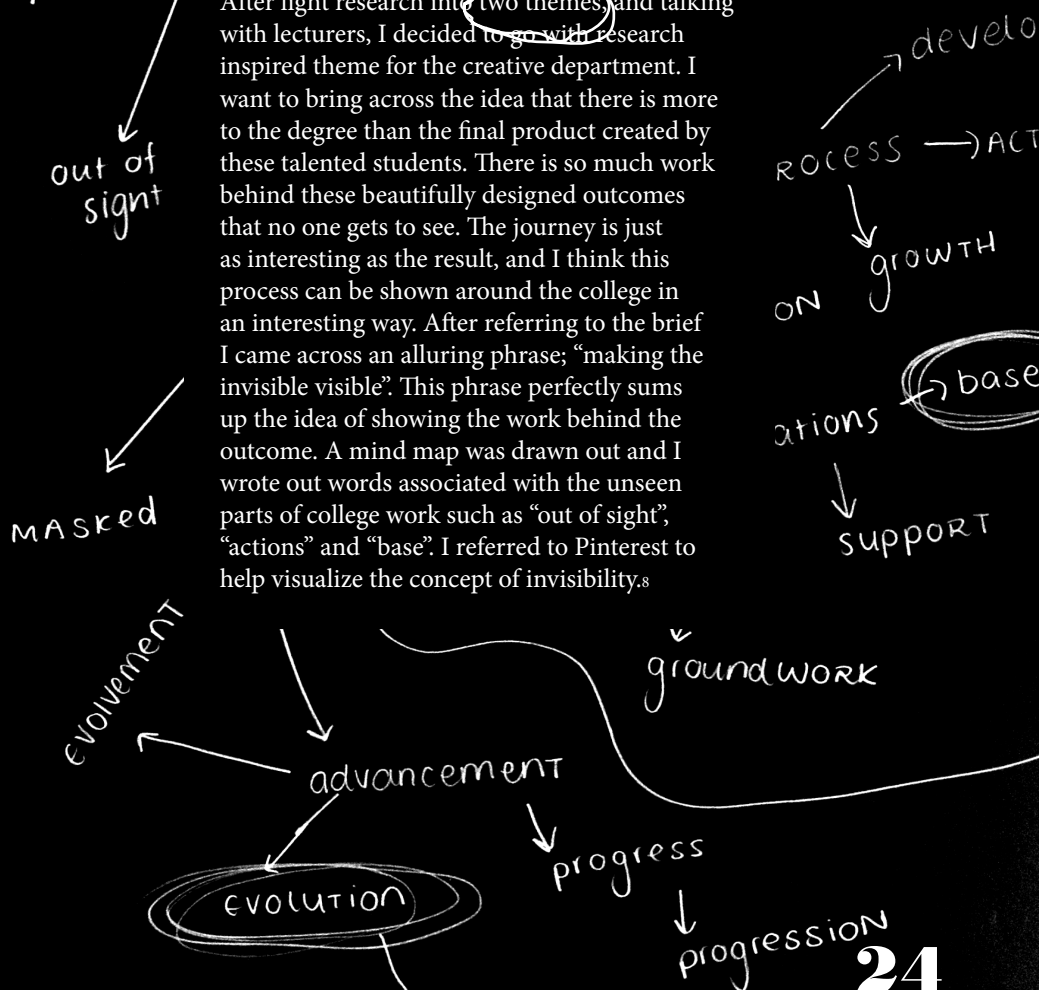


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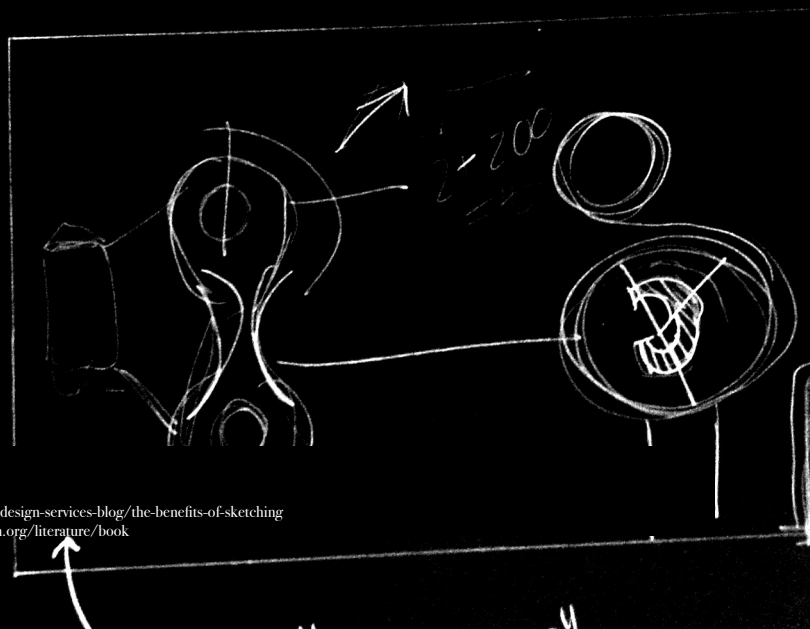
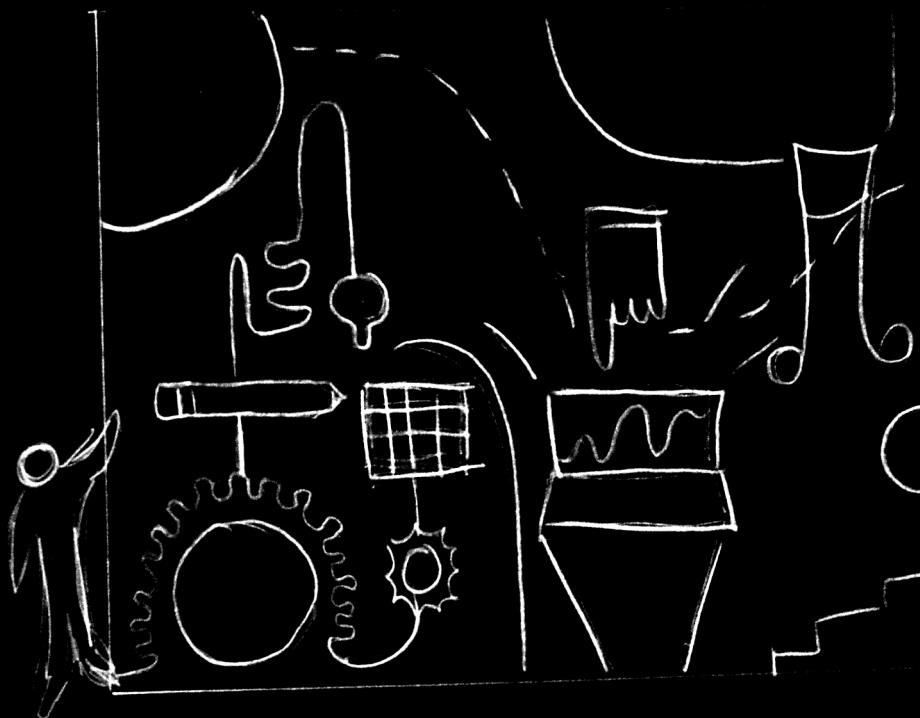




After light research into two themes, and talking with lecturers, I decided to go with research inspired theme for the creative department. I want to bring across the idea that there is more to the degree than the final product created by these talented students. There is so much work behind these beautifully designed outcomes that no one gets to see. The journey is just as interesting as the result, and I think this process can be shown around the college in an interesting way. After referring to the brief I came across an alluring phrase; "making the invisible visible". This phrase perfectly sums up the idea of showing the work behind the outcome. A mind map was drawn out and I wrote out words associated with the unseen parts of college work such as "out of sight", "actions" and "base". I referred to Pinterest to help visualize the concept of invisibility.<sup>8</sup>



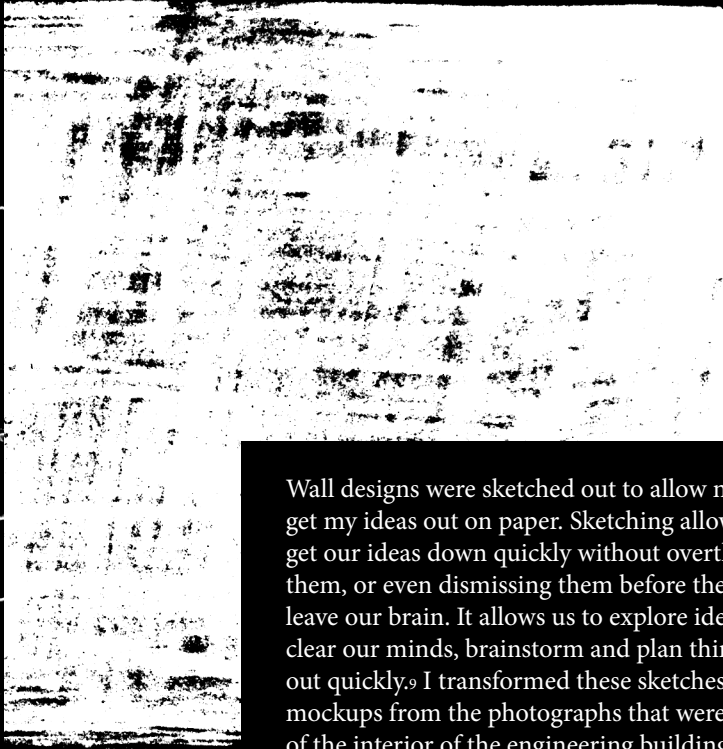
# \*WALL IDEAS\*



9. <https://www.toastdesign.co.uk/design-services-blog/the-benefits-of-sketching>  
10. <https://www.interaction-design.org/literature/book>



Week Four



Wall designs were sketched out to allow me to get my ideas out on paper. Sketching allows us to get our ideas down quickly without overthinking them, or even dismissing them before they even leave our brain. It allows us to explore ideas and clear our minds, brainstorm and plan things out quickly.<sup>9</sup> I transformed these sketches into mockups from the photographs that were taken of the interior of the engineering building at the beginning of the semester. Mockups make it possible to do usability testing early in the development process.<sup>10</sup>

THE "idea wall"

→ a black chalkboard

... that acts as a practical thinking wall.

# DESIGN

→ each floor a different section

- engineering
- de 26
- illustration

# PROMOTIONAL BROADSHEET FOLDINGS.

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VISABH

→ I like the  
idea of the  
pocket -  
makes it  
possible to  
explore  
ideas with  
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paper.

The fourth stage of the design process, prototype, is about experimentation and transforming ideas into outcomes. Throughout this stage, proposed solutions may be improved, redesigned or rejected through a series of reviews and critiques.<sup>11</sup> After moving on from the infrastructure design, the next objective is to create a promotional broadsheet for the new creative department. The first task was to experiment with how the broadsheet might fold. I experimented with different types of folding's, which I gave out to several people, and I asked them to pick out which one they liked the most. This was a beneficial process as I got to watch how other people interacted with the broadsheets so I could get a firsthand insight into how people think while opening the posters. The majority of bodies picked the standard unfolding of an A5 into the A2 size poster. A2 is the perfect size for displaying information while also leaving enough room for artwork and imagery. The first draft consisted of laying out all the information onto the poster to see how it could be laid out and what sections could contain certain pieces of information.

11. <https://www.ama.org/marketing-news/the-5-phases-of-design-thinking/>





*Week Five*

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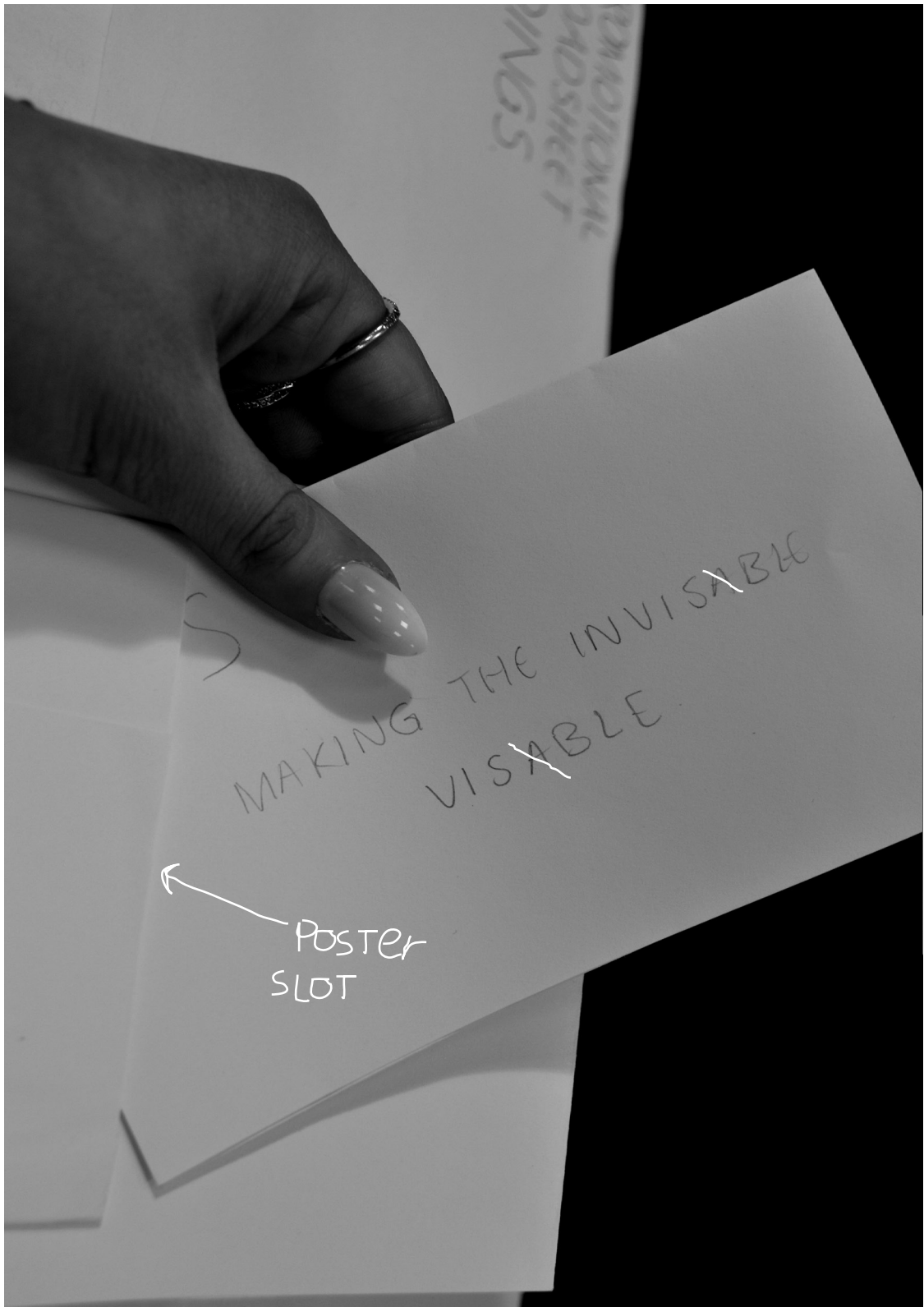


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engineering  
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A5 → A2

COULD PLAY  
AROUND WITH  
SECTIONS



This week began the experimentation with type for the broadsheet. Different techniques such as playing with opacity and making some text stand out more than others were tested to give that “invisible” effect to the broadsheet. The idea of including a little pocket on the broadsheet in which a piece of tracing paper would be used to reveal the rest of the poster when the broadsheet is fully open was considered. This idea would also be an interactive way to express “making the invisible visible”. This process has allowed an insight into the best way to convey this visual impression and a vision of the theme of the project onto the broadsheet.

