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Research: Primary



Some reportage drawings I did in Leicester

Over Easter, and again halfway through the module, I visited Leicester to conduct some research on some of the different districts. I had decided previously that I wanted to focus on the Town Hall Fountain. It has a lot of distinctly recognisable features and landmarks, such as the fountain, the main clock tower, the surrounding gargoyles as well as the war memorial.

I took photographs to some of these landmarks, as well as conducting some reportage drawing of people and how they interacted with the space.

I also took some notes on what people were doing, as well as asking some quick questions about what they were doing.

"I just come here to chill really, its nice and quiet for being in the middle of town." - Young man sitting on a bench

Photos I took across 2 different trips to Leicester

Research: Secondary

History

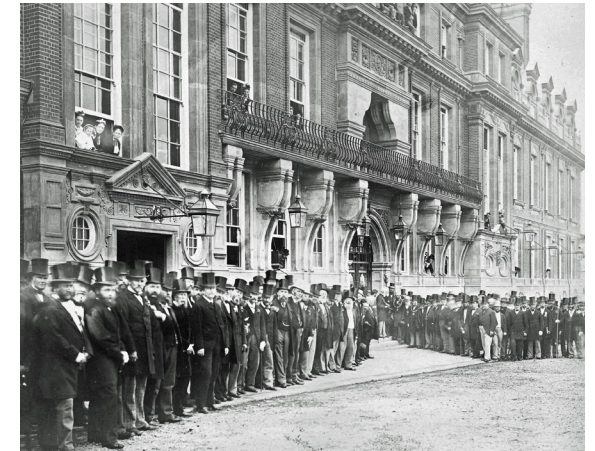
Leicester used the medieval Guildhall as the town hall right up until the 1870s. However it was no longer adequate to support Leicester's rapid growth. Instead, a new site was chosen, and a competition was held to design it. Frances J. Hames won the commission with his modern Queen Anne style design and it was opened in 1876 (top right image).

Hames also designed the square outside, with the fountain being a gift of Alderman Israel Hart. Interestingly, there's a copy of the fountain in Porto, Portugal (top middle image).

Existing Events

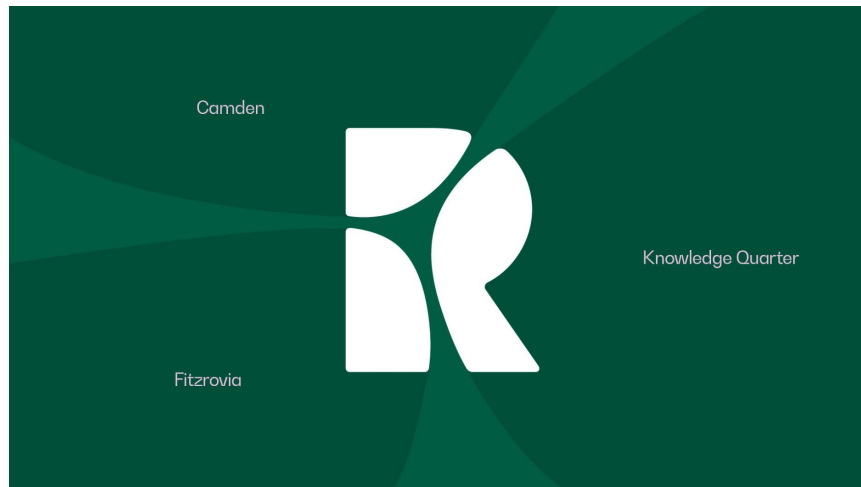
Many different events take place throughout the year at the fountain. For example, last year the council ran a playday with many traditional games such as skipping and hula hooping, aiming to promote the Ready, Set, Read programme. As well as this, at Christmas the council decorates the fountain and surrounding park with £38,000 worth of lights.

This shows that the square is a lively and important part of Leicester, with a strong connection to both its history and its local community. The architecture and its long-standing importance make it attractive to a mix of people, including history lovers, tourists, and local families. Events like the playdays are clearly aimed at children and parents, while the Christmas lights and historical features tend to draw in older visitors. Because it appeals to such a wide range of people, the square has real potential to keep bringing the community together through cultural and social events.



Photographs taken from a variety of sources included in Bibliography

Research: Place Branding

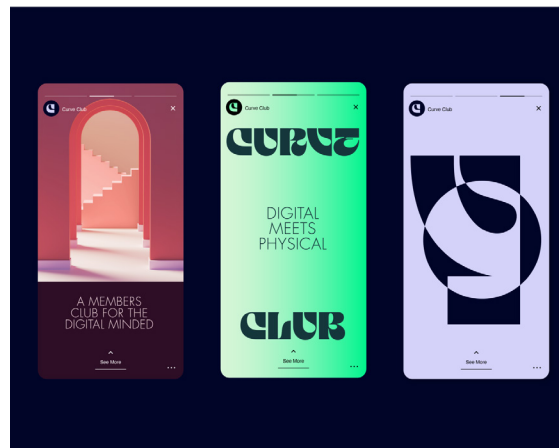
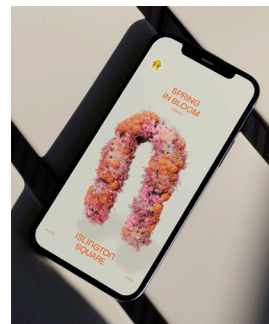


I also conducted some preliminary research into what place branding looks like. On the left are branding projects for: Norfolk Coast, Regent's Place, Islington Square and Shoreditch-based Curve Club.

They all use a minimal colour palette, using colours that specifically relate to their location. For example, Norfolk coast use primarily greens due to the vast expanses of hilly landscapes, giving a clear indication of what a potential user could expect.



Furthermore, they all make use of a very minimalist logo/icon. Whilst this is partly due to current design trends, it also serves a different purpose. The simple shapes allow them to replace the insides with photos or patterns, a technique known as framing. This makes it easy for them to create different styles of branding for every occasion, without needing an expansive design budget. Islington Square use a similar technique with their U mark. However they instead use satisfying 3D effects and animations.




I really like how much each of these projects have prioritised visual consistency over everything else. The end result is a clear identity that feels true to each place. It builds recognition while staying flexible enough to adapt across different formats. These projects show how strong visuals can reflect a location's character and what it stands for without over complicating things.

A collection of images all from creativeboom.com featuring various place branding examples

Researching Personas

A persona is a fictional character that has been created to represent a larger target audience, and is often used to help guide design decisions, by giving you a clear sense of who you're designing for.



Evette Romilly

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST

about

Evette is a graduate student at biology studies who cares deeply about the Mother Nature. She is highly involved in the sustainability and groups that advocate usage of cannabis and other organic gifts from the nature.

