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Studio Kinnect is a collaborative group of seven Architecture Masters Students from UWE, working on placement with Local Learning. The project team will focus on four main communities, each with their own demographics, identities and relationships with Bristol as a whole.





"Bristol 650" is a National Lottery Heritage funded project, coordinated by Bristol ideas, to celebrate the 650th anniversary of Bristol being declared an independent county.

We have been invited by Local Learning to assist in the data collection, community engagement, exhibition designing and heritage research for the 'Bristol 650' project. To work closely with many communities, exploring the local heritage, memories and shared identities to tell the story of how they have shaped Bristol's overarching identity today.

The outcome will reflect the shared memories of these districts in a series of exhibitions in their respective local libraries, inviting local communities to engage and interact within the communities they share and with an aim to help mould how these unique localities will develop in the future.

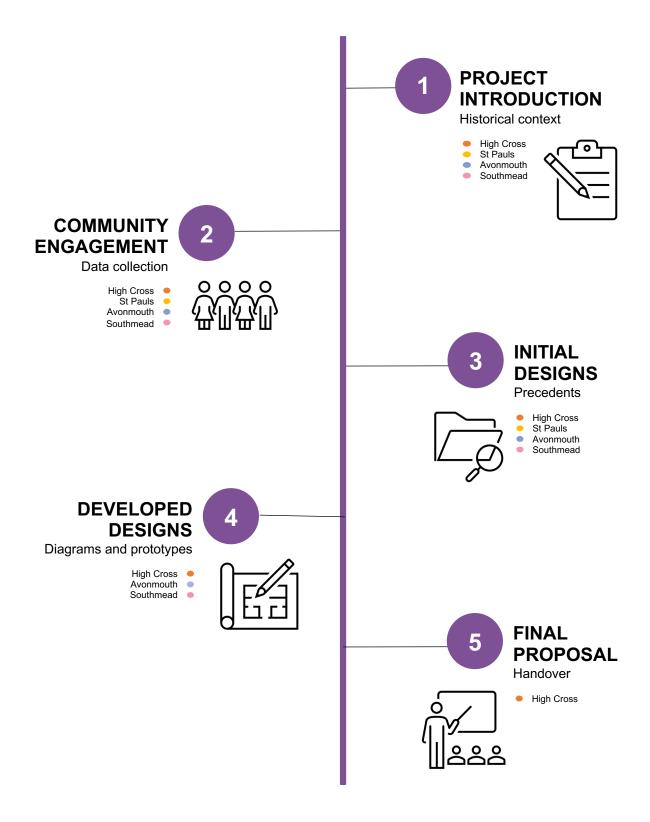
Due to the nature of the project, this document will talk about the sub projects connecting this project separately.







INTRODUCTION Project Summary







Project Introduction

Historical Context

In 1373, King Edward III erected a grand high cross, commemorating a charter granting Bristol to be its own county. This project aims to develop and propose and new monument that reflects the demographics of the contemporary city.

1373

The Bristol High Cross is constructed in 1373 to celebrate the granting of Bristol as an independent county.

1663

The High Cross is enlarged to accommodate four more monarchs.

1733

Cross The High dismantled due to growing traffic disruption and left in the Cathedral cloister. A replica is commissioned and constructed College Green.

1764

The original Cross relocated Stourhead to estate in Wiltshire, where it remains to this day.

1950

The lowering of College Green in 1950 leads to the final removal of a High Cross. Only the spire now remains in nearby Berkeley Square.

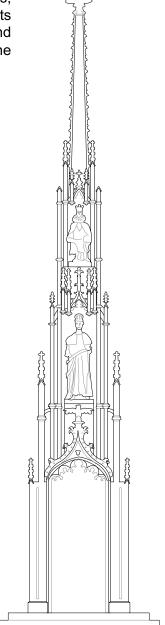


Figure 1.1: High Cross Elevation (Group Image)



'What 3 Words'









Figure 1.4: Bristol 650 Book

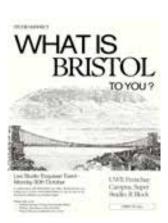






Figure 1.6: Equisse Event (Group Image)

An event showcasing projects being run as part of Bristol 650.