← I experimented with tracing paper. One downside of the transparency of tracing paper is that it can easily smudge, especially when working with inks. There is also a lack of durability in tracing paper. Another factor to consider would be the extra cost of getting the broadsheet printed on tracing paper. I decided to play with type on standard paper to give that invisible and layered feeling. Making the invisible visible means revealing relevant information that is hidden so it can be understood.<sup>12</sup> This idea influences the design choices being made in the creation of the broadsheet.

<sup>12</sup>. <https://principles.dev/p/make-the-invisible-visible/>

URW Bodoni is a family of fifty serif typefaces first designed by Giambattista Bodoni in 1798. The typeface is classified as didone modern. Massimo Vignelli stated that “Bodoni is one of the most elegant typefaces ever designed”. Modern serif designs like Bodoni are most commonly used in headings and display uses and in upmarket magazine printing.



Light

*Light Oblique*

Regular

*Regular Oblique*

Medium

*Medium Oblique*

**Bold**

***Bold Oblique***

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printing type Baskerville, that of increased stroke contrast and a more vertical, angular construction, upper case, but taking them to a more extreme conclusion. Bodoni had a long career and his designs evolved and differed, ending with a typeface of narrower underlying structure with flat, unbracketed serifs, extreme contrast between thick and thin strokes, and an overall geometric construction. Though these later designs are rightfully called "modern", the earlier designs are "transitional".



# DRAFTS



TRACING  
PAPER



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VISABLE

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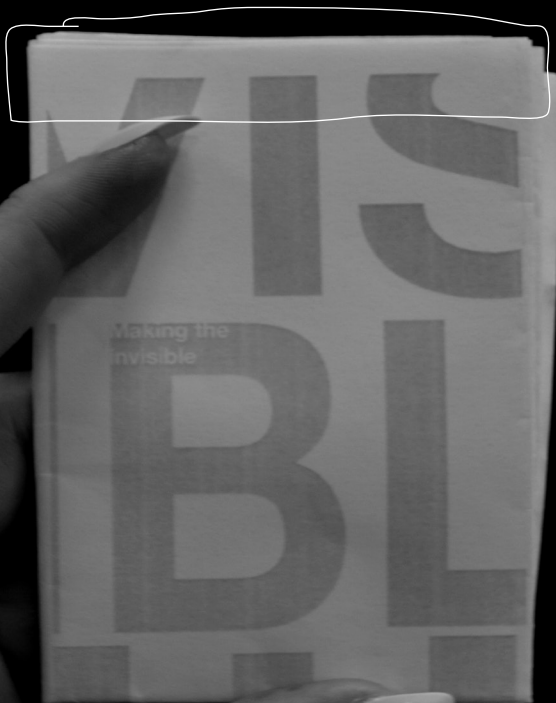
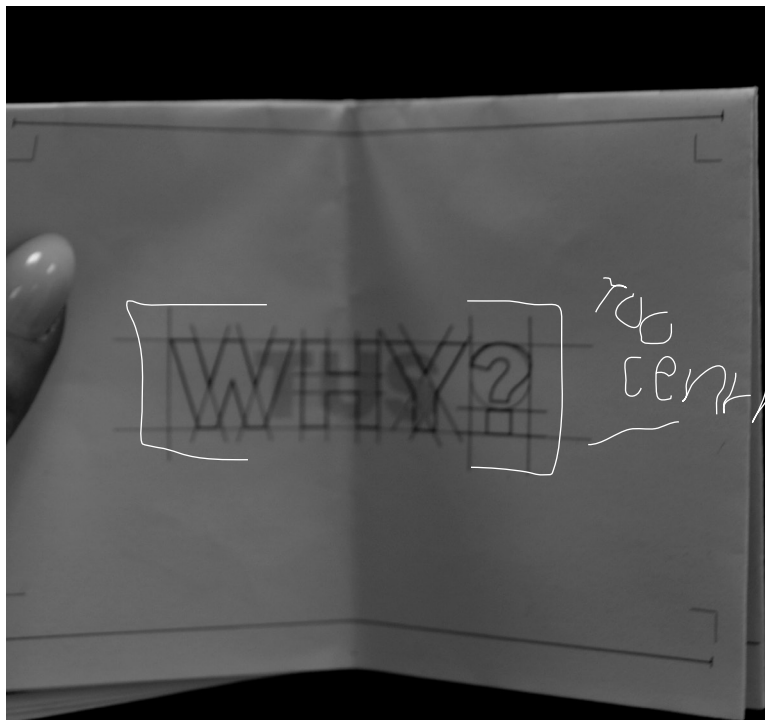
## Music & Sound

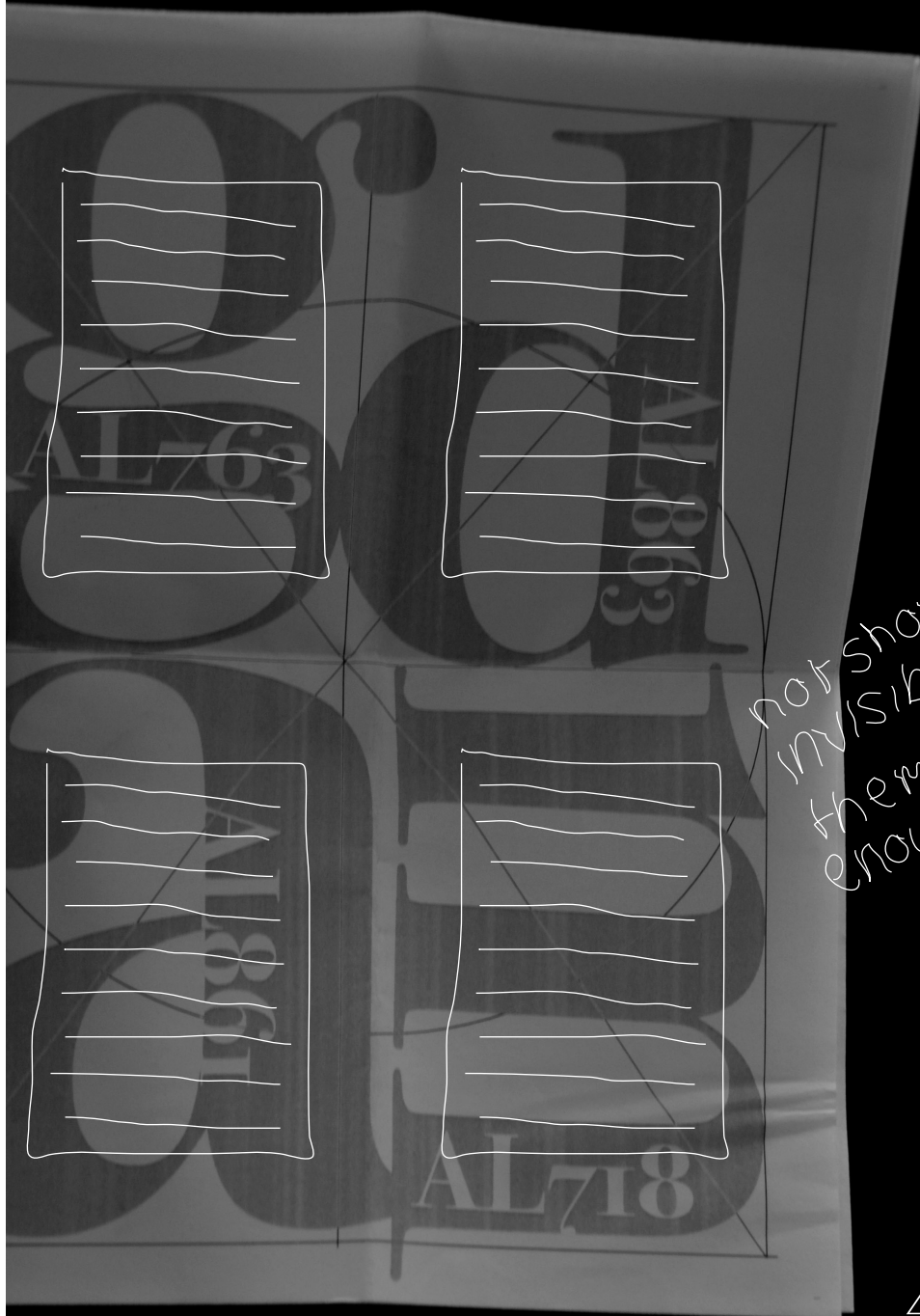
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Graphic & Digital Design

Graphic Design

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## US700 Sound & Music Engineering

As a student, you will be involved in a range of industry specific assignments and work which encompasses all aspects of engineering, instrumentation and creative studies that are all necessities of the creative industry. This diversity aims to ensure that you are equipped with the skills and knowledge required to work within a highly competitive & creative industry, and on completion of the course, you will have assembled an impressive portfolio of industry related work to take forward into your career.

US702 is suitable for all course pre-requisite, and creative modules on offer that cover production and sound for film & television and animation development, to include the core principles required to craft a successful career.

## Animation & Illustration

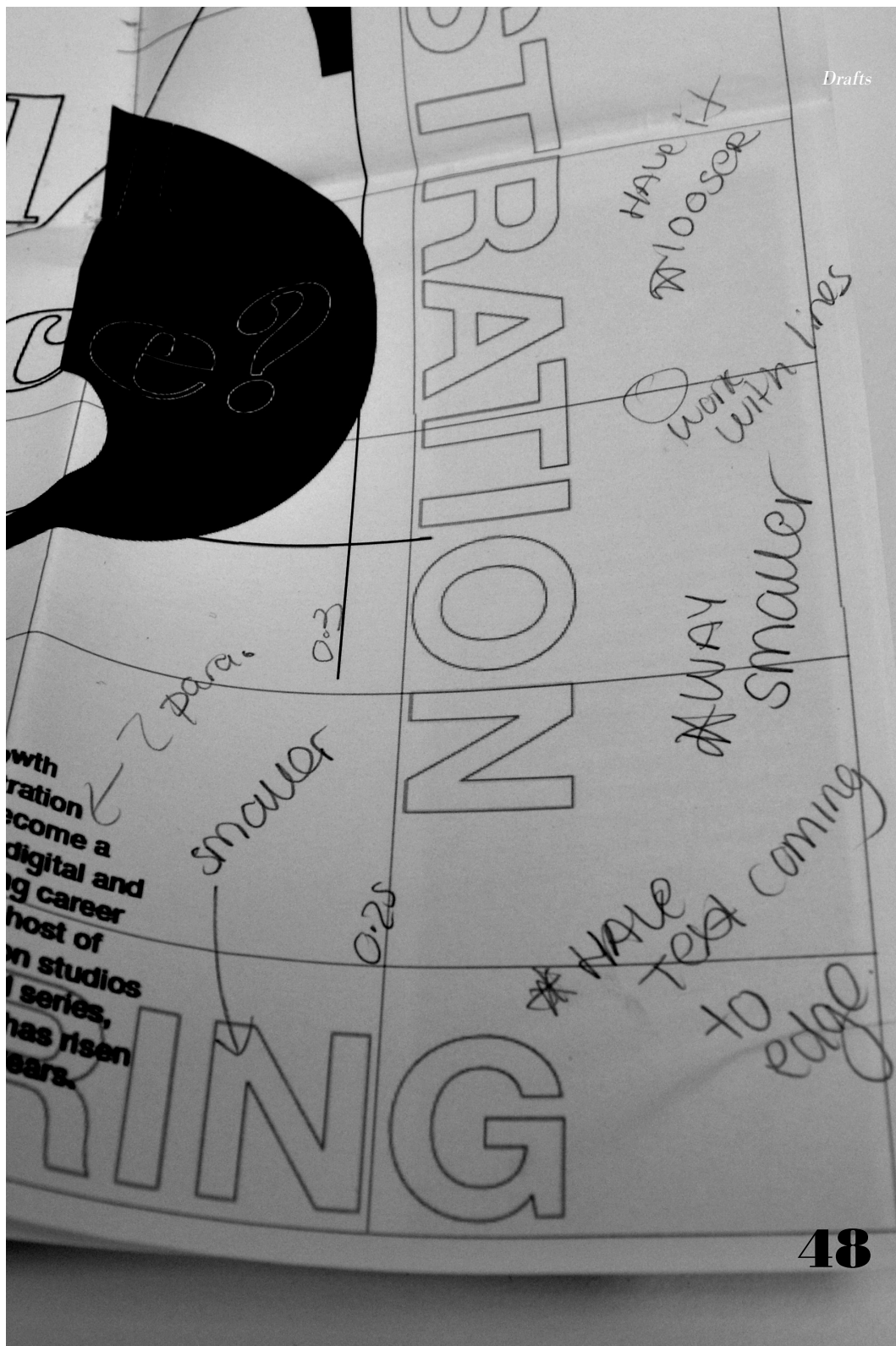
This programme is unique in the industry, offering a combination of animation and illustration at undergraduate level. The course is a BA (Hons) in Animation and Illustration, which will have the capacity to apply these knowledge and skills to a range of creative industries, including animation and illustration. The programme is designed to ensure that students are equipped with the skills and knowledge required to work within a highly competitive & creative industry, and on completion of the course, you will have assembled an impressive portfolio of industry related work to take forward into your career.

## US704

## US802

Bond my name

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# STUDENT WORKS?

Working within a creative environment, and having a very diverse background, you are most likely to have a broad engineering experience. You are from a broad background and you are not an individual, you are a team. You are a team of individuals that seek out the opportunity out.

Design students at AIT have a lot of winning awards at local, national and international student assessments and competitions. Graduates are employed in a variety of industries, and are employed in design companies, advertising, publishing houses, printing, television industries and in roles in second, PLC and third level.