AGE	26
OCCUPATION	Ph.D Student
INCOME	30-40K / year
STATUS	Single
LOCATION	Paris, France

goals

- Wants to feel relaxed and get a good sleep after the busy day
- Would love to expand positive voice about the benefits of the nature
- Wants to easily access CBD benefits, without thinking too much about it

frustrations

- Doesn't have good and transparent sources of the cannabis.
- Some vendors charge way too much for the cannabis products
- A lot of young people still don't understand her passion about cannabis

personality

Extrovert	Intervent
Sensuing	Intuition
Thinking	Faeling
Judging	Perceiving

feelings

STRESSED	BUSY
PASSIONATE	ENERGETIC
CARING	FORWARD-TH.



Kayla Planner

ABOUT

Age 25-34
\$50K - \$75K or >\$OK
Medium - High Tech Proficiency

EVENT ATTENDANCE ATTRIBUTES

Go to fewer events but plan them for in essence, more likely to travel nationally or regionally for an event.

EVENT INFANTRICS

- Friends
- Cultural
- Adventure
- Learning
- Networking
- Huge
- Creativity

MOTIVATIONS

Buying and planning activities well in advance - right when an event is announced or tickets interest. Care about the quality of an event and considering only social group.

CORE NEEDS

Pre-sale options, notifications for ticket sales, planning event outings for group while budgeting and scheduling tasks.

PAIN POINTS

Events selling out quickly. Finding events that fit everyone's budget and schedule when planning for a group.

65%

Total Income QTY

4-6

Events per month

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SHIRLEY

Dying is a **WIDOWER FLAT**

The nearest state pension is 10 years a good looking pensioner

She has a few **HEALTH ISSUES** due to her age

Shirley would not have a **NEW PAGE** and she would spend her time watching the telly

The doesn't like to go to the doctor as she is a private patient and she has to pay for it

Shirley tends to be a bit moanous in **IRELAND**

FORGIVE US COME TO US

Kyra lives in a
**LOW COST
RENTED
FLAT**
with her
**YOUNG
CHILDREN**

She has few
qualifications
and works in
**ADMIN
JOB**
with an
employer
that ignores
the national
minimum

She doesn't
have a
**STATE
PENSION**

KYRA

Kyra's financial health and related issues are
GAP & NEXT

She is also attracted to
other people who
**DESIGNED
BRANDS**
at good prices

Her interests
include
reading
self-help books
EXERCISES
and
**MUSIC &
FASHION**

Kyra can
**SOCIAL MEDIA
REGULARLY**
and follows trends
and advice

MICHAEL

Michael regularly uses the Post to access the **WORLD TRAVEL WEATHER** and read **EDGE**

He **PARKS** his **CREDIT CARD'S ONLINE** to save money on parking

He **APARTMENTS** more than 13M, and plays a **SECOND HORN** about

Michael has no mortgage, no loans, and no car

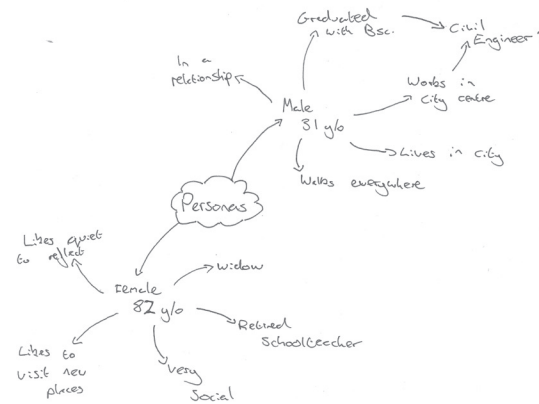
BUILDING UP A PERSONAL PENSION

Michael has a social media presence and has been named a **WICKEST PUNK** by **LOVED** by **EMILIE & FEMINIST AND MUSIC**

Making my Personas

I decided to make 2 different personas. One would be a younger male and the other an older woman. This is because according to the census data, whilst there is a large number of 20-30 y/o, there is also a large number of 60+ in Leicester. Furthermore, these were the two main groups of people I noticed on my visit.

I made a small mind map for some of the personality traits I wanted my personas to have, helping me to plan and flesh out some of the more intricate details. I also asked ChatGPT to pretend to be each of my personas, allowing me to interview and ask it questions.



do you have any frustrations with current greenspaces in and around Leicester?

Yes, I do have a few frustrations, actually. But I'll be honest, having green spaces in the city, many of them, feels like a privilege or ascorollary, which can be quite fitting for someone like me who values quiet and calm. Often, these spaces are more of a luxury to enjoy than a necessity. I've seen some designed more for younger people or busy city workers rushing through.

I also find that some green spaces lack sense of community or character that makes a place feel special. They can feel quite generic, without too much to connect to Leicester's unique history or spirit. And it's a shame that there aren't always enough benches or comfortable spots to sit and quietly watch the world go by without feeling rushed or uncomfortable.

Also, I think many green spaces are inclusive and welcoming – places where people of all ages could simply relax, have a gentle chat, and enjoy being part of the city without the noise and bustle overwhelming the experience. Does that help? Would you like me to take about any specific areas?

What do you look for in a greenspace? Different opportunities to spend time in or maybe some occasional spots?

For me, what really matters in a greenspace is a feeling of calm and belonging. I love the places where I can sit comfortably on a bench watching the trees where I can relax, watch the world go by, have a quiet chat with friends over a cup of tea. I mean, that the space feels welcoming and safe, without too much noise or crowds rushing past.

I do enjoy having a few nearby cafes or tea rooms where I can meet friends – just or after spending time in the green space. But it doesn't have to be more – before a nice cup of tea, you can just sit part of the day in your favourite green space. I'm interested in busy shops or large commercial areas, I prefer something small-scale and thoughtful, places that encourage lingering rather than rushing.

Also, I appreciate when the green space reflects a bit of Leicester's character and history, like a small area with some old trees or a park with historical significance.

Ask anything

➡️ Search ➡️ Ask

ChatGPT pretending to be
my persona

[illegible][illegible]

I then worked on creating the personas. I decided to use a 3 column layout as it suited the amount of information I was putting on it well.

I also added bars to help represent some of their common personality traits, as well as single word “tags” for their interests.

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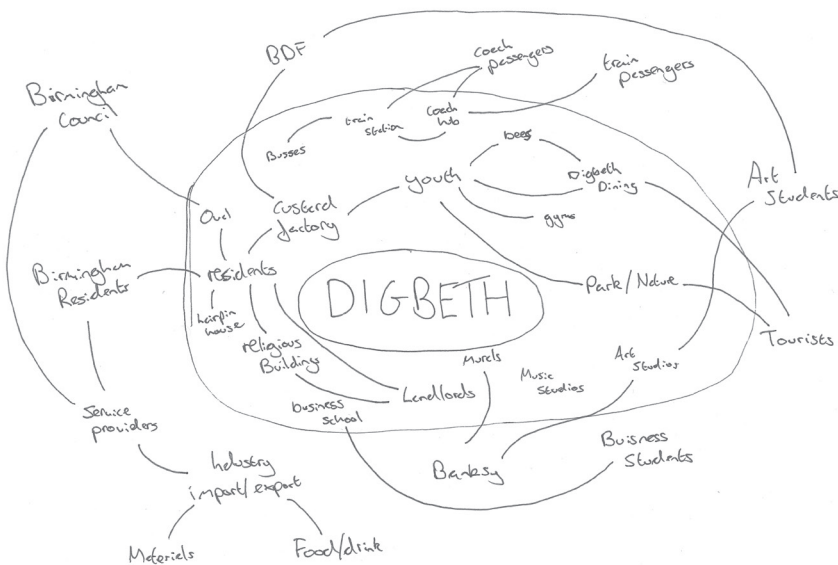
Strategy: Stakeholder Maps