BRISTOL 650 AND BOOK LAUNCH

[Wednesday 18th October]

In order to guide our proposals, we had to collect data on what Bristol meant to the wider public. At a series hosted events. we asked members of multiple communities for three words that described Bristol for them.

These words were then collated and analysed, giving the team a blueprint for how the city saw itself.

In collaboration with Bristol 650 and 'Alive', Studio Kinnect invites you to share what Bristol means to you.

EQUISSE EVENT

[Monday 30th October]





Precedent Studies

AD-HOC CULTURAL EXCHANGES

A project in Athens highlighting the works of various local artists and writers. The public are invited to engage with the installation through simple, yet welcoming design.





A similar concept would be very effective in Bristol as a means of education and information conveyed to various communities about local artisans and history.

DULWICH PICTURE

TOMORROW'S ISLAND



An installation in South Korea inviting the public to sit and reflect, strike up conversations and shape the space to suit their needs.



CROSSES

These crosses provide a central covered focal point within communities, encouraging meeting, sheltering, interaction and the bartering of goods.





attracts your attention and draws you in to see what's inside. It encapsulates the vibrancy associated

2011 SERPENTINE PAVILLION



The design cleverly with local communities.



Figure 1.12: Market Cross (Group Image)

This design whilst being central, provides a quiet refuge of conversation and reflection. The atmosphere soothed by emphasis on the nature in its centre.



Site Analysis

St James' Roundabout AKA the 'Bearpit'

St James Barton Roundabout, or the Bearpit, as it is colloquially known, is a vast, mostly empty plot of land in the centre of Bristol. This roundabout gives full priority to the heavy traffic, forcing pedestrians through underpasses into an open space surrounded by imposing buildings and anti-social behaviour. With the right intervention, the high footfall could be transferred into a useful centre for conversation, education and the sharing of memories.



Figure 1.15: Bear Pit (Group Image)



Pedestrian Access

Constant Heavy Traffic

Figure 1.16: Bear Pit (Group Image)



Initial Designs

Interactive Installation

The team considered creating an interactive installation, composed of an overlay of the developing map of Bristol over the last 650 years. Each border expansion is represented by layers of increasing height, a physical representation of the city's growth.

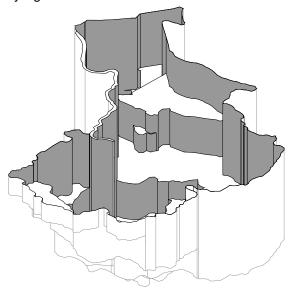


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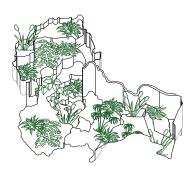


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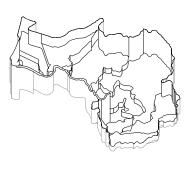
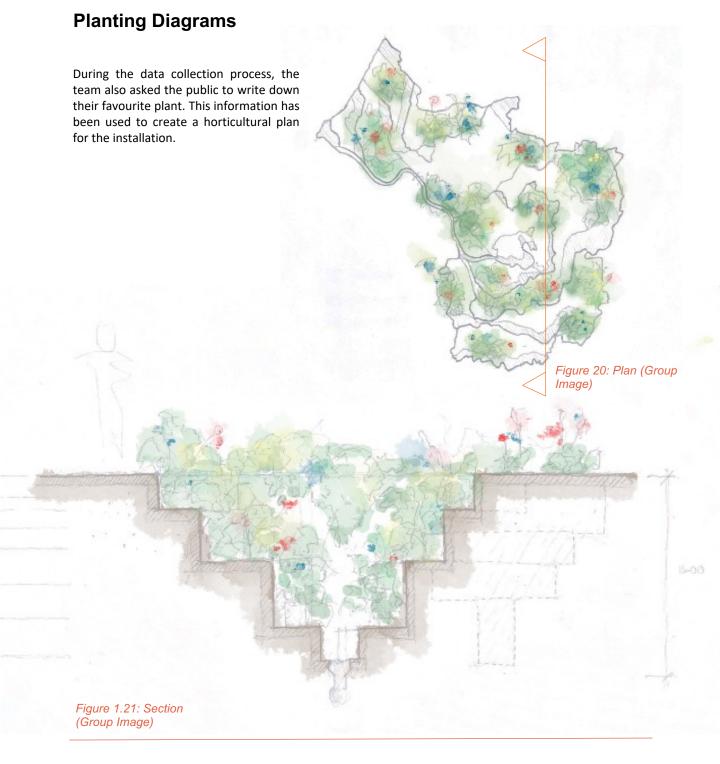