Our students develop into imaginative, confident and creative individuals capable of thriving and adapting to the rapidly changing visual culture and world of animated film and print illustration. You will be allowed to give full vent to your creativity and explore all sorts of areas where your illustration and animation skills could be used. You will be encouraged to cultivate your creative abilities and technical skills through an understanding of the connections between illustration and animation.

Work with industry standard software computing and studio & live audio in a variety of dynamic practical environments. Collaborate with marketing, design animation students as well as sound working with original musical acts and groups. Manufacture a cajon drum, mandolin guitar and an acoustic guitar from materials at the wood workshop. Get to grips with the core professional development concepts required in the private or public sector.





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Track  
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awards.

At A&P, however, track  
and records are not at  
all uncommon. Caradonna  
has won the Grammy Award  
for Best Rock Album, and  
has played in graphic design,  
television, advertising, and  
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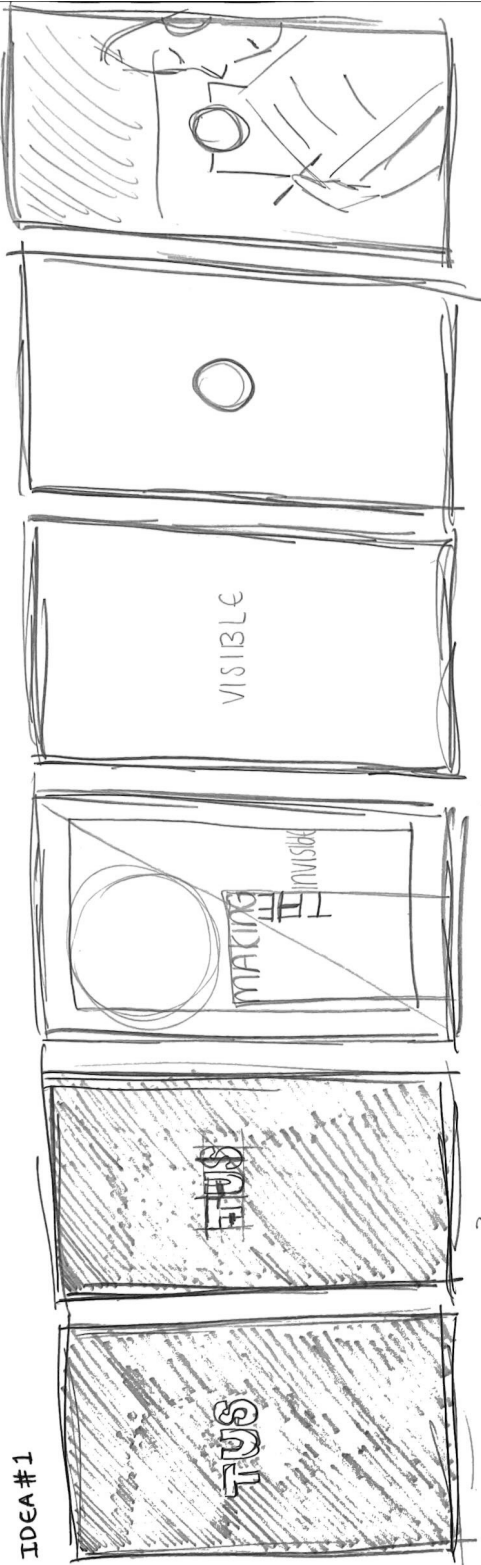
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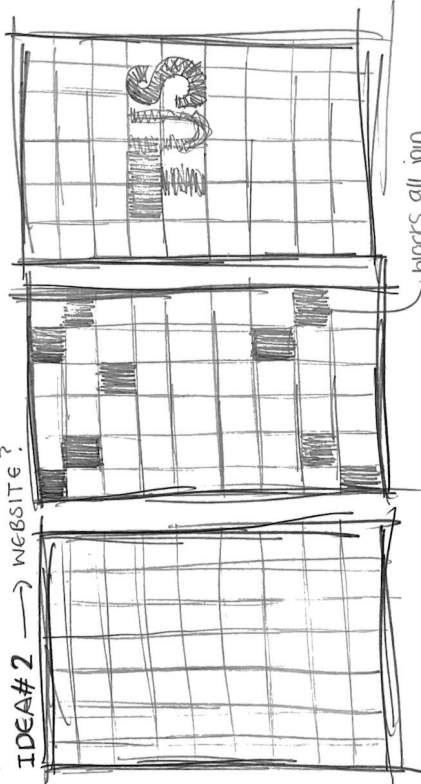
# STORY BOARD



IDEA #1



IDEA #2 → WEBSITE ?



blocks all join together.

This week included finishing touches on the promotional broadsheet and starting the storyboard for the digital piece. The promotional piece can be any digital format such as an app, website or video. Throughout the design process so far, I have learned that a storyboard is essential in guiding you throughout the production process. By planning your video, you know which shots you need to create and how to create them when filming begins.<sup>13</sup> Before beginning the storyboard, Pinterest aided as inspiration and gave an insight into how the video could be displayed. Dynamic motion typography is a form of kinetic type that was researched. Dynamic motion type is when the elements that make up the film's text move in relation to one another.<sup>14</sup> This dynamic effect is perfect for videos with less text for a dramatic effect. Any initial ideas that came to mind were written down, such as video images of students doing work with typography laid over these images, or a simple moving typography piece. Promotional video content is an engaging way to sell an idea to a target audience. This promotional piece is an opportunity to show the meaning behind the theme of "making the invisible visible".

<sup>13</sup>. <https://www.vyond.com/resources/what-is-a-storyboard-and-why-do-you-need-one/>

<sup>14</sup>. <https://www.vectormator.io/blog/kinetic-typography/>



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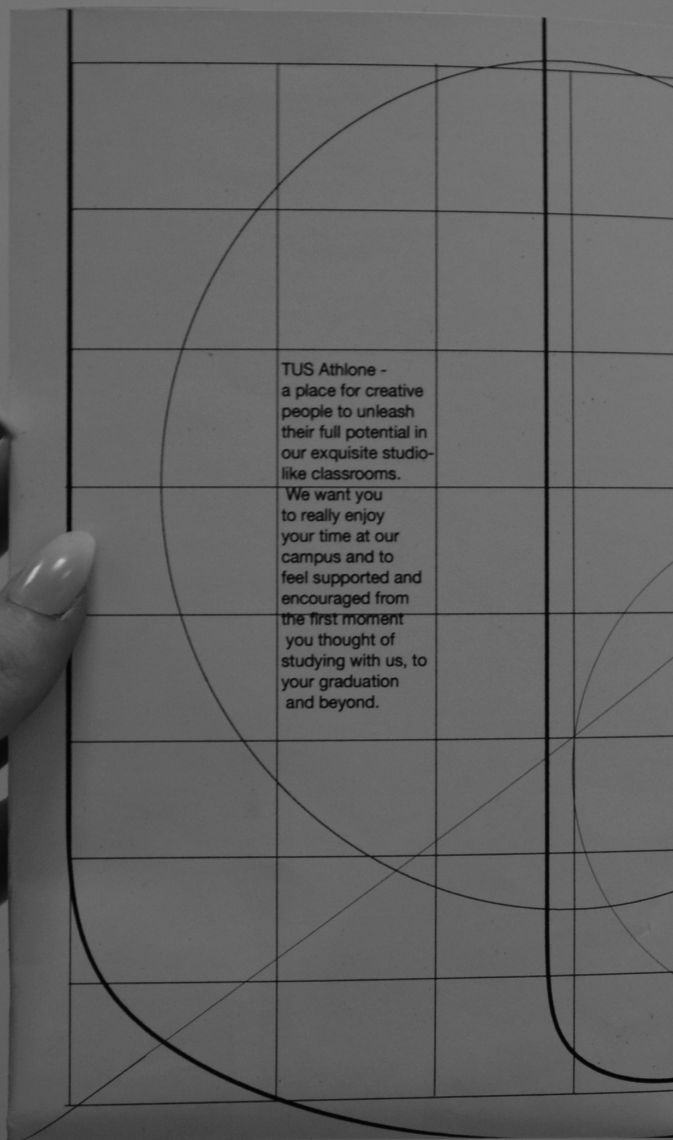


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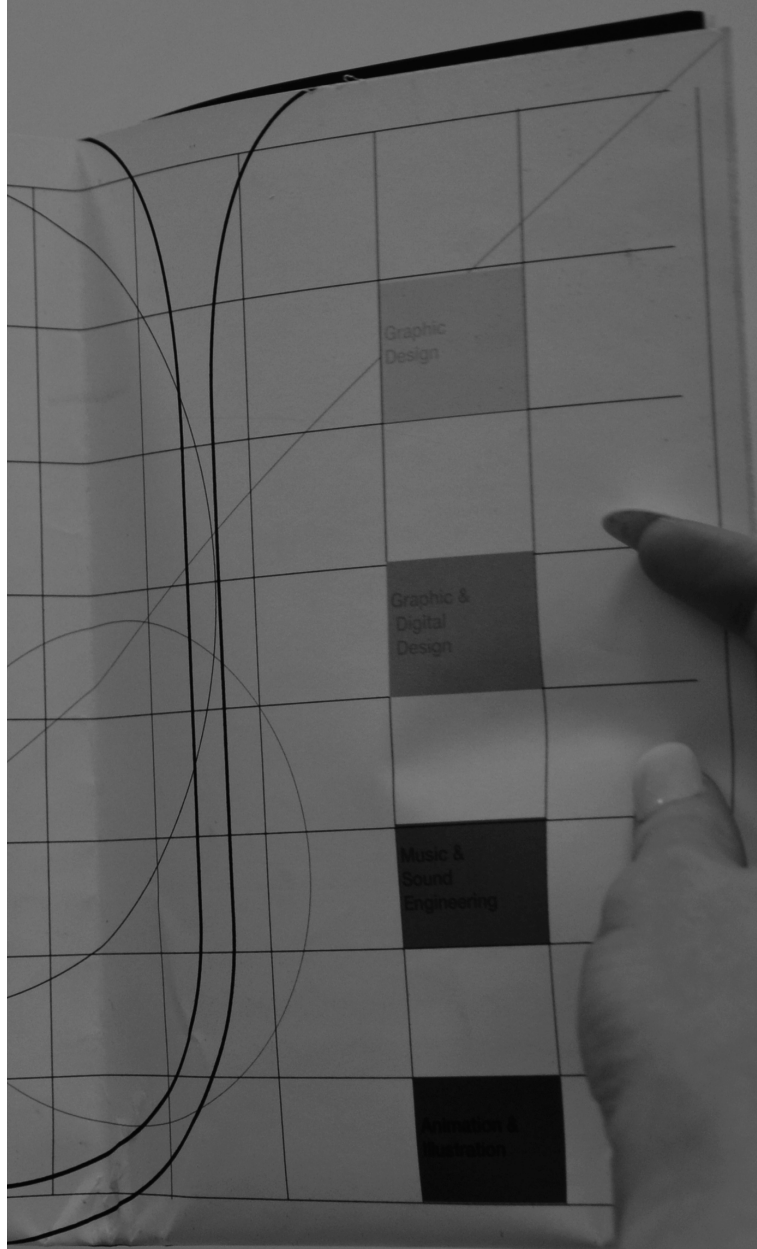


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you thought of  
studying with us, to  
your graduation  
and beyond.





# Graphic & US803

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We have a huge range and variety of real-world-specific options. And a seamless transition to a well-paid, rewarding career.

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- **Other:** You will be involved in a range of other, including the use of professional equipment and software.

# US700

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The role of the graphic designer is a hugely exciting and varied one, working across a variety of media and utilising different communication tools to convey a message or an idea. The four-year BA (Hons) in Graphic Design was developed to equip design students with the necessary skills to work in this fast-paced world. Of particular note is the work placement, which you will undertake in the second year of the degree. The programme itself comprises a series of core modules in studio and professional practice and critical theory.

**Animation &  
Illustration**

The programme is designed to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the creative industries, with a focus on animation and illustration. The course is structured to allow students to develop their skills in both areas, with a strong emphasis on practical work and industry experience. The programme is delivered through a combination of lectures, seminars, workshops, and practical sessions, with a strong emphasis on student-led learning and creative exploration. The course is designed to be flexible, allowing students to tailor their studies to their own interests and career goals. The programme is accredited by the Animation Council and the Illustration Society, ensuring that students receive a high-quality education that is recognised by the industry.

**US\$802**

# GRAPHIC DIGITAL DESIGN

Design students at AIT have a track record of winning awards at local, national and international student assessment schemes. Graduates enjoy excellent employment prospects in Ireland and overseas, and are employed in graphic design companies, advertising agencies, publishing houses, printing, the arts, the film and television industries and in teaching roles in second, PLC and third level.

# MUSIC & SOUND ENGINEERING

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# ANIMATION & ILLUSTRATION

There has been significant growth in the Irish animation and illustration industries. The sectors have become a central component of Ireland's digital and creative economy with increasing career opportunities every year. With a host of successful home-grown animation studios the opportunities within animated series, feature films and co-productions has risen steadily over the past number of years.

Our students, drawing into the animation and illustration industries and creative industries, are equipped with the skills and capacity to rise to the challenge of the rapidly changing and ever-evolving world of animation, film and print illustration.

They will be allowed to grow that want to your creativity and respond all sorts of ideas within your illustrations and animation. They will be encouraged to explore the creative abilities and technical skills through an understanding of the industry and animation.

Working within a creative and very competitive industry such as music and sound engineering requires graduates to have a very driven attitude and to most likely have a blended income portfolio i.e. to have a number of different revenue streams from different work within the industry. It is not an industry that seeks out qualified individuals, rather it is the individual that must seek the opportunity.

Manufacture a violin drum, mandolin, electric guitar and an acoustic guitar from raw materials at the wood workshop. Get to grips with the core professional design meet concepts tailored to work in the private or public sector.