Researching Stakeholder Maps

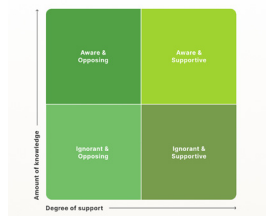
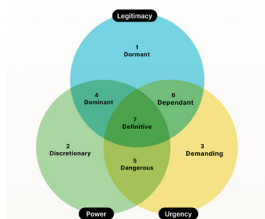
Stakeholder maps are used to identify stakeholders, an individual person, group, organization or aspect that has a certain interest in or a relationship to a specific topic or business.

There are different levels of stakeholders, often represented by different rings around the location. They're sometimes called internal and external stakeholders, internal having a direct relationship with the company and external being an indirect relationship.

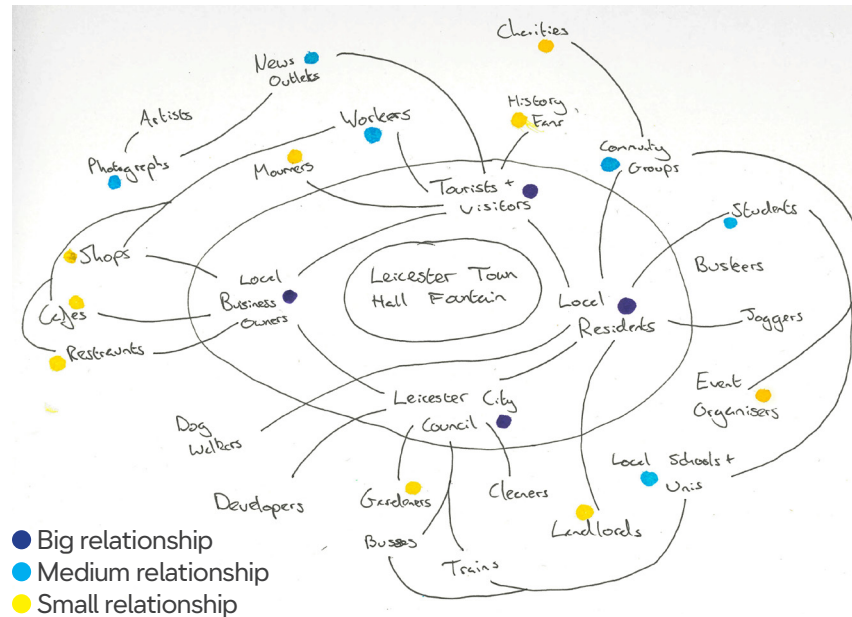
To help get to grips with making stakeholder maps, we created one for Digbeth (a neighbourhood in Birmingham) in groups.



I also had a look at different ways to format stakeholder maps such as a matrix or venn diagram.



Making my Stakeholder Map

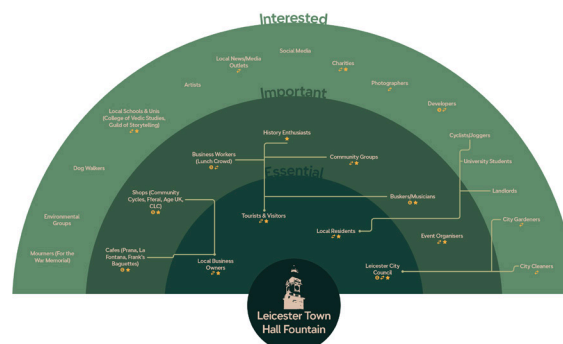


I first started by sketching/planning the stakeholder map on paper. Originally I split them into two levels of importance but later decided to use three instead.

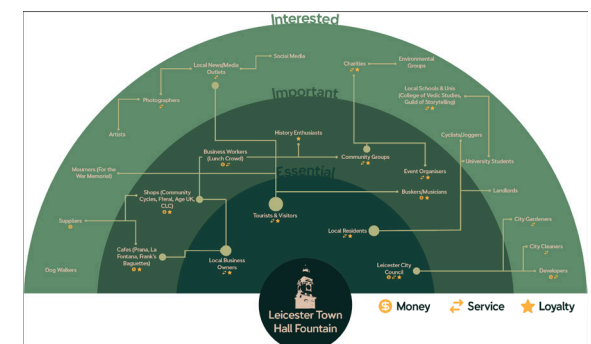
I also colour coded the size of relationship between each entity.

I later decided to add symbols to represent what a particular entity provided the neighbourhood as well.

Initially I removed some of the connections to help with visual clutter, as well as not representing the size of the relationship, however this document is primarily to inform and so I later added them back in.



My initial version of the map



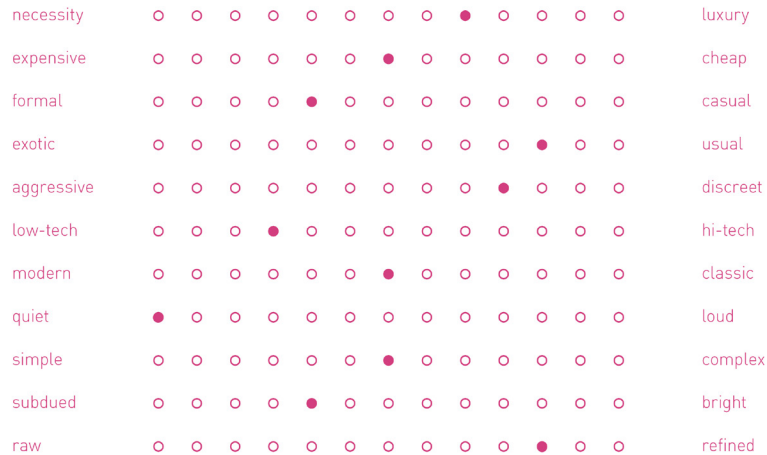
My final version of the map

Strategy: Personality, Archetype & Values

Brand Personality

ACA145 BRANDING AND STRATEGY Brand Personality

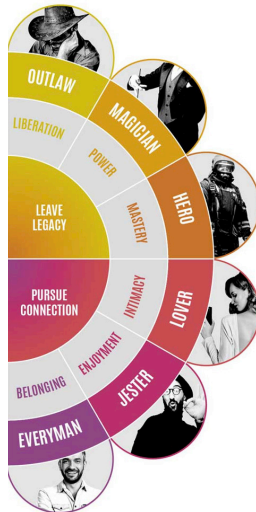
Where does your chosen neighbourhood's personality sit on this spectrum?