Figure 1.19: 650 years of Bristol (Group Image)



Concept Development





Revised Proposal

Bristol 650 Pavilion

The team believed that the scope of the proposal could be more ambitious if funding available. We became began to consider the effect of the monumentality of the original high cross. With this mind, a series concepts for a pavilion was developed. This new structure would allow for people to meet and interact, as well as providing a point to an new focal underutilised site.



Figure 1.12: Market Cross (Group Image)



Figure 1.23: Eleanor Cross (Group Image)



Figure 1.24: Pavilion A (Group Image)

Concept A – A pavilion referencing historic market crosses.



Figure 1.25: Pavilion B (Group Image)

Concept B – A pavilion referencing the original's monumentality. A new focal point.



Figure 1.26: Pavilion C (Group Image)

Concept C – A pavilion combining monumentality with enclosed, intimate spaces.



Concept Development

Circulation

With the initial pavilion concept established, a developed design could be proposed. A central garden for conversation and sharing of memories was to be surrounded by two concentric paths, each telling a different lineage of Bristol's history. This would then invite conversation in the middle of what had been observed on these paths.

Plan with two concentric paths that meet in a central courtyard. Each path will tell a different theme of Bristol's history.

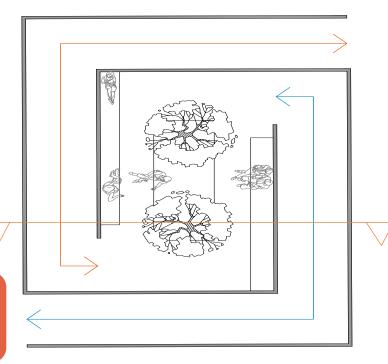
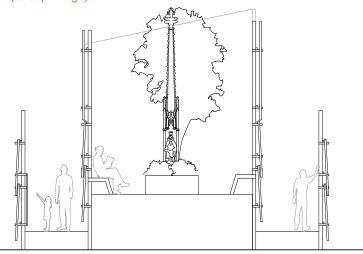


Figure 1.27: Pavilion Plan (Group Image)



Section showing the changing levels with the raised courtyard. A fragment of the original High Cross has been salvaged as a centre piece.

Figure 1.28: Pavilion Section (Group image)

Not to Scale

Concept Development

Pavilion Facade

The team wanted the pavilion to be of simple construction and of an inviting design, eager to attract interaction from the public. A simple timber construction will allow for glimpses into the central garden whilst still blocking sound from the surrounding heavy traffic.



Figure 29: Ebba - Stratford



Figure 30: Dulwich Picture Gallery Pavilion

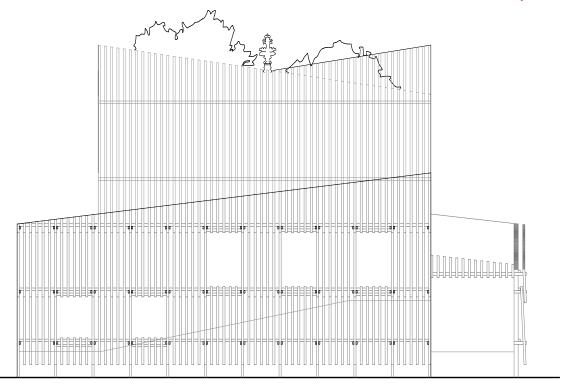


Figure 1.31: Pavilion Façade (Group Image)



Construction

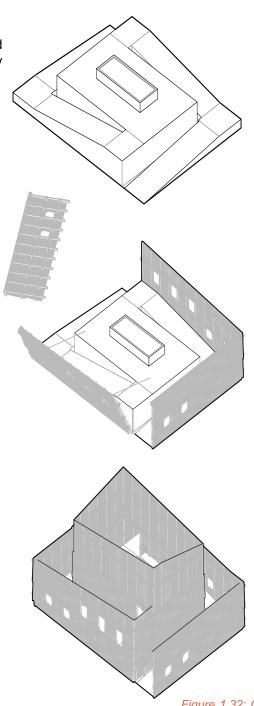
Building Process

The construction was designed to be simple and constructed on site, encouraging a community self-build dynamic.