Work with industry software, computer, live audio equipment, dynamic practice. Collaborate with and animate, ensuring a musical







*Interior Design*











*Promotional Video*



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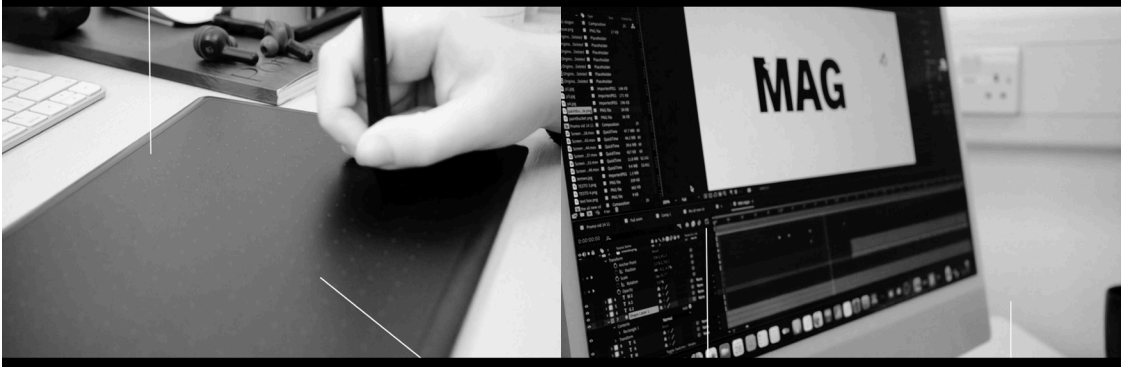






Promotional Video

# YOUR POTENTIAL



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# CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I designed a suitable environment for creative students, potential students and lecturers to meet, work and exchange ideas by constructing a promotional broadsheet that represents all the courses equally, a new infrastructure of the engineering building and a thirty second promotional video. I chose to call my redesign “making the invisible visible”. The theme focuses on the work college students do rather than the result of their creations. To accomplish this design, I researched the current engineering building, other creative hubs, the psychology of the creative environment and colour theory. I experimented with possibilities of how the size and how the broadsheet could be unfolded. I tested a tracing paper theory to enforce the idea of invisibility but decided to show this theme typographically instead.



# EVALUATION

The aims and objectives were fulfilled through the creation of a promotional broadsheet, an interior design for the infrastructure and a thirty-second promotional piece. The design is suitable for current creative students, potential students and lecturers. I am content with the result of this brief as I feel that I have accomplished my aims and objectives.

If I had more time and the opportunity to do anything differently it would be to spend more time on the typography used in the promotional video and improve my After Effect skills.

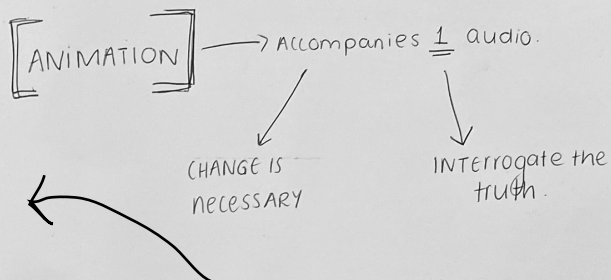
RSA

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# Moving pictures

Conceive and produce an animation to accompany one of the two selected audio files that will clarify, energise, and illuminate the content.

## BRIEF BREAKDOWN.



① RESEARCH TOPIC

SPEAKER

AUDIENCE

Time based Media is defined as artwork with a specific duration such as film, video, digital, audio, computer-based, web-based, preformance and installation art.

How do I expect audience to interact with your video?

WHO ARE you trying to educate?

engaging concept

→ Avoid stereotypes / obvious visual references

\*create deeper links\*

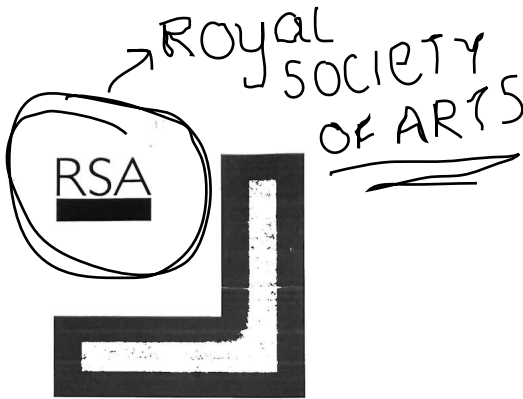
The Royal Society of Arts (RSA) provides platforms, opportunities and networks for all those who share a vision to connect, engage, share ideas and expertise. Its brief, Moving Pictures, asks students to conceive and produce an animation to accompany one of two audio files provided in order to clarify, energize, and illuminate the content.<sup>15</sup> Two audio files accompany the brief which discusses current social issues and calls for changes to be made: “Change is Necessary” by Sarah Ichioka or “Interrogate the Truth” by Jeffrey Boakye. We undertook the brief in the module Time Based Media.

“Change is Necessary” by Sarah Ichioka (2022) was selected by me. This audio explains how a simple change in mindset can help designers shift from a sustainable design approach to a regenerative design approach which has net positive impacts for people place and planet. This audio is interesting, given the current interest in and experiences of climate change. While regenerative and sustainable practices are similar in terms of protecting natural systems, regenerative practices go further by using design and construction to work as positive forces that repair natural and human systems.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>15</sup> <https://www.thersa.org>

<sup>16</sup> <https://sustainablebrands.com/read/product-service-design-innovation/the-shift-from-sustainable-to-regenerative-design>

<sup>17</sup> <https://www.interaction-design.org/literature/topics/design-thinking>



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In order to make an animation for this audio, I researched regenerative design in the form of primary and secondary research to understand its purpose and approach. Cognizant of the purpose of the audio which aims to influence the wider society, the design thinking process was used to arrive at the final solution. The design thinking process includes five phases – empathize, define, ideate, prototype and test.<sup>17</sup>

The topic of changing mindsets and practice to help people shift from the sustainable approach to a truly radical regenerative approach, was explored.

that with clarity, energy,  
and illuminate the content.

*Aims*

# AIMS

The aim is to conceive and produce an animation to accompany one of the two selected audio files that will clarify, energize, and illuminate the content, to create an animation that will appear to a diverse audience and to connect with all age groups and inspire to make the world a better place.

# OBJECTIVES

To achieve the aims, the following objectives must be realized: to research the topic, the speaker, and think about the different ways in which I can tell a story through animation that will enrich it's content and increase accessibility; to consider the audience, and who I am trying to educate or introduce to this topic, to explore and analyze different types of animations, to understand the importance of doing a storyboard, to research regenerative design, to experiment with multiple medias in order to pick a style for the animation, and to research into an engaging concept to ensure that I develop and produce the animation to the best of my ability, to learn the relevant software to make the animation.

# THE BRIEF

**Conceive and produce an animation to accompany one of the two selected audio files that will clarify, energise, and illuminate the content.**

## Background

- RSA Events has offered free public access to the brightest, sharpest, most courageous and most creative minds for more than 260 years. This brief asks you to create an animation that will reveal, illuminate, and increase accessibility to this unique content.
- We believe in the power of ideas. We believe that everyone has a right to the very best, new knowledge and analysis of our world, how it's changing, and why that matters. The RSA Animates, RSA Shorts, RSA Insights and RSA Minimates film series were developed to bring big ideas to new audiences.
- The audio clips for this brief are taken from the RSA's esteemed public events programme and we invite you to help us spread these powerful messages to a wider audience. They remind us that to make the radical, systemic changes we need, we must unite people and develop solutions rooted in place.

## How to approach the brief

- You must select one of the two categories, either 'Change is necessary' or 'Interrogate the truth'. You may not re-order the content or further edit the transcript in order to suit your work; however, you may add up to five seconds to the overall length of the audio clip if you wish to have an introduction or conclusion.
- Research the topic, the speaker, and think about the different ways in which you could tell a story with your animation that will enrich its content and increase accessibility. Try to avoid any stereotypes or obvious visual references. Instead use your insights to create deeper links between the content and your animation.
- Consider your audience. Who you are trying to educate or introduce to this topic? This should inform your concept development and could shape

the format chosen for your video. How do you expect the audience to interact with your video? Is there a call-to-action or next step you hope would come from them watching your work? If invited to an interview, you will be asked to share ideas for expanding your animation's reach.

- Before you begin animating, ensure that you have an engaging concept. You are advised to spend a long time coming up with your concept to ensure that you develop and produce it to the best of your ability.
- Your submission should combine clarity, wit and attention to detail, aiming to make the content come alive and introduce a new audience to the subject matter, and the work of the RSA and its partners.

## Audios

### Category 1: Change is necessary

by [Sarah Ichioka](#) (excerpt length: 1:09, originally recorded in January 2022)  
Urbanist and systems thinker Sarah Ichioka describes the changes in mindset and practice that can help us shift from sustainable design to a truly radical regenerative approach - one where everything we do creates net-positive impacts for people, place, and planet.

### Category 2 : Interrogate the truth

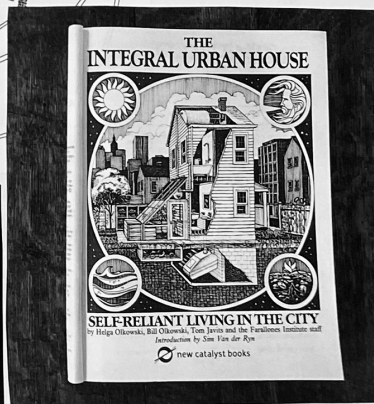
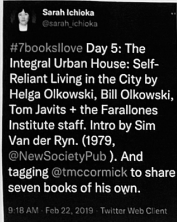
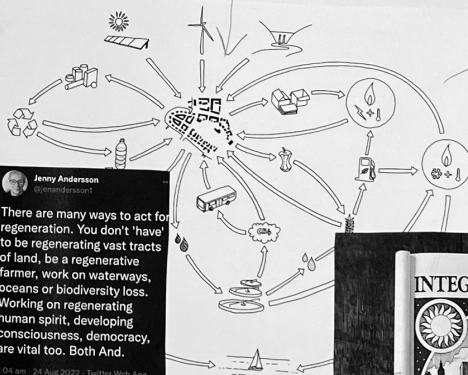
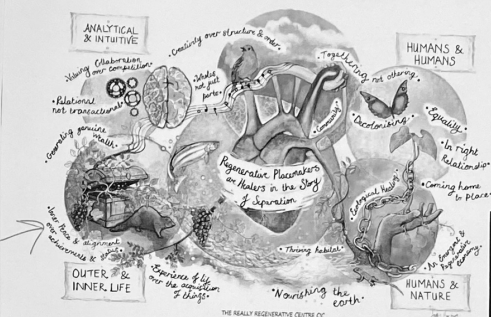
by [Jeffrey Boakye](#) (excerpt length: 1:13, originally recorded in June 2022)  
Drawing on his experiences as a black teacher and student, author Jeffrey Boakye argues that if we are to create a socially just future for everyone, the school curriculum must be a place where historical narratives, assumptions, and distortions are explored, interrogated, and challenged.



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To begin this project, the brief was thoroughly read through, and important factors highlighted. The first factor that came into consideration was which brief to choose. After doing basic research into both audios, I found *Change is Necessary* by Sarah Ichioka to be a thought-provoking audio that I want to explore. Urbanist and systems thinker Sarah Ichioka describes the changes in mindset and practice that can help us shift from sustainable design to a truly radical regenerative approach - one where everything we do creates net-positive impacts for people, place and planet.<sup>18</sup> To get a deeper understanding of the topic, I investigated the topics regenerative design, sustainability and Sarah Ichioka herself.

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.thersa.org>



# RESEARCH

## "CHANGE IS NECESSARY"

### ① WHO IS SARAH ICHIOKA?

BOOK: Flourish: Design Paradigms for our planetary emergency.

\*RESEARCH\*

→ urbanist, strategist, curator + writer.

→ leads "Desire Lines" (a strategic consultancy for environmental, cultural and social-impact initiatives and organisations).

→ World Cities Summit young leader.

POSSIBILIST MINDSET

"WHAT will it take to restore balance to our world FOR Future generations' survival?"

"Sarah Ichioka and Michael Powiyn propose a bold set of regenerative design principles, drawn from natural and cultural wisdom. The book offers a paradigmatic plan for designers, clients and change agents alike to build a thriving future together."

"5 paradigm shifts"

"the answer can be found in nature"

These ideas are based on transcending and including, rather than opposing and dismissing previous paradigms. Each key shift is accompanied by illustrative graphics and examples.

"a manual on how to make the best out of our narrow window of opportunity"

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There are many ways to regenerate, to be regenerative of land, to be a regenerative farmer, work on oceans or biodiversity. Working on regenerative human spirits.

# WHAT IS REGENERATIVE DESIGN?

ITS ABOUT ENSURING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT HAS A NET POSITIVE IMPACT ON NATURAL SYSTEMS. TO PROGRESS TOWARDS regenerative design and systems for our planet, we need to understand how to design for all species whilst respecting planetary boundaries and utilising science-based targets.

Over half of the world's population live in cities, which consume 75% of natural resources and produce 50% of global waste. Regenerative design calls for a rethink to the way we design and construct the built environment to improve societal resilience, restore planetary health and regenerate ecological systems.

SUSTAINABLE  
PRACTICES SEEK TO  
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WITHOUT DEGRADING  
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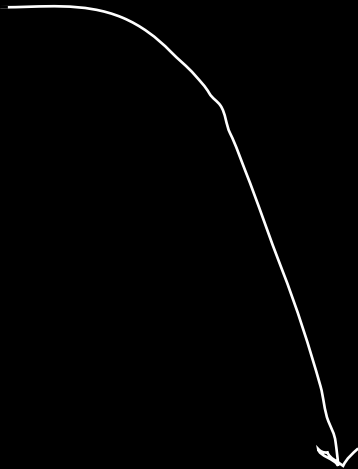
It puts design and construction to work as positive forces that repair natural and human systems.

Regenerative practices recognize


HOW NATURAL systems are currently IMPACTED AND APPLY TECHNIQUES TO

RESTORE SYSTEMS TO IMPROVED PRODUCTIVITY.

Overlap and essentially incorporate the same practices.



Regenerative design seeks to not merely lessen the harm of new development, but rather to put design and construction to work as positive forces that repair natural and human systems.<sup>19</sup> While Sustainable design seeks to reduce negative impacts on the environment, and the health and comfort of building occupants, thereby improving building performance. The basic objectives of sustainability are to reduce consumption of non-renewable resources, minimize waste, and create healthy, productive environments.<sup>20</sup> This research was beneficial in realizing that this animation should be aimed at people who are in the position to make regeneration happen such as people in government.



TARGET  
AUDIENCE?

<sup>19</sup> <https://sustainablebrands.com/read/product-service-design-innovation/the-shift-from-sustainable-to-regenerative-design>  
<sup>20</sup> <https://www.gsa.gov/real-estate-design-excellence-program/design-excellence-program-overview/sustainability/sustainable->

# \* THE NEUROSCIENCE OF STORYTELLING \*

neuroleadership.com

→ When we see or hear a story, the neurons in our brain fire in the same patterns as the speaker's, a process known as "neural coupling"; you also hear it referred to as "mirroring".

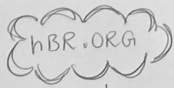
→ When we experience an emotionally-charged

In the continuation of research for animation I moved on looking into the neuroscience of storytelling, animation styles and art movements that might help to influence the media that may be used to create the animation. I believed it to be valuable to educate myself on what makes a good story. Storytelling gives us an opportunity to learn from another person's experience. It can shape, strengthen or challenge our opinions and values. When a story catches our attention and engages us, we are more likely to absorb the message and meaning within it than if the same message was presented simply in facts and figures.<sup>21</sup>

→ Researchers worldwide have started to realize that communication with society is necessary for our involvement in developing science-based policies.