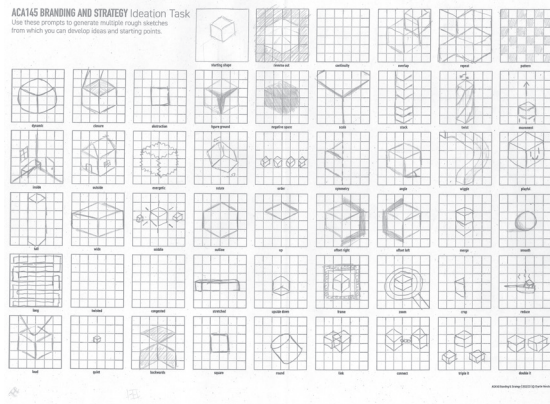
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Brand Archetype

My Brand's Archetype would be primarily Everyman but with parts of the Explorer. The Fountain is a friendly, inclusive hub for workers (Everyman) where people can refresh and recharge by stepping into a lively, inspiring spot (Explorer)



Ideation Task



Brand Values

Refresh

A quick boost to recharge your day.

Timeless

Classic charm that never goes out of style.

Savvy

Smart, sharp, and effortlessly cool.

Inclusive

Everyone's welcome, every day.

Rooted

Grounded in nature and community green spaces.

Tone of Voice

ACA145 BRANDING AND STRATEGY Tone of Voice

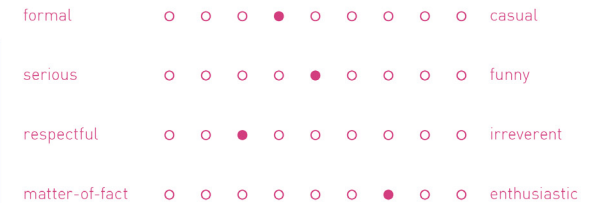
Where does your chosen neighbourhood's tone sit on this spectrum?

Your tone of voice refers to how your brand communicates with your audience, which can include word choice, communication style, and emotional tone.



List of Tone Words

- ☐ Authoritative
- ☐ Caring
- ☐ Cheerful
- ☐ Coarse
- ☐ Conservative
- ☐ Conversational
- ☒ Casual
- ☐ Dry
- ☐ Edgy
- ☐ Enthusiastic
- ☐ Formal
- ☐ Frank
- ☐ Friendly
- ☒ Fun
- ☐ Funny
- ☐ Humorous
- ☒ Informative
- ☐ Irreverent
- ☒ Matter-of-fact
- ☐ Nostalgic
- ☐ Passionate
- ☐ Playful
- ☒ Professional
- ☐ Provocative
- ☐ Quirky
- ☐ Respectful
- ☐ Romantic
- ☐ Sarcastic
- ☐ Serious
- ☐ Smart
- ☐ Snarky
- ☐ Sympathetic
- ☒ Trendy
- ☐ Trustworthy
- ☐ Unapologetic
- ☒ Upbeat
- ☐ Witty



Formal vs casual

Is the writing formal? Informal?

Casual? (Note that casual and conversational are not necessarily synonymous, but they do often appear together.)

Respectful vs irreverent

Does the writer approach the subject in a respectful way? Or does she take an irreverent approach?

Matter-of-fact vs enthusiastic

Does the writer seem to be enthusiastic about the subject? Is the organization excited about the service or product, or the information it conveys? Or is the writing dry and matter-of-fact?

Serious vs funny

Is the writer trying to be humorous? Or is the subject approached in a serious way?

notes

For the Town Hall Fountain rebrand, I'm aiming for a vibe that's casual and fun, as I want to catch the attention of workers during their lunch break without sounding too stuffy. It's upbeat and trendy to keep things fresh and interesting, but still professional enough to show we know what we're talking about. It'll be straightforward and informative so people get what's going on without having to dig for info. I'm trying to make the fountain feel like a cool, easy spot to chill and recharge during a busy day.

<https://www.rmg.gov.uk/articles/tone-of-voice-dimensions>

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Ideation: Moodboards & Concept Boards

Moodboards



Pictured: My Moodboards, images taken from: Pentagram, Public Domain, Behance and Pinterest

Concept Board

ACA145 BRANDING AND STRATEGY Concept Board Task GT1

NEIGHBOURHOOD

Leicester Town Hall Fountain

CONCEPT ONE INSIGHT & THEMES

The minimalist tessellations give off a sense of professionalism, working well to draw in workers as its a style that's familiar to them. It would also work well to create different branding techniques/patterns out of different elements.

IDEA VISUALISATION



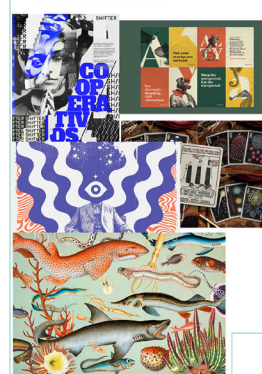
FEEDBACK
GOOD THINGS

THINGS TO WORK ON

CONCEPT TWO INSIGHT & THEMES

The unexpected, dreamlike elements of the surrealism bring a playful twist to the familiar surroundings of the fountain. It invites workers to step outside the everyday, sparking imagination in their break.

IDEA VISUALISATION



FEEDBACK
GOOD THINGS

THINGS TO WORK ON

CONCEPT THREE INSIGHT & THEMES

The bold typography and colours are very eye-catching and engaging. I really like the boolean cutting effect used by some and it works well to break up otherwise very repetitive titles/text.

IDEA VISUALISATION



FEEDBACK
GOOD THINGS

THINGS TO WORK ON

CONCEPT FOUR INSIGHT & THEMES

The historical blueprint aesthetic would work well to appease architecture fans whilst also giving a sense of timelessness and professionalism.

IDEA VISUALISATION



FEEDBACK
GOOD THINGS

THINGS TO WORK ON

CONCEPT FIVE INSIGHT & THEMES

The bold greens work well to promote the relaxing green space aspects of the fountain. It acts as an invitation to workers, offering a refreshing escape where they can unwind, recharge and reconnect with nature.

IDEA VISUALISATION

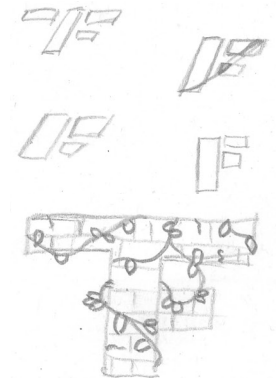


FEEDBACK
GOOD THINGS

THINGS TO WORK ON

Above is my concept board. Using images from my moodboards, I further developed and fleshed out my ideas for the visuals. I looked at what emotions would be invoked by the various designs, and if they worked to help promote the area. After some feedback, I decided to focus primarily on the 1st, 2nd and 5th concepts, but would combine pieces from the other concepts, such as the striking typography and very bold colours from the 3rd concept.