1. Concentric ramparts are prepared on site.

2. Timber panels are assembled and lifted into place.

3. Pavilion construction works are completed ready for planting.



Not to Scale

CHOOS PLANT

- Caracilla

Central Garden

Horticultural Plan

Similarly to the installation, team wanted incorporate the chosen plants that had been gathered during the data collection process. The original garden design was restricted too and prevented free flowing passage. This new design encourages a meeting at the centre, surrounded by the plants that mean the most to Bristolians.



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Figure 1.35: Planting Diagram (Group Image)



Figure 1.36: Zumthor Serpentine Pavilion

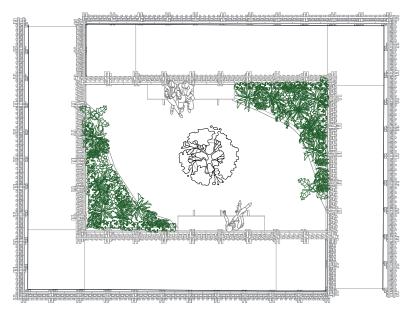


Figure 1.37: Pavilion Plan (Group Image)

650 Pavilion

Not to Scale

The final design, whilst ambitious in scope, provides meaningful а proposal for a new marker for Bristol. The pavilion provides an area for reflection and sharing whilst giving a new purpose to the underutilised unwelcoming bearpit. The central garden living encourages a communal responsibility for its upkeep and care, increasing the social bond with the structure.

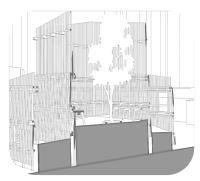
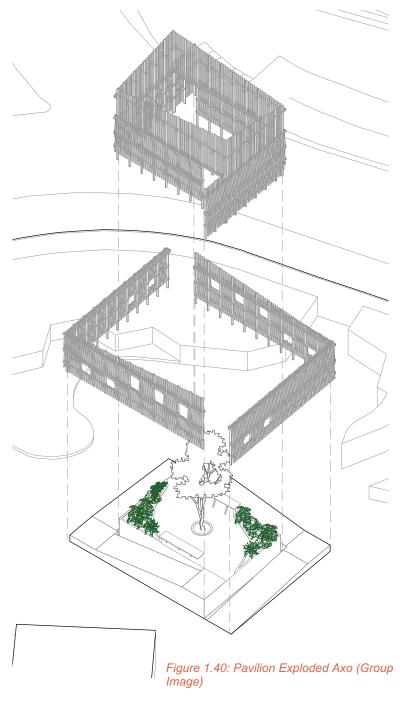


Figure 1.38: Perspective Section (Group Image)



Figure 1.39: Internal View (Group Image)







Project Introduction

Historical Context







Figure 2.1: Bristol Bus Boycott

Figure 2.2: St. Paul's Carnival

Figure 2.3: St. Paul's Riots

1950

In the post 1950s, the **African-Carribean population** began to bloom in St. Paul's area. Most migrants from the West Indies moved during the post-Second World War and formed part of the Windrush Generation (Curtis, 2016).

1963

According to Elizabeth Jones (2022), **The Bristol Bus Boycott** has been formed and led by a youth worker named Paul Stephenson. The very reason for this is due to the Bristol Omnibus Company having refused to hire people of colour as bus crews in the city of Bristol. This campaign was on-going for four months and was supported by politicians, church groups as well as students from Bristol University. The boycott came to an end on 28th August 1963 when Ian Patey, a formal army colonel, announced that no colour and racial discrimination should be tolerated in employing bus crews after multiple attempts in resolving the dispute between the union and the bus company. (Jones, 2022).