<sup>21</sup> <https://www.health.org.uk/newsletter-feature/power-of-storytelling>

<sup>22</sup> <https://neuroleadership.com/your-brain-at-work/the-neuroscience-of-storytelling>



• "we discovered that, in order to motivate a desire to help others, a story must first sustain attention — a scarce resource in the brain — by developing tension during the narrative. If the story is able to create that tension then it is likely that attentive viewers/listeners will come to share the emotions of the characters in it, and after it ends, likely to continue mimicking the feelings and behaviours of those characters. This explains the feeling of dominance you have after James Bond saves the world, and your motivation to work out after

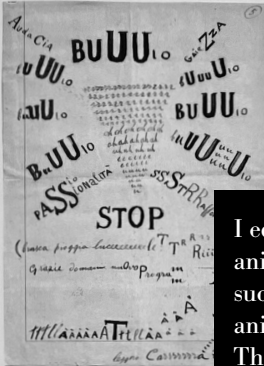
• character-driven  
a better understanding  
to make and  
later.

• enduring stories  
character struggles  
abilities and  
is highly attractive

From this research I noted that there are three important factors to remember when creating the animation; to pull people in by giving contact to what is being shown, to incorporate visuals as they help us to process what's happening faster which allows us to be more engaged, and to generate insights. The most remembered stories leave you understanding something more deeply than you did before.<sup>22</sup>

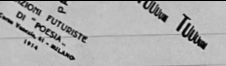
• When you want to motivate, persuade, or be remembered, start with a story of human struggle and eventual triumph. It will capture people's hearts — by first attracting their brains.

# DADAISM.



DADAISM WAS A MOVEMENT WITH EXPLICITLY POLITICAL OVERTONES – A REACTION TO THE senseless slaughter of the trenches of WWI. It essentially declared war against WAR, countering the absurdity of the establishment's descent INTO CHAOS with its own kind of nonsense.

I educated myself on different types of animation styles that could possibly be used such as traditional animation, 2D animation, 3D animation, stop motion and motion graphics. This research was beneficial as it made me realise that I have the option to either physically make an animation or create it digitally. Being an artistic person, I want to physically make my animation as I believe it is the best way to create exciting visuals. While thinking about how I could go about making the animation I looked at visuals on Pinterest of different art movements such as Dadaism, Futurism, Pop art and Cubism and I noted how and why each style may or may not suit the audio.



VERY rebellious feel to Dadaism  
→ would give the wrong kind of message if accompanied with Ichiora's audio?

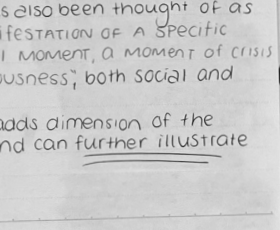
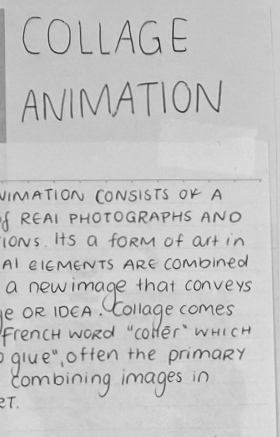
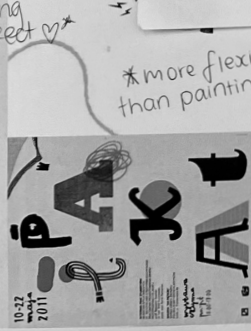
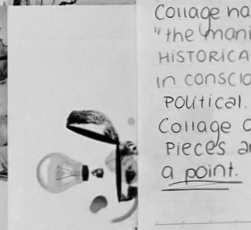
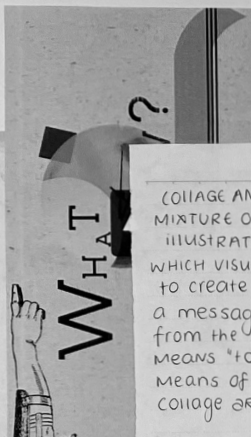
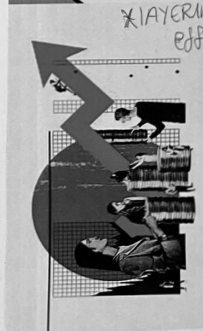
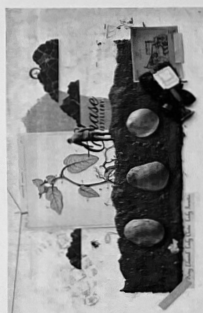


# COLLAGE ANIMATION

COLLAGE ANIMATION CONSISTS OF A MIXTURE OF REAL PHOTOGRAPHS AND ILLUSTRATIONS. ITS A FORM OF ART IN WHICH VISUAL ELEMENTS ARE COMBINED TO CREATE A NEW IMAGE THAT CONVEYS A MESSAGE OR IDEA. Collage comes from the French word "coller" which means "to glue", often the primary means of combining images in collage art.

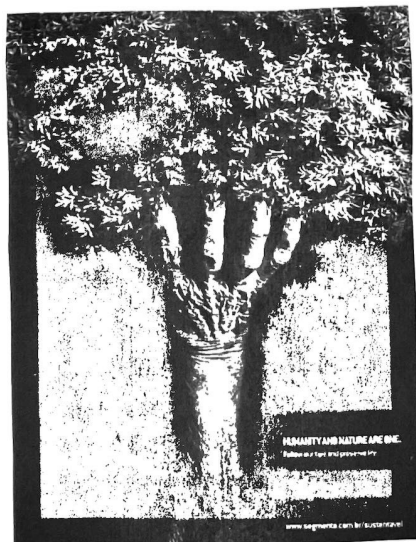
Collage has also been thought of as "the manifestation of a specific historical moment, a moment of crisis in consciousness," both social and political.

Collage adds dimension of the pieces and can further illustrate a point.

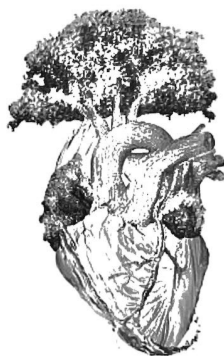
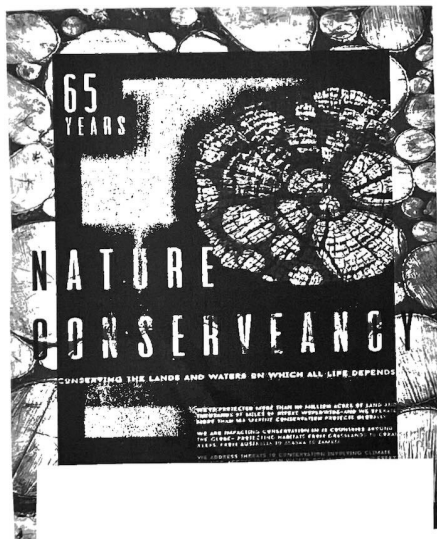


\*layering effect\*

\*more flexible than painting/drawing\*



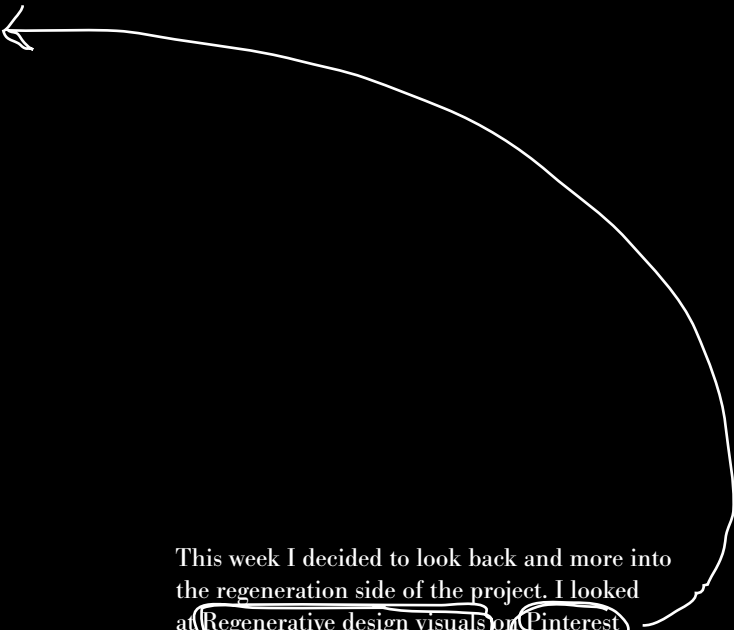
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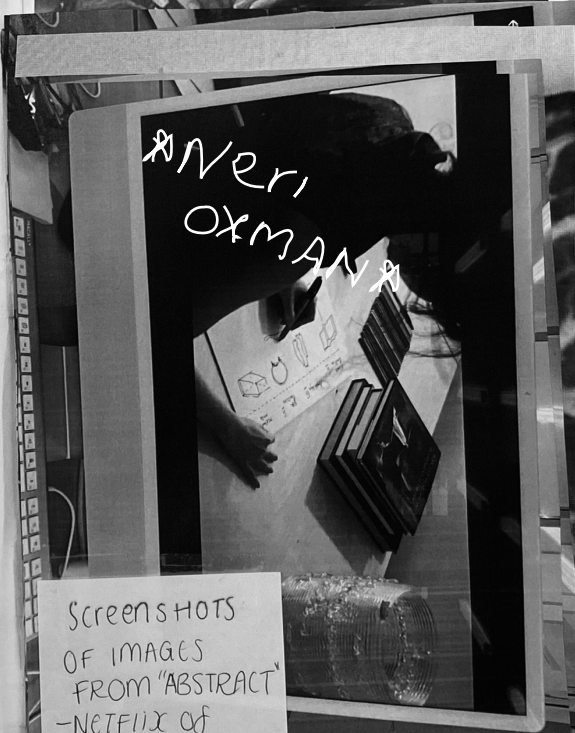
Over half of  
all animal species  
are at risk of  
extinction by 2050  
unless governments  
act now.



**Melting Away**



This week I decided to look back and more into the regeneration side of the project. I looked at Regenerative design visuals on Pinterest were all stereotypical images of the earth in hands or plants in the shape of a heart. These types of images are seen all the time. For the animation to illuminate the content of the audio in a memorable way, I needed to come up with original images.



SCREENSHOTS  
OF IMAGES  
FROM "ABSTRACT"  
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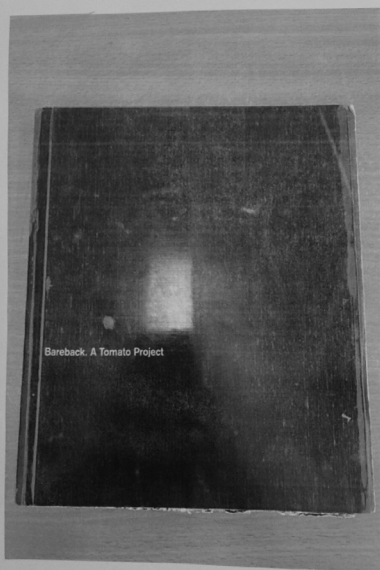
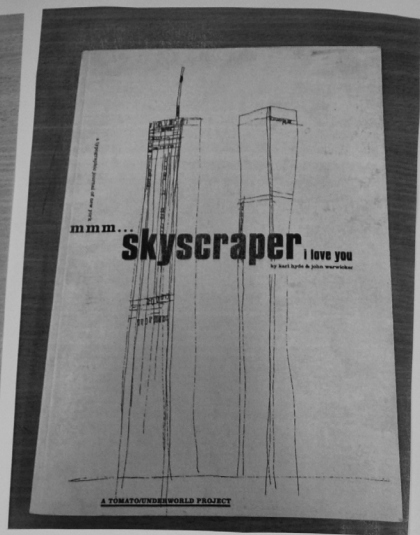
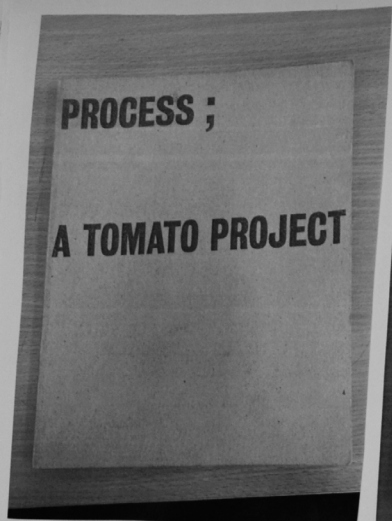


I looked at other designers who take the regenerative design approach. Designer and MIT professor Neri Oxman. She is known for making art and architecture that combine design, biology, computing and materials engineering. She is the founder of a discipline she calls material ecology which marries the technological advances of computational design, synthetic biology and digital fabrication to produce compostable structures, glass objects that vary their optical and structural properties, and garments made from a single piece of silk fabric.<sup>23</sup> I was fascinated by Oxman's ideas and designs. I went on to watch her episode on Abstract: The Art of design. screenshot images from the documentary that I thought were visually alluring.<sup>24</sup> One aspect of the episode that I noted was how they did close up shots of materials and bacteria from the labs. This could be an interesting aspect that could be worked into my own animation.

<sup>23</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/06/style/neri-oxman-mit.html>

<sup>24</sup> <https://www.netflix.com/watch/>

# VISUAL INSPIRATION



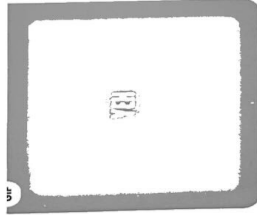
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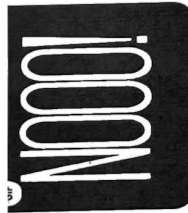
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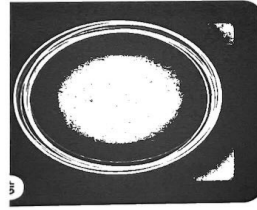
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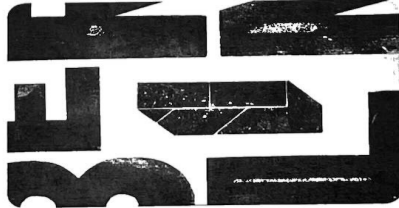


June - GIFs



B&W Animation GIF by...