Ideation: Initial Sketches

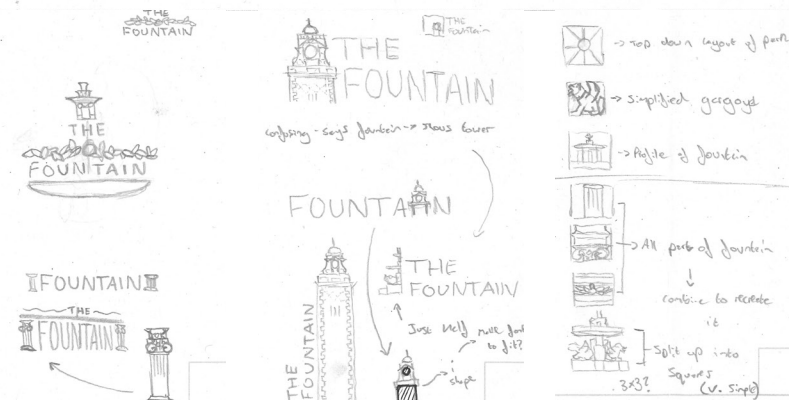
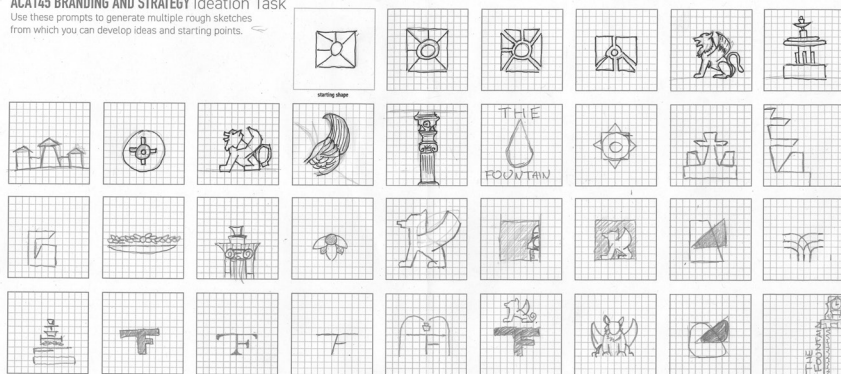


Attached here are some of my initial sketches/ideas for logos, wordmarks, etc.

A lot of ideas I had revolved around the gargoyles. I looked at both the front-on view as well as the side profile. I tried encasing it within a box as well as creating a hyper-minimalist one made out of 2 shapes.

I also spent a lot of time looking at monograms and different letter combinations. I even had the idea of a stylised version in the St Anne's sandstone brick style of the fountain.

ACA145 BRANDING AND STRATEGY Ideation Task
Use these prompts to generate multiple rough sketches from which you can develop ideas and starting points.



Ideation: More Sketches & Concept board

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2nd Group Tutorial Task

NEIGHBOURHOOD NAME

Town Hall Fountain

BRAND PERSONALITY (ARCHETYPE)

The Everyman
The Explorer

BRAND VALUES

1. Refresh
2. Timeless
3. Saavy
Inclusive
Rooted

TONE OF VOICE

Casual
Informative
Fun
Friendly
Trendy

AUDIENCE PERSONA

31 y/o graduate worker
wanting a pleasant
greenspace in the
centre of Leicester for
lunch/breaks from
work

CONCEPT ONE INSIGHT & THEMES

Gargoyle side profile logo, bold style with
eyecatching colours

TOUCHPOINTS

Flag/Banner
Animated Social Advert
Signage

IDEA VISUALISATION



FEEDBACK GOOD THINGS

THINGS TO WORK ON

Typographic posters seem too
much like a nightclub

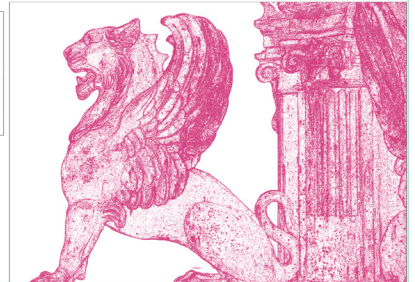
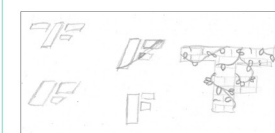
CONCEPT TWO INSIGHT & THEMES

Monogram logo of TF (The Fountain) or
THF (Town Hall Fountain). Stylised
images (dithered/edges only etc)

TOUCHPOINTS

Mug/Flask
Sign
Instagram Story

IDEA VISUALISATION



FEEDBACK GOOD THINGS

THINGS TO WORK ON

Dont use THF monogram - too
unclear

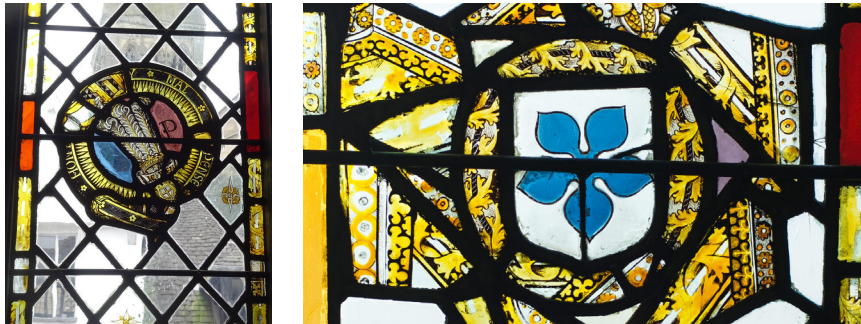
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Here are some more of my sketches where I continued to develop some more of my ideas. I've also included my 2nd concept board with some of my initial developments of the 2 concepts along with some feedback I received.

Ideation: Improving on some Ideas

Stain-Glass

I was inspired by some stain glass I briefly saw on the town hall and wanted to create a design based off of it. I made this quick sketch and digitised it in illustrator.



Images from www.storyofleicester.info

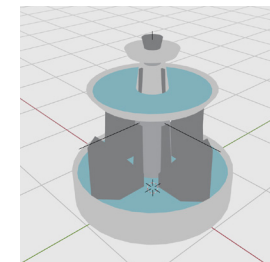
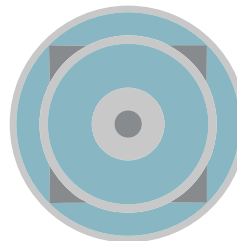
Whilst I liked the outcome, I struggled to see how I would create brand assets/ touch points based around it. As well as this, I worried about its recognisability at small scales as there would be a significant amount of visual clutter from some of the details. It also didn't fit very well with any of my planned concepts.



Top-Down



I started off by digitising the two sketches. I then made some adjustments to the top-down view to better match what it would actually look like.