1968

According to Rema Mukena (2019), **St. Paul's Carnival** was organised in 1968 to improve relationships after the boycott. It is a celebration of Afro-Caribbean culture with the local community through food, music and dance. Additionally, from the same source, it started as a celebration of multi culturalism where Scottish dancers would dance alongside steel bands. The festival is still active and celebrated by locals today.

1980

Bertram Wilks, a local Bristol entrepreneur was the owner of the Black and White Café. The café was one of the most raided premises in the country. The raids from the police forces had escalated into **St. Paul's Riots** (Black Bristol, n.d.). According to Black Bristol (n.d.), the riot was so heated the police force had to call reinforcements from other counties to aid them, which they withdrew in the end.



Project Introduction

Historical Context



Figure 2.4: St. Paul's town aerial view in 1946, buildings were mostly intact



Figure 2.5: St. Paul's town plan in 1950, indicated red were to be demolished



Figure 2.6: St. Paul's town aerial view today

After the 1950s, Britain saw a massive housing shortage. Therefore, slum clearance continued for further expansion in the 1950s. "Flat-packed Bungalows" was one of the first initiatives to combat the housing crisis, calling it 'prefabs'. (Pamela, n.d.)



Figure 2.7: St. Barnabas
Primary school gate



Figure 2.8: Parents collecting signatures for petition

St. Barnabas C of E Primary School located in Montpelier has a history of 150 years, also named as the most culturally diverse school in the area, has unfortunately been closed on 31st August 2023 due to financially unviable number of students that massively fell short of the school's capacity (Mather S.& Mare T., 2023). According to Deeney (2022), the news of the closure shocked many parents that they had initiated an online petition and campaigned to save the school.



Overview

In conjunction of the celebration for Bristol's 650th anniversary, Studio Kinnect is determined to create innovative and interactive ideas for the locals in the community. The following will be talking about two major events; St. Paul's Memories Sharing Event, that has already been successfully held in St. Paul's Learning Centre and St. Paul's Memories Exhibition is the upcoming exhibition that will be held tentatively before Christmas 2023.

St. Paul's Memories Sharing Event



Figure 2.9: St. Paul's Memories Sharing Event Flyer Design (group image)

The event took place on 16th November 2023, a Thursday, from 2pm to 4pm at St. Paul's Learning Centre. Flyers were handed out by Ruth from Myers Insole Local Learning CIC (shown on the left, image 2.9) to invite locals in St. Paul's to share their stories and memories of the community. This invitation led to a few friendly drop-ins at St. Paul's Library and Glen's Kitchen, where community members were ready to share their knowledge. Attendees were encouraged to bring their memorabilia to share with the community. During the event, positive responses are accompanied by laughter and captivating stories. A particularly touching moment occurred as attendees shared and empathised with the experiences of the disabled, Black and Caribbean community.

A few weeks before the event, Studio Kinnect has proposed an idea to make the engagement interesting among attendees and improve data collection.



Figure 2.10: Locals sharing memories of their stay in St. Paul's (group image)



Figure 2.11 Locals sharing stories of St. Paul's (group image)



Figure 2.12 Memorabilia, old pictures of the events that had happened in St. Paul's (group image)



"A Box of Good Conversations"

A Cereal Box Conversation Prompt

Thought Process

The thought process behind this concept is recognising that people naturally bond better with things that they are familiar with, such as food, home, or even their warm favourite blanket. The goal is to create a stimuli that evokes curiosity and then establish a welcoming atmosphere that is enhanced by incorporating interactive elements, with the intention of making it easier for strangers to share their stories and engage in meaningful conversations with one another. Additionally, incorporating prompts and topic starters adds a layer of structure, making the sharing experience more enjoyable and accessible for all participants.

'Cereal Box' Concept

The 'cereal box' concept uses familiar cereal imagery with engaging designs, serving both as a recognisable item and a tool for data collection. Its unique design sparks curiosity among strangers, encouraging conversation. The box's unexpected presence adds intrigue to the event setting, creating an interactive and enjoyable experience for all.