Paula

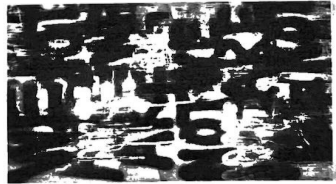


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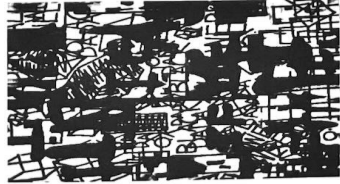


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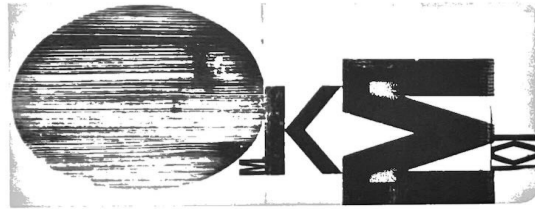
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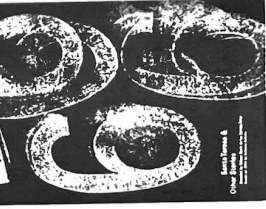


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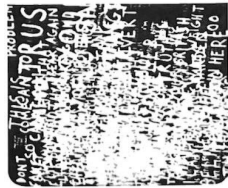
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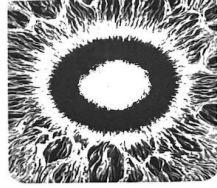
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Betype - Typography & Lettering Inspiration



Painting - Work by Year

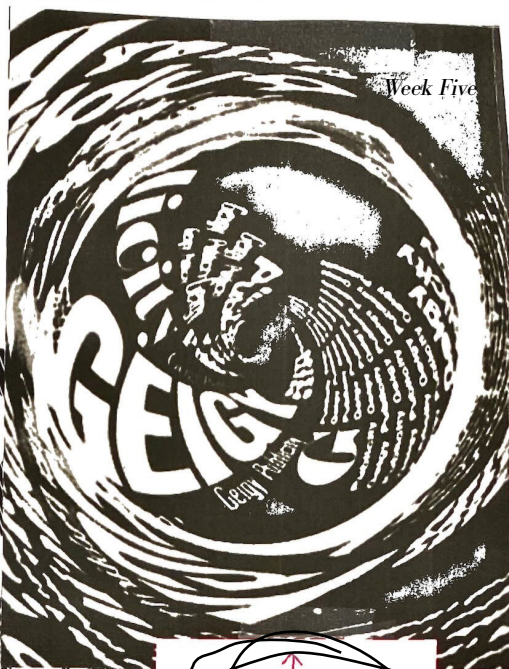


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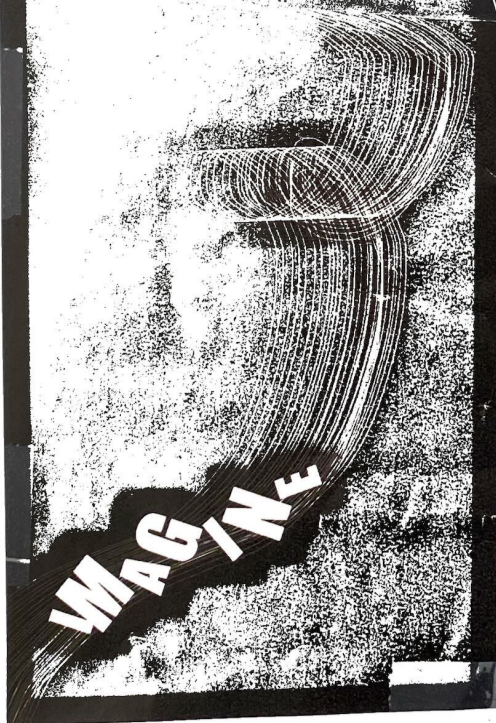
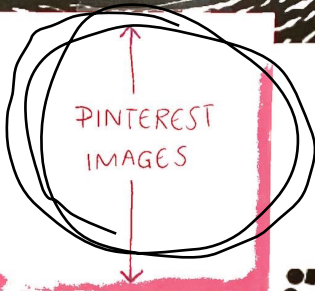


The black + white  
images give that  
sense of urgency \*  
→ seriousness of topic.

MY IMAGE



PINTEREST  
IMAGES



The second stage of the process is about clarity, focus and definition. I have gathered all of my insights that I have collected, and I am beginning to piece all this information together in order to create a theme. At this stage I was able to start a storyboard and script.

This first draft of script helped with having a better understanding of how the story will unfold. <sup>25</sup> The idea for an animation that was drawn up on the storyboard and script was a news broadcast theme. I also included images with a “zooming” effect, inspired by Neri Oxman’s documentary. At this point I am still unsure what style I want my typography to be.

<sup>25</sup> <https://darvideo.tv/dictionary/script>

# SCRIPT DRAFT ONE

Week Three



We urgently need to find ways to design that achieve net-positive impacts.

But how are these changes ever going to happen? First, we must recognise that change is necessary.

Second, we identify, debunk and reject the degenerative mindsets and paradigms that are harming us and other life on earth.

Cognitive neuroscience has shown that the bestway to dislodge a story is not to argue against it but to shape a different, more persuasive story.

So that means that step 3 is that we need to imagine, develop, celebrate and embrace the new or recovered mindsets that put care for life – all life – at the very centre of everything we do.

Step 4, we need to maximise our own personal agency, finding new purpose for our work and life in taking positive action to realise these mindsets.

And then, finally, we join together with others in diverse coalitions to build regenerative communities and systems that benefit the majority of life on earth, not just a tiny minority of one species.

\*tv turns on - glitch noises

Words and letters all jumbled up which zoom in to highlight the words 'net positive impacts'. (slow zoom into tv screen as she speaks)

words swiped across screen to reveal change is necessary.

Number 2 fills the screen. Identify, debunk, degenerative mindset words on screen fizzle up and disappear to indicate harm.

Pulsing and moving line images to represent neuroscience. Slow zoom into the lines to reveal quote about shaping a story.

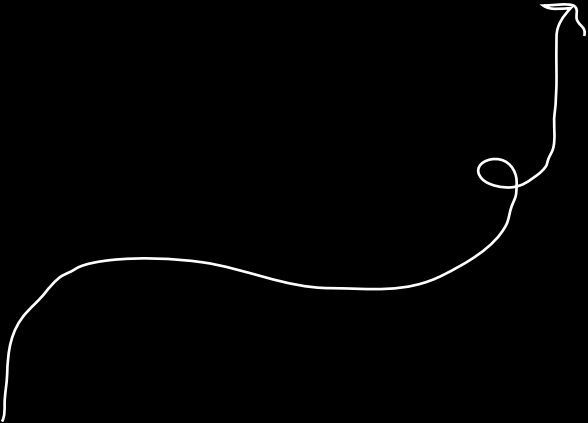
Number 3 fills the screen. Blurred words swirling and gradually become visible to represent recovered mindsets.

Number 4 fills the screen. Personal agency 'maximises' to fill the screen.

Words join together and rise to represent joining together and building regenerative communities.

"Tiny" designs coming together and zoom out to show "change is necessary".

\* zooms back out to show tv glitching and turning off.

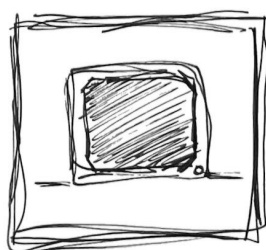


A Storyboard is a series of drawings that show the sequence of scenes in your video. Storyboards are an essential tool when creating videos. They allow us to make the best of time and resources. They help you to visualize your video before you start filming.<sup>26</sup> The creation of a script and storyboard allowed me to begin the experimentation stage of the process.

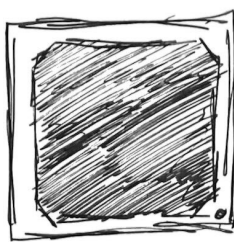
<sup>26</sup> <https://ngproductionfilms.com/the-benefits-of-storyboards-for-video-production/>

# STORYBOARD. 2

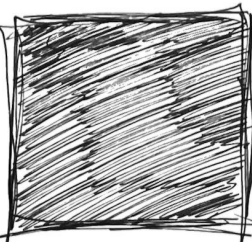
Week Four



Zoom into white



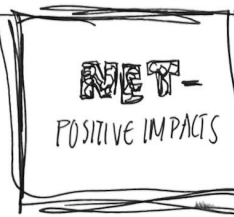
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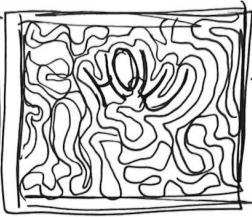
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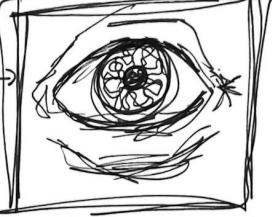
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Zoom into S



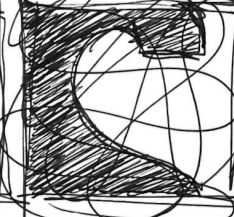
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Zoom I melts



droplet drops



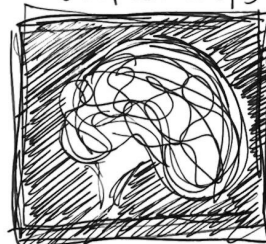
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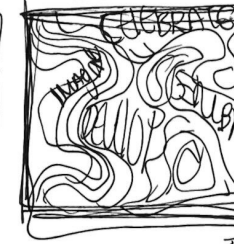
Zoom into B&G



Zoom out Transition up



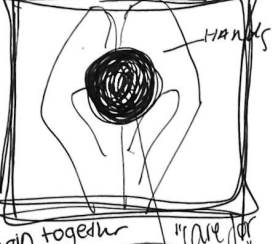
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Zoom



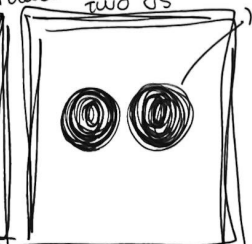
Fades other than two ds



Join together



(Sheet's Made in college)



Zoom out

The first idea to experiment with was an old television setup. The thinking behind the tv setup was to represent the sense of urgency in Ichioka's audio. I thought that the animation could have a news broadcast theme to it to help show this sense of seriousness behind the topic. The idea was to possibly project or edit my animation onto this old tv set so photographs of the tv were shot in different types of positions and lighting. Experimentation allowed me to ensure that methods match my research aims to come to an educated conclusion on why I am choosing to use certain styles and not others. Photography and typography were tested this week as part of experimentation for the animation style. To get a feel for what the animation might look like, typography examples from Pinterest were printed and cut to size and stuck onto an old portable tv. The typefaces I was drawn to the handwritten or printed type as they had a more textured look that I liked. The tv was set up on a white stand against a white wall. Photographs were taken at different angles and positions. These photographs gave me a better insight into how the animation may look if I choose this setup.





MY IMAGES



PINTEREST  
IMAGES  
STUCK  
ONTO  
TV



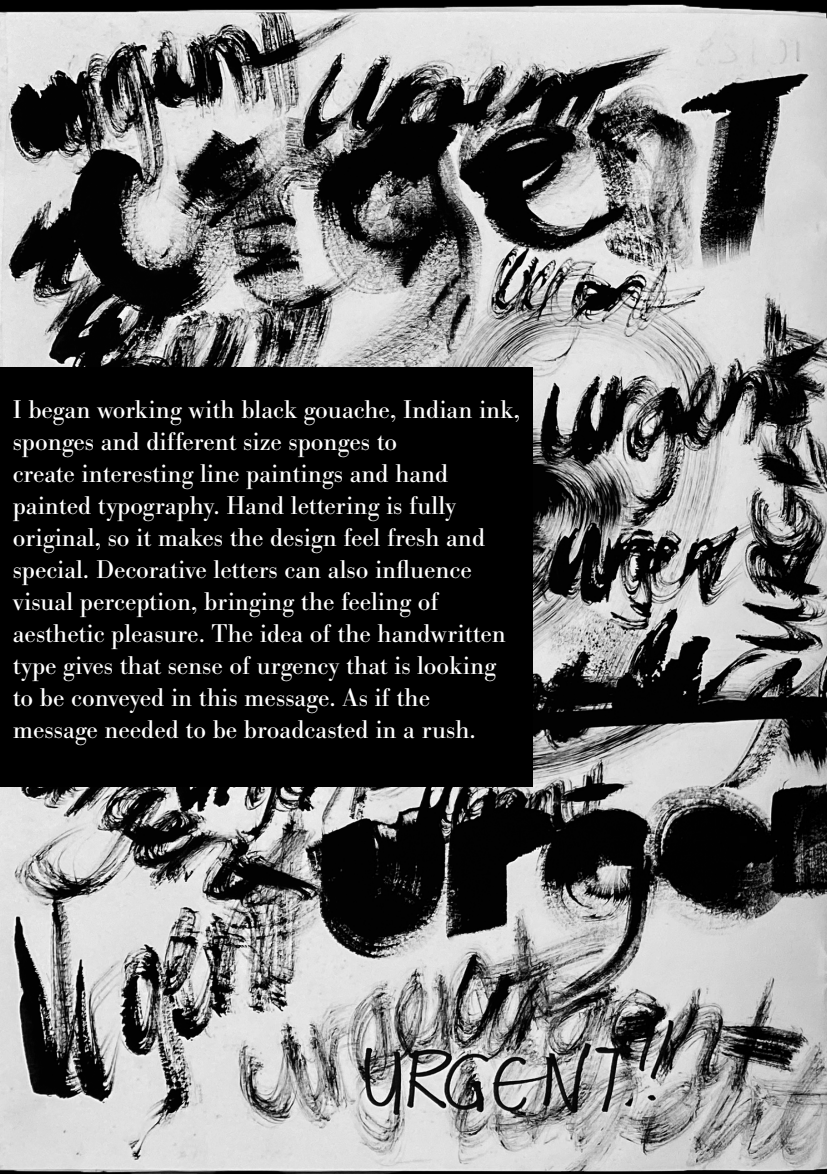
Images I took of the  
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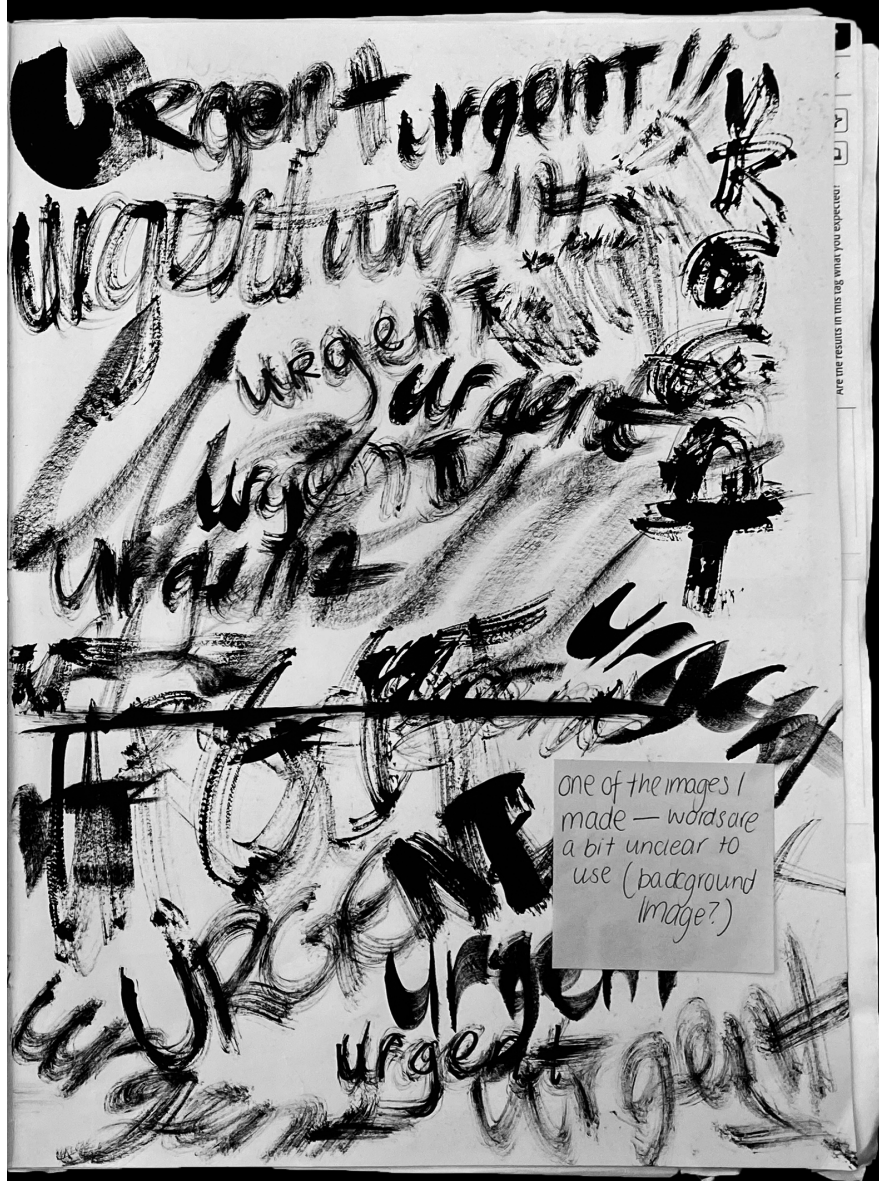