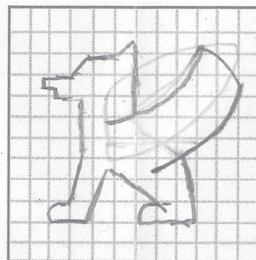
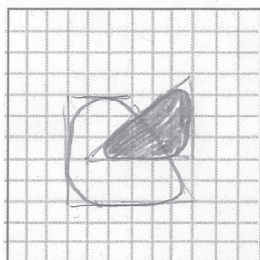
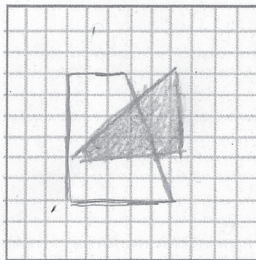
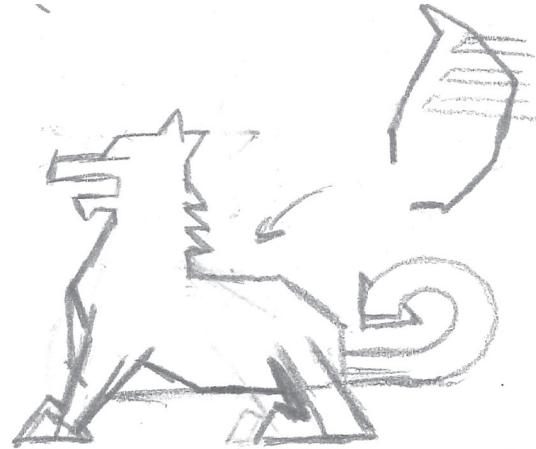


I then also added some details as it felt too minimalistic and you couldn't quite tell what it was. I also added some blue touches to breakup some of the gray and made it 3D



I ended up animating it as well (<https://youtu.be/FDvNBbeK7EQ>), but ended up ditching the design. It felt far too corporate and boring, something I wanted to avoid as my target demographic are trying to escape the office, and not be reminded of it everywhere they look.

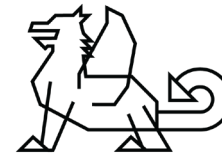
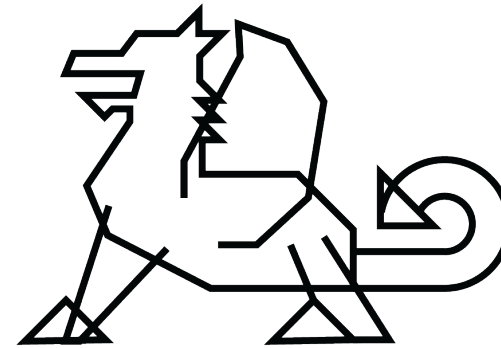
Development: Concept 1



Since my first visit to the fountain, I knew I wanted to explore the distinct shape of the gargoye. It's instantly synonymous with the fountain and surrounding area, and very recognisable. As well as this, its side profile is a very unique shape, helping it to stand out from other logos at a distance.

Using a picture I took in Leicester as reference, I then began drawing the side profile in varying different styles. I tried more realistic versions, as well as a very simple 2 shape silhouette. I was worried the more realistic ones would struggle at smaller scales, whilst the minimalist ones lost the iconic silhouette I was looking for.

I settled on a middle ground of simplicity whilst still keeping the prominent figure. I chose to use distinct angled lines to help keep the logo easy to spot and remember, perfect for busy workers and visitors on the go.



I then traced my drawing out on a grid in illustrator, ensuring all points were lined up correctly.

I then tweaked a lot of the points, adjusting proportions and changing his overall pose to appear more like the photo.

I also filled in the paths and started playing with different ways to help differentiate between the limbs/wing and body. My first idea was to use a simple consistent stroke but it felt inconsistent with the rest of the logo. I instead ended up using varied cutouts instead.

I initially planned to have the tail to be an arrow. The juxtaposition between the harsh lines of the body was to signify the transition from stressed to relaxed.

As well as this, the tail looks literally like a refresh icon, further emphasising this point. However, it interrupted the visual flow of the logo, and felt very disconnected, so I instead went with a more consistent version.

Development: Concept 1

Continued Development



I experimented with containing the logo within a polaroid-like shape, planning to use it to represent the memories being made at the fountain. However this made no sense for my planned

demographic, so I scrapped it quite quick in favour of a more traditional wordmark combo.

I used 1/2 of the cap height for spacing between the logo and text, as well as for clear space around the entire wordmark as an easy metric to use at varying scales.

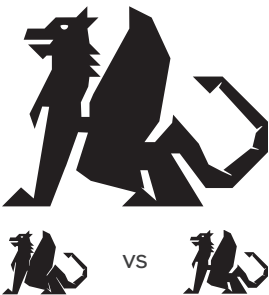


Wordmark 1st Variation



Wordmark 2nd Variation

I also created an optimised logo for smaller scales, as I found the details within the logo to be unnoticeable when I went to use it as a profile picture in my touch points.



The only thing I changed was the width of the negative space elements to be more prominent.



Colours

Below are the colours I picked to use throughout the brand. They're based on things throughout the area of the fountain, such as the trees (green), the water (blue), the brickwork (orange) and the cherry tree (pink).

I then chose an appropriate background colour with enough contrast by decreasing the brightness and saturation, as well as adjusting the hue to be slightly colder.

	Light Green Hex: #a5d492 CMYK: 22%, 0%, 31%, 17% RGB: 164, 211, 145		Dark Green Hex: #044040 CMYK: 94%, 0%, 0%, 75% RGB: 4, 63, 63
	Light Orange Hex: #f27252 CMYK: 0%, 53%, 66%, 5% RGB: 243, 115, 82		Dark Orange Hex: #402a24 CMYK: 0%, 34%, 43%, 75% RGB: 65, 43, 37
	Light Blue Hex: #88cfd2 CMYK: 44%, 15%, 0%, 5% RGB: 134, 204, 241		Dark Blue Hex: #142140 CMYK: 68%, 27%, 0%, 75% RGB: 20, 46, 63
	Light Pink Hex: #eba4c7 CMYK: 0%, 30%, 15%, 8% RGB: 234, 164, 199		Purple Hex: #3d1949 CMYK: 16%, 65%, 0%, 71% RGB: 62, 26, 74
	Off White Hex: #e8e1d3 CMYK: 0%, 3%, 9%, 9% RGB: 232, 226, 210		Nearly Black Hex: #404040 CMYK: 0%, 0%, 0%, 75% RGB: 65, 65, 65



The almost neon aspect of them works well to grab the attention of the passersby. The brighter palette also creates a striking contrast with the historical setting of the Town Hall, creating a sense of timelessness meeting contemporary.

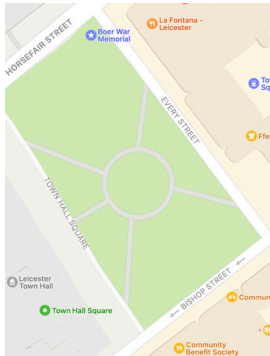


Colour combinations

Development: Concept 1

Brand Assets

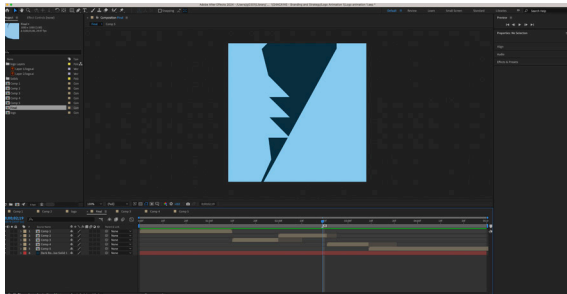
I then created a simple asset I could use for framing or as backgrounds throughout my touchpoints. Its based off of the aerial view of the area.