Figure 2.14: Contents of the box (group image)



Figure 2.13: Illustration of the proposed concept (group image)

'Cereal Box Contents'

The 'Cereal Box' has three sections to preferences. suit different The 'Anonymous Box' is for those who want privacy, while the 'Sharing Box' for those comfortable sharing openly. There's stories also section with 'Prompts of the Day' to conversations. help start This setup ensures everyone can participate comfortably. making storytelling a fun and inclusive experience.



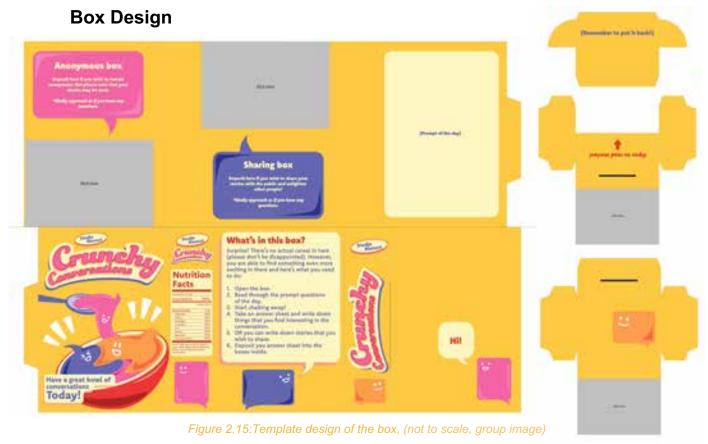




Figure 2.16: Final prototype (group image)



Prompt Design

Prompt Questions of the day!

1. City Growth Reflection:

How do you think Bristol has grown and evolved over the years?

2. Preserving Local Stories:

Do you think it's important to preserve and share the unique stories and memories of your local community?

3. Bristol's Impact :

How has living in Bristol influenced your personal identity?

4. Carnival Nostalgia:

Do you have early memories of Carnival in St.Paul's? Share your favorite experiences.

5. Neighborhood Transformations :

What transformations have you witnessed in St.Paul's neighborhood throughout the years?

6. Celebrating Unique Neighborhoods:

In what ways can the unique neighborhoods of Bristol be celebrated collectively?

7. Community Identity:

In what ways does your community contribute to the overall identity of Bristol today?

8. Historical Building Recollections :

Share any vivid memories you have of buildings that are no longer standing in your neighborhood.

9. St. Paul's School Memories:

Did you attend the old St. Barnabas School or move to the new site in Montpelier? Share your school memories.

10. Vanished Buildings Reminiscence:

Can you recall any long-gone buildings in St.Paul's, such as shops or the Metro-pole Cinema?

11. Bristot's Future Shaped by Heritage:

How do you believe the heritage of Bristol's neighborhoods can shape the city's future?

12. Local Heritage Feature:

What specific aspects of your local heritage do you believe should be showcased?

Figure 2.17: Prompt print-out attached to the cereal box (group image)



Answer Sheet Design



Figure 2.18: Colourful answer sheet for attendees to write or draw their stories (group image)



Data Collection

Here are some heartfelt stories that had been gathered from the event day. The authors are kept anonymous to respect everyone's privacy.

"There used to be elephants parading all over Bristol. This picture is taken in 1901, led by **Barnum Circus**. They have stopped this parade due to animal rights."

"St Paul's carnival is important to people for culture. **It brings people together** and all nationalities. At first it was a festival as it was small then, when it went bigger then it was called a carnival."

"Living in a mixed community. Service was important in bringing everyone together. Every bank holiday, they would hold a huge convention, **the kids would go to the downs and have a picnic**, while the adults would be in the convention."

"My uncle used to work in the Black and White Café. I remember it as a beautiful place where people of all colours gathered and had a good time there. But there has been a lot of raids going on in that place. It closed down after, pretty sad."





Overview

Studio Kinnect and Local Learning to collaborate and develop an exhibition at St. Paul's Learning Centre. The exhibition will feature the vibrant community through three main components: the personal stories of the locals, the history of St. Paul's, and conversations that involve exchanging memories about this unique neighbourhood. This project aims to celebrate the rich tapestry of St. Paul's, highlighting its residents, history and shared memories.

Proposed Locations

Two locations, **Glen's Kitchen** and **the Library** in the Learning Centre has been proposed as the exhibition venue.