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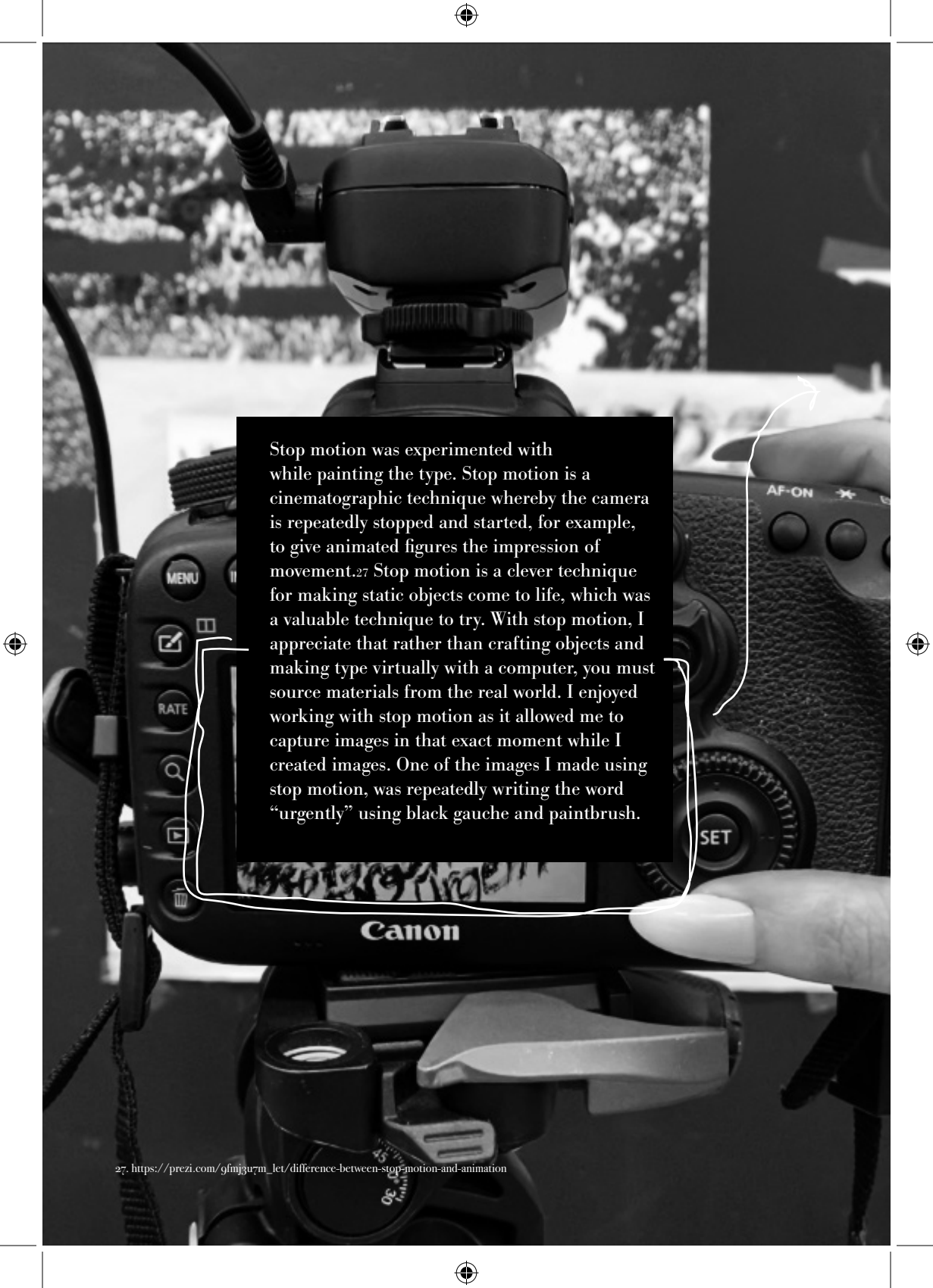




I began working with black gouache, Indian ink, sponges and different size sponges to create interesting line paintings and hand painted typography. Hand lettering is fully original, so it makes the design feel fresh and special. Decorative letters can also influence visual perception, bringing the feeling of aesthetic pleasure. The idea of the handwritten type gives that sense of urgency that is looking to be conveyed in this message. As if the message needed to be broadcasted in a rush.



one of the images I  
made — words are  
a bit unclear to  
use (background  
image?)



Stop motion was experimented with while painting the type. Stop motion is a cinematographic technique whereby the camera is repeatedly stopped and started, for example, to give animated figures the impression of movement.<sup>27</sup> Stop motion is a clever technique for making static objects come to life, which was a valuable technique to try. With stop motion, I appreciate that rather than crafting objects and making type virtually with a computer, you must source materials from the real world. I enjoyed working with stop motion as it allowed me to capture images in that exact moment while I created images. One of the images I made using stop motion, was repeatedly writing the word “urgently” using black gauche and paintbrush.

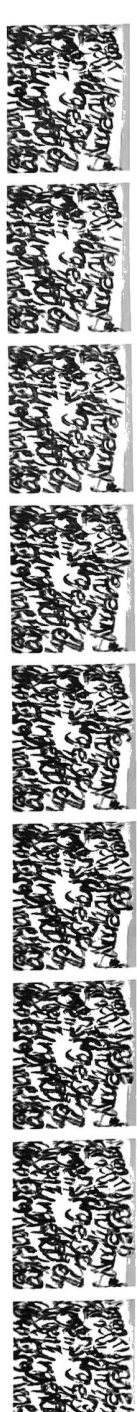
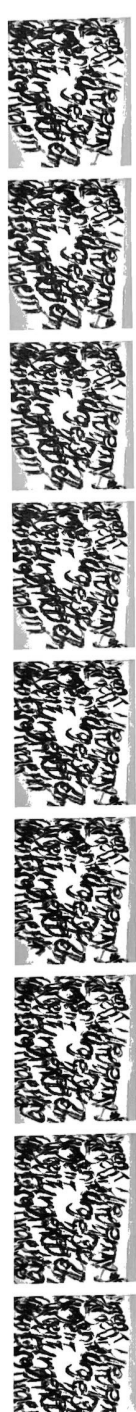
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# Week Night

- Photos
- Libraries
- Memories
- People
- Places
- Recents
- Imports
- Albums
- Made Types
- Shared Albums
- My Albums
- Projects
- My Projects



I tested stop motion by painting the word 'urgency' over and over again. I like the effect it gives (too late to do whole animation in stop motion?)







This week I edited the images I made in Photoshop and played around with the darkness and lightness levels and contrast. The images created were all black and white and were suitable to be used as backgrounds for the animation. I also painted the alphabet and inverted it, so I had easy access to black and white handwritten typelaces to add into the animation.

Adobe After Effects is an animation software used for animation, visual effects, and motion picture compositing.<sup>28</sup> I used Adobe After Effects to put the images I created together and add effects such as zooming in on images and transitions. By moving and transforming layers, I was able to bring my artwork to life. After Effects also allowed me to add in sound effects along with Sarah Ichiokas audio such as the glitching noises of the television that I added into the first few seconds of the video. I picked this sound from Free Sounds.<sup>29</sup>