Animation

For my logo animation, I wanted to represent the change the workers will experience when using the park. The animation starts off as fast with quick cuts as the logo slowly starts to reveal itself. Then at the end, this motion comes to a halt as the logo zooms out to fully reveal itself in a way that mimicks the smooth exhale when you finally sit down, relax and escape the chaos of the city.

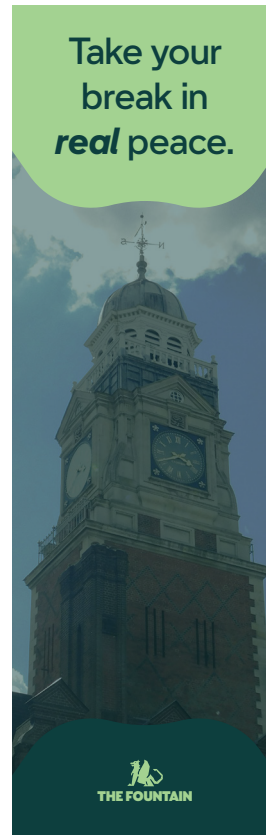
Final version: <https://youtu.be/7qmyVhhrDSO>



Screenshot of my animation in After Effects

Touchpoints

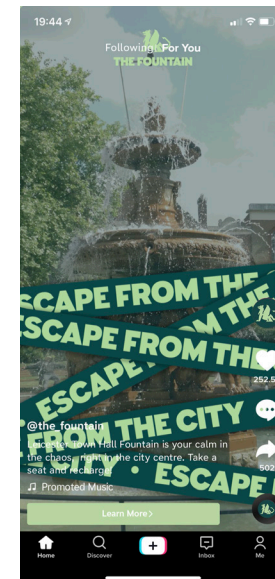
I started by making some banners. Initially I planned on using the logo at the bottom, but I felt it lacked a sense of professionalism I wanted.



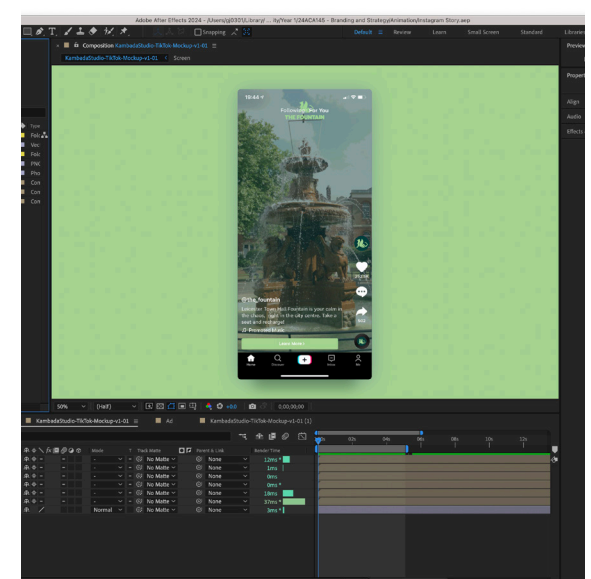
I also created some signs to help direct new visitors to different shops/restaurants in the surrounding area.



I also created some typography based posters, however after some feedback, we decided it felt too much like nightclub branding, so ended up not using them.



I also created an animated tiktok advert in After Effects which you can view here: <https://youtu.be/-e1wP-4nVRo>



Development: Concept 2

For my next concept, I wanted to take a text based approach. I looked back at my monogram sketches and started by making digitised versions.

From them I then made 2 more polished versions, one for Town Hall Fountain (THF) and another for The Fountain (TF). I wasn't sure just yet which one to stick with, so asked some people which monogram was easier to read.

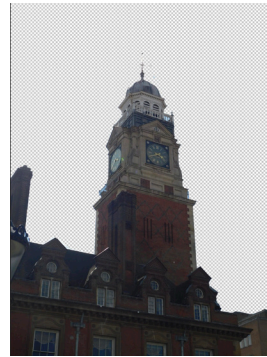
Option 1 (THF)

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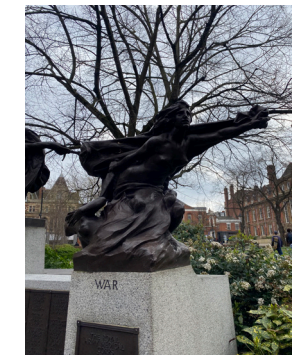
Option 2 (TF)

Option 2 (TF)

Most people preferred option 2, so I carried that one forward.



I knew I wanted stylised images alongside the monogram, similar to some of the items from my concept boards. To get the stylised effect, I masked the subject from the image, applied the Find Edges filter, removed all white from the image and then clipped a solid colour over the top.



I used images from my trips to Leicester for the background photos

Development: Concept 2

Continued Development

I still found myself struggling to see the letter T in the monogram, so I first tried adding a little straight line cut between the letters. I then also curved it to better match the style of the font. It worked well to inject a sense of friendliness into the design, taking some of the edge off the otherwise very harsh monograms. However it still felt confusing with the unmatched serifs. I tried flipping the serif on the F, and it significantly helped with legibility.

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Similarly to my first concept, I struggled to recognise some of the details at smaller scales within my touch points. I created another version for smaller scales, featuring a bolder font weight, bolder serifs as well as a more pronounced cut through the T.

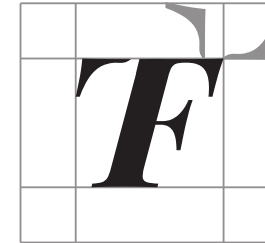
Typography

For the type, I used the font I based the monogram on originally, Playfair Bold. However it felt like the letters were too far apart. As this is being used as a display font as part of a wordmark, I decreased the tracking to -70, giving it a more unique look.

AaBbCc → AaBbCc
123&%£ 123&%£

I also made the decision to use all lowercase for the word mark. This is to give it a more approachable and casual appearance. The uppercase felt very harsh and abrupt and didn't really fit with the feeling of relaxation I'm trying to promote.

Wordmark and Clearspace



I then worked on the spacing guides. I used a similar technique to the last logo, instead using the x-height. For the monogram I used the serif of the T.

Colours

I started off by picking a selection of light but vibrant pastel colours to form the base of my palette. These help to break up the often gray city centre, and work to create a sense of peace and calm.