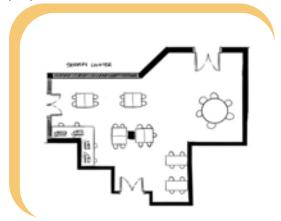


Figure 2.19: Glen's Kitchen in the Learning Centre (group image)

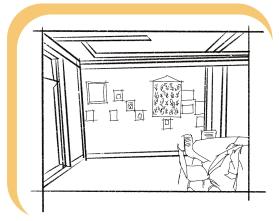


Figure 2.20:Sketch of Glen's Kitchen (group image)

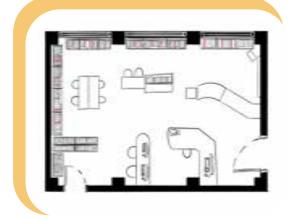


Figure 2.21: Library in the Learning Centre (group image)



Figure 2.22: Sketch of the Library (group image)



Venue Analysis and Constraints - Library

A suggestion has been raised to promote the library to boost its usage among the locals. Therefore, the said exhibition has been proposed. However, there is a concern about its size, as it is perceived to be too small to host an exhibition. The challenge lies in finding a balance between promoting the library and addressing its space limitations to make it more accessible and beneficial for the community.

Design Solution

"Hide and Seek"

Addressing the library's space constraints, a suggestion is to scale down the exhibition rather than changing the venue. Inspired by the 'cereal box' concept, we propose designing colourful and lightweight pull-out displays. These pull-out displays can be easily installed into the existing bookshelves in the library, providing a practical solution to showcase the exhibition without requiring additional space adjustments. The following diagrams shows the idea of the proposal:



Figure 2.23: Pull-out displays that will be slotted within the books on the shelves (group image)



Figure 2.24: Inspiration for the pull-out displays, image by author



Design Solution

"Hide and Seek"



Figure 2.25 group image)

- Upon entry, there will be a legend/ directory categorising all topics in the exhibition
- This is process also mimics the way finding in a library while locating books.



Figure 2.26 group image

- The boxes will be arranged randomly in the library.
- Participants will have to 'seek' for the boxes, based on the directory given.
- The boxes will be numbered so participants know which one to read first.



Figure 2.27 (group image

- All contents for the boxes are removable for flexibility.
- Will include a subtitle, content, fun facts and a hint to the next box.
- The process continues until the topic ends.

Future Applications

Considering its legacy and potential uses, the design of the pull-out displays should be versatile. They can serve in various situations in the future, adapting to potential improvements in the library's popularity. These compact pull-outs are foldable for convenient storage after the exhibition. They could also function as filing or storage boxes by itself. The material is easily replaceable in case of any damage, and a digital template of the box will be provided for simple DIY replacements. Additionally, being composed of recyclable material makes the pull-outs environmentally friendly and recyclable.



Venue Analysis and Constraints – Glen's Kitchen

Glen's Kitchen serves as a central gathering spot where people come together for various activities such as enjoying meals, using computers for work, or engaging in conversations. Considering the dynamic nature of this space, it's crucial that any installations made are not permanent. Instead, they should be designed to be easily stored away for future use, ensuring flexibility and adaptability in this multi-functional area.

Design Solution

This unit (as shown in figure 2.28) is designed to be modular, easily transportable, and quick to set up, with the flexibility to be configured for various uses and changeable questions. Constructed using durable textured finishes, it ensures resilience over time, combining simplicity and sturdiness for versatile and long-lasting functionality.



Figure 2.28: Inspiration from WDC2014 Voting Booth Installation



Figure 2.29: (On left) Sketch of the proposed portable exhibition display panels (group image)

"Information is Power"

Inspired by the precedent, this exhibition display is designed to be portable, offering flexibility and ease of setup and storage. The panels enhance this flexibility by allowing assembly in any desired sequence or pattern. This ensures adaptability to different spaces and configurations, providing a dynamic and user-friendly experience for both organisers and attendees.