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# FINAL DESIGN



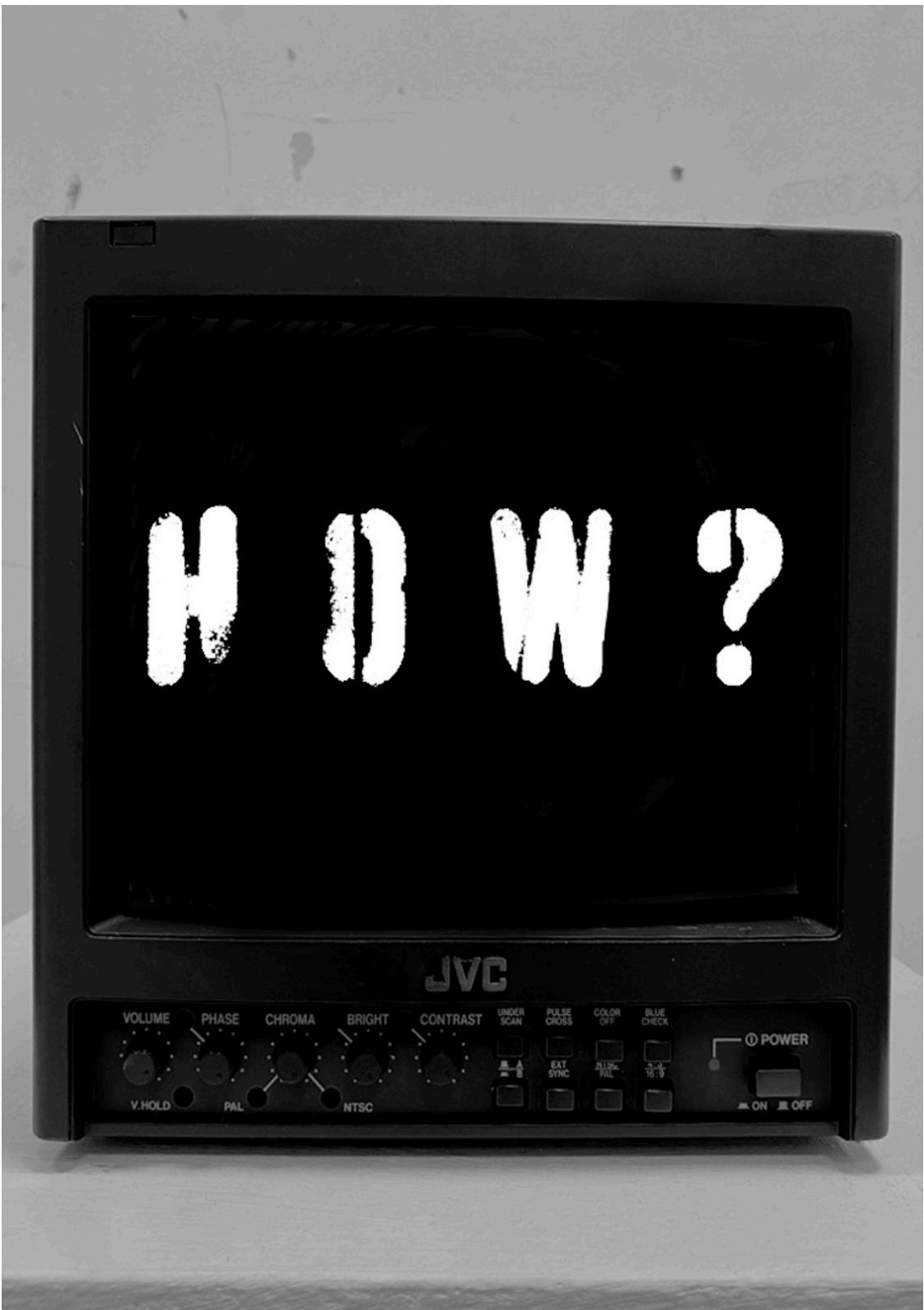




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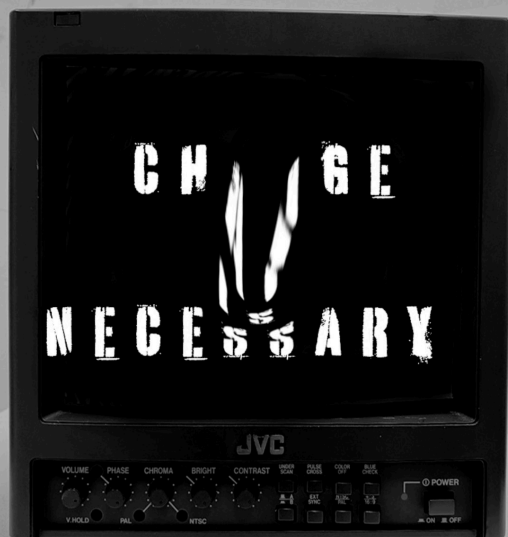
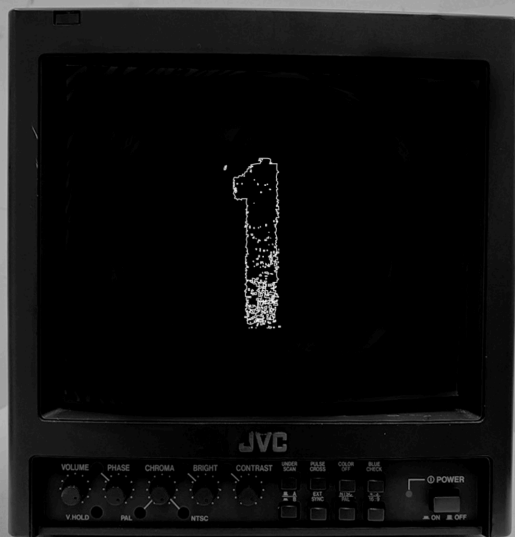
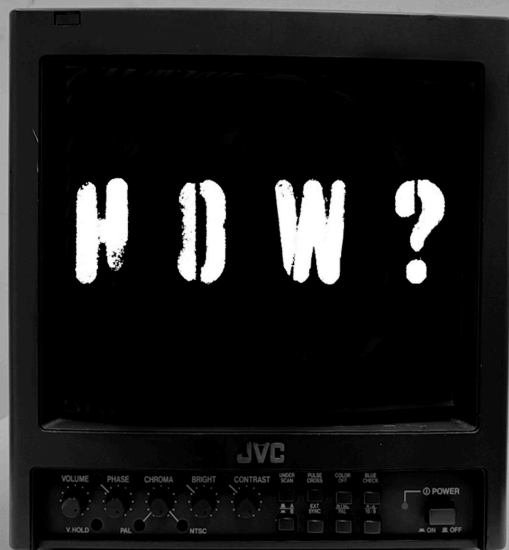
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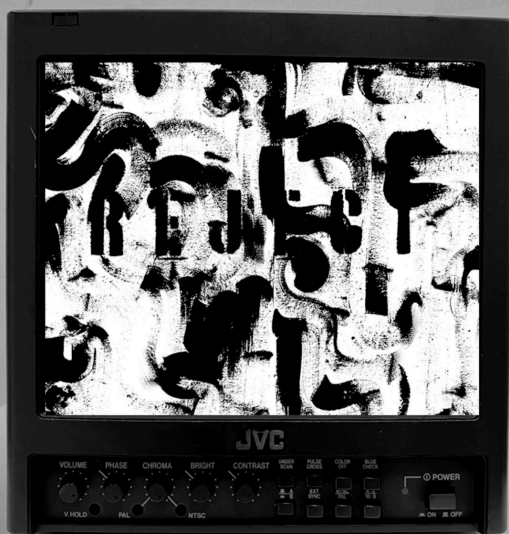
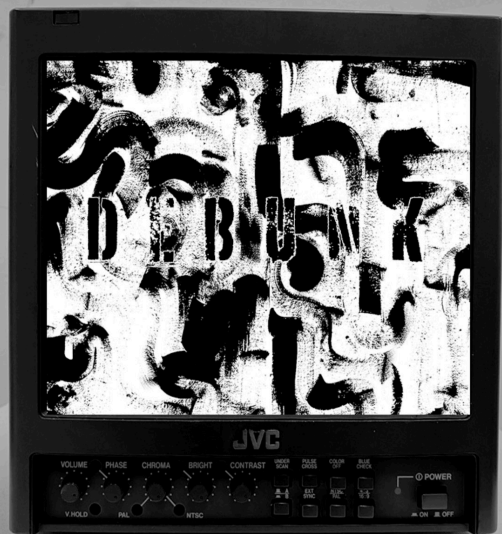
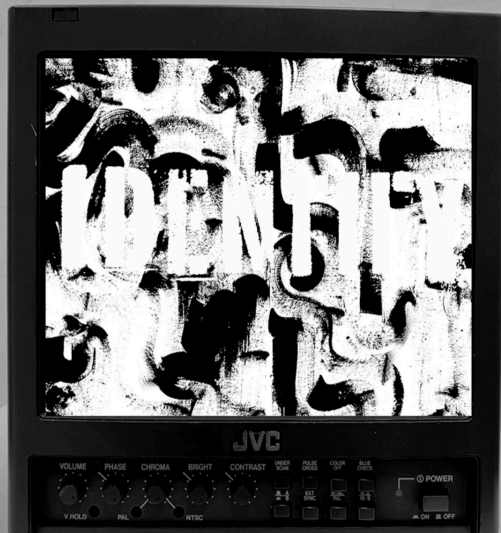
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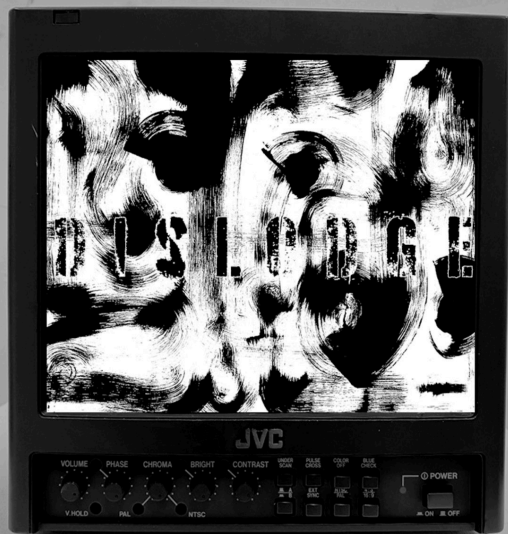
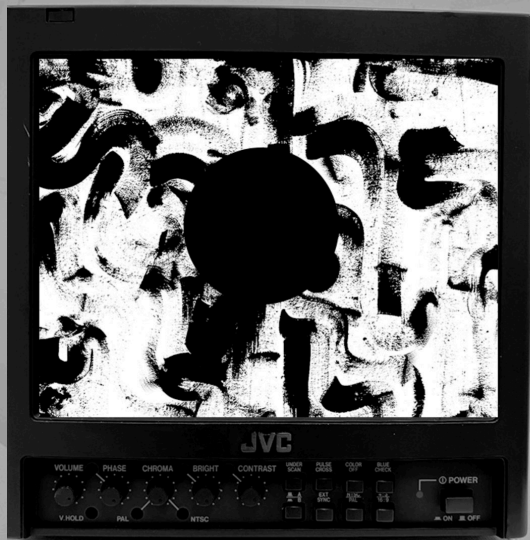
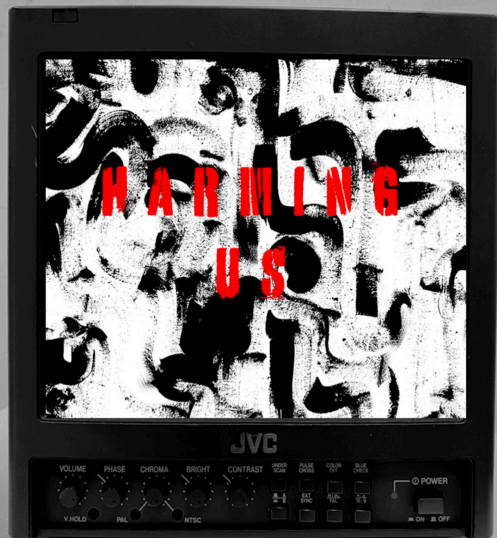
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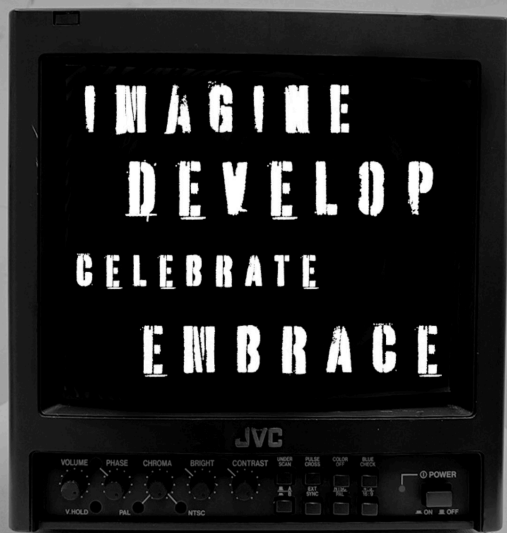


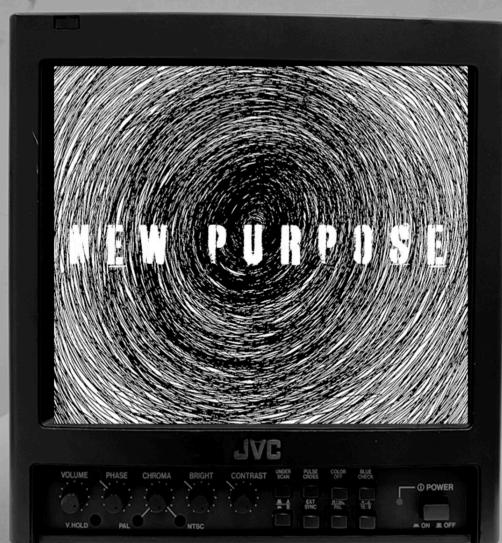
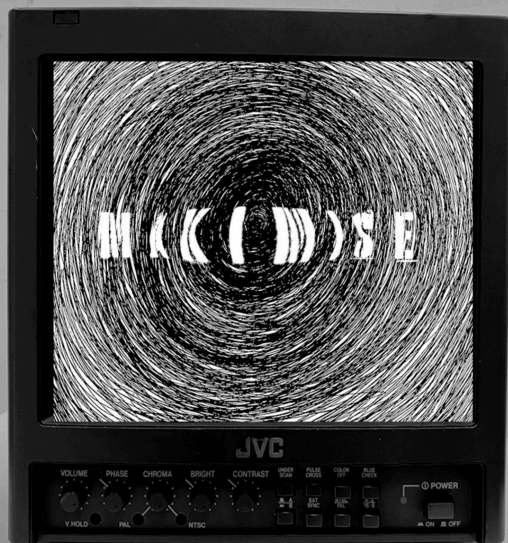
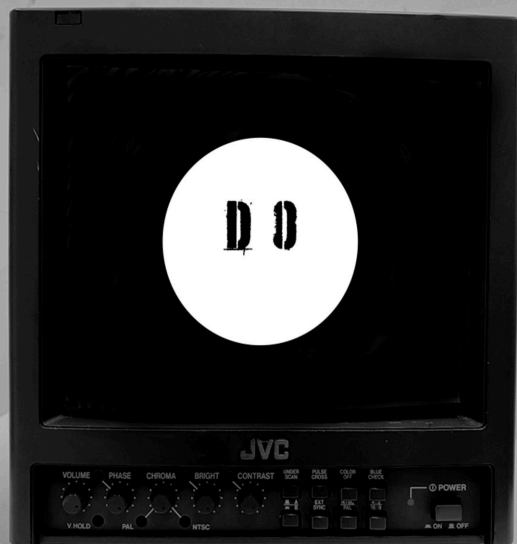


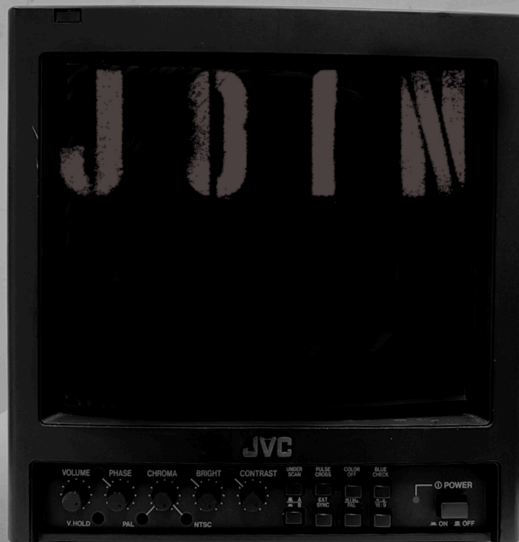
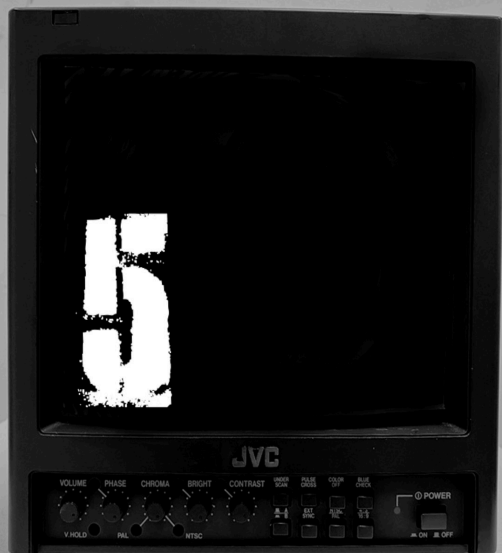
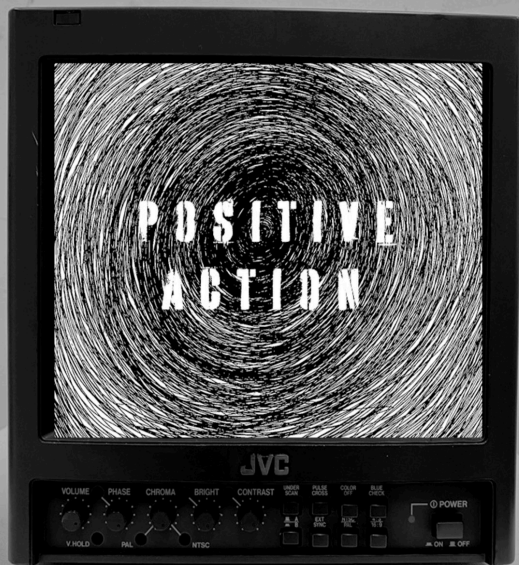












*Final Design*



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# CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I chose to base my animation on Sarah Ichiokas audio, “Change is Necessary”. I researched Sarah Ichioka, regenerative design, the neuroscience of storytelling, the target audience, animation styles, art styles, and other regenerative designers. I gathered the insights I got from this research which allowed me to create a script and storyboard, to help visualize how the animation would look. To start off the experimentation process I took photographs of an old tv set up to test my “news broadcast” idea. I experimented with image and type making using black gouache and inks. I also experimented with stop motion as I felt that it was an effective technique to make the static images come to life. After the experimentation process, I analyzed, and edited these images on Photoshop and moved them onto After Effects where I moved and transformed them to create an animation that is in sync with Sarah Ichiokas audio.



# EVALUATION

I fulfilled the aims of the brief by producing an animation to accompany one of the two selected audio files to help illuminate its content. The animation is suitable for a diverse audience and will connect with all age groups. I carried out my objectives such as researching the topic, the speaker, and the different ways that I could tell a story through animation. I feel like my animation works well. I appreciate how the handmade images work with the photograph of the television. The handwritten type and painted backgrounds add to the urgent effect that I wanted to create. If I had more time and the opportunity to change anything, I would experiment more with typography rather than as much background making. I would have explored different methods of type making such as stamp typography and Lino print typography. Overall, I am happy with the outcome of this brief.

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