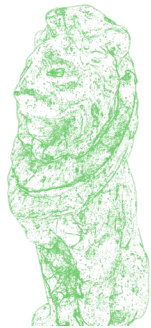
	Light Blue Hex: #8abedf CMYK: 38%, 16%, 0%, 13% RGB: 138, 186, 222		Dark Purple Hex: #671d2d CMYK: 0%, 72%, 56%, 60% RGB: 102, 29, 45
	Off White Hex: #e7d7be CMYK: 0%, 7%, 18%, 9% RGB: 231, 215, 190		Orange Hex: #e15a27 CMYK: 0%, 60%, 83%, 12% RGB: 225, 89, 39
	Lime Green Hex: #c2d656 CMYK: 9%, 0%, 60%, 16% RGB: 195, 214, 86		Brown Hex: #4f3916 CMYK: 0%, 85%, 72%, 69% RGB: 79, 57, 22
	Light Pink Hex: #eba4c7 CMYK: 0%, 32%, 17%, 8% RGB: 234, 158, 195		Red Hex: #e62229 CMYK: 0%, 85%, 82%, 10% RGB: 230, 34, 41
	Turquoise Hex: #e8fed3 CMYK: 60%, 8%, 0%, 16% RGB: 85, 195, 213		Green Hex: #18512a CMYK: 70%, 0%, 48%, 68% RGB: 24, 81, 42



Instead of just picking a darker variant for the backgrounds, I went with a very saturated version of the foreground, further helping to separate it from the city. As well as this the vibrant hues give a sense of energy which can then be passed on to the workers, helping to rejuvenate them.

Development: Concept 2

Creating More Assets



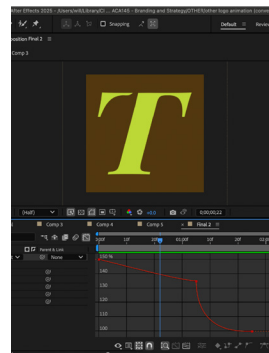
I also created some more stylised images to use throughout the touchpoints. I used a variety of images that I took on my trips to Leicester. Including real, local imagery makes the brand feel more genuine and familiar and it helps people connect with the space as they recognise parts of their own city. This makes the design feel less like a campaign and more like something that belongs.



Animation

Originally I had the idea of the monogram tracing itself out as it cycles through the different colour palettes, before settling on one. This was to represent the different communities of workers coming together. However it felt too fast paced for my brand. I stuck with the tracing but added some satisfying growing/shrinking which results in a far calmer and stress free animation.

You can view the final animation here: <https://youtu.be/IRv5ccefayQ>



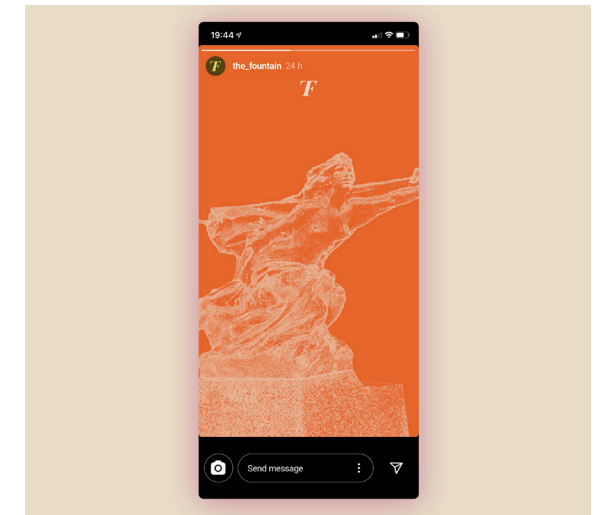
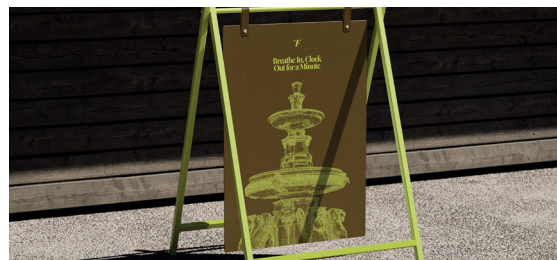
Touchpoints

As my location is very much orientated towards workers, I first thought about things they would relate to. My mind first jumped to cups of tea, specifically a travel mug. Making a piece of branded merchandise often starts conversations between people, helping to spread its awareness naturally, and by directly targeting my audience, I can help to grow its recognition.

To help further promote this idea, I used the phrase "Mug of Tea and some quiet". This suggests exactly what one can expect by visiting the fountain, whilst still relating to the merchandise its on.

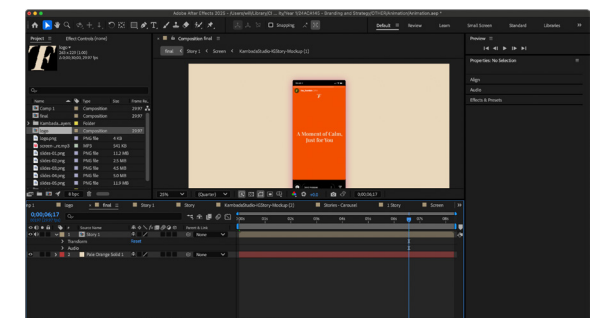


I also created a basic sign specifically to be used by local cafes and restaurants to use, allowing workers to easily see which spots are recommended for a quick bite or a coffee.



I also created an Instagram story featuring a satisfying slideshow through various of my brand assets, featuring audio of water running, birds tweeting and leaves rustling. This is to give a good idea to prospective visitors what they can expect from the area.

You can view the final animation here: <https://youtu.be/7Z9w8KJ6qwU>



Final Outcomes



concept 1



concept 2

Evaluation

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Five Reflections (Rs) Framework

REPORTING describe your experience; think about all of the feedback you have received.	RESPONDING describe how the feedback made you feel, what was your emotional response?	REASONING Did you agree or disagree with the feedback, why?	RELATING Was the feedback useful, in what ways?	RECONSTRUCTING What will/did you take forward from the feedback you have received, if you reject some, why?
<p>I've enjoyed this project a lot. At the start I did feel a little bit lost with ideas, but once I had selected a couple and carried them forward, I really enjoyed developing them and watching it all come together.</p> <p>I recieved lots of feedback at varying stages of the module and each time it was useful, whether I went forward with their ideas or not.</p>	<p>I'm always happy to recieve feedback, I'd much rather get it throughout the development of the project than at the end, often resulting in a lower mark.</p> <p>I don't think there was a single instance where I felt annoyed or frustrated with some feedback.</p>	<p>More often than not I agreed with the feedback. Having someone look over it with fresh eyes always helps and often they pick up on issues that have been staring you right in the face.</p> <p>There was occasionally times where I'd disagree, but that was mainly due to miscommunication. The times where it wasn't, it was still good to see why they thought that was the case, and how I could use that in my project</p>	<p>Yes the feedback was useful, it helped me to avoid a style which did not at all fit with my brand at all (nightclub-esque style), and helped me to pivot back on track.</p> <p>I also recieved some feedback to help improve the legibility of one of my logos. It was an issue that had plagued me for a while, but the fresh eyes let them identify it instantly.</p>	<p>I've implemented both examples given into my work, and im very happy with how its impacted the overall project.</p>

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