Design Solution

"Information is Power"

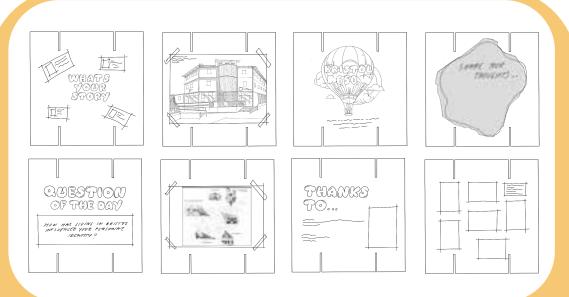


Figure 2.30: Proposed Information to be displayed on each panels (group image)

The exhibition display is designed for ultimate flexibility and reusability. All contents on the panels are easily removable, allowing for dynamic changes. These panels will showcase generic information about the event, engaging graphics, and interactive components. The adaptability ensures that the exhibition remains versatile, accommodating different themes or information for various events.

Future Application

Considering its legacy and potential uses, the design of the exhibition panels are versatile. They are intended to be reused for various functions in the future. These compact detachable for compact and convenient storage after the exhibition. Since the panels are modular, it can be assembled into a bench or a low table if needed. The material is easily replaceable in case of any damage, and a digital template of the panel will be provided for simple DIY replacements. Additionally, it can be easily recycled as long as it is being printed and cut on a recyclable material.



PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Historical Context

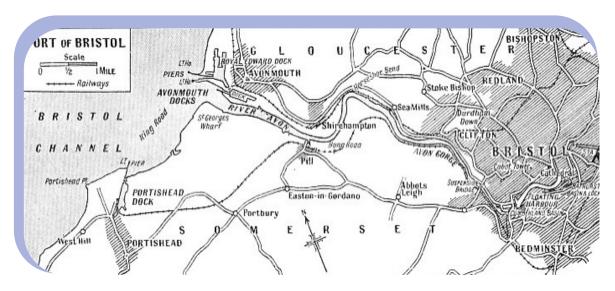


Figure 3.1: The Port of Bristol includes the docks at Avonmouth and Portishead as well as the docks in the City of Bristol itself, seven miles up the River Avon.

1865

Services to Avonmouth began, when Bristol Port Railway and Pier opened.

1871

A build-up of silt at the terminal pier in Avonmouth, meaning that it could not be used for docking ships for offloading cargo.

1890

Bristol Port Railway and Pier came under control of Great Western railway.

1902

BPRP Avonmouth terminus closed.

Major extensions of Avonmouth Docks began. Construction did not finish until 1918.



Figure 3.2: Year 5 awaiting at Avonmouth Train Station with 'Platform'.

'PLATFORM'

Founded in 2022, Platform is an award-winning rail education scheme that works with schools to empower young people in accessing the railways. Through free workshops, train-trips, and bespoke, local resources.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Train ride with 'Platform'

Recapping on the poetry session the kids did with Ruth. A4 sheets provided to collect the children's thoughts and observations through a viewfinder. Ruth and UWE students (MArch Architecture and Third year History students) arrive and meet year 3 at Avonmouth VC Primary School, and then walk safely together to meet 'Platform' at Avonmouth train station to recap on rail safety.



Figure 3.3: Year 5 on a train ride with 'Platform'



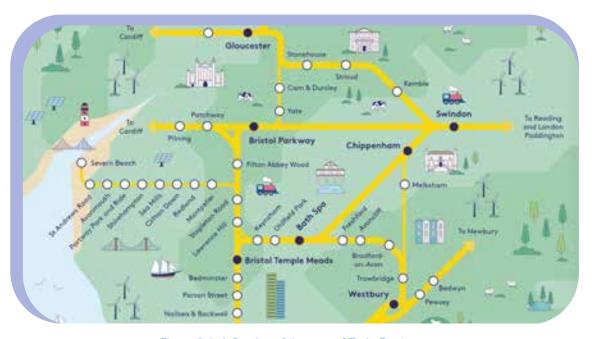


Figure 3.4: A Section of the map of Train Routes.

Sharing memories event

This event took place on Friday 17th November at Avonmouth Community Centre with Year 5 and people who have lived, worked and grown up in Avonmouth.

Figure 3.5: Sharing Memories talks/discussions at the Community hall.





Figure 06: Sharing Memories event at Avonmouth Community Centre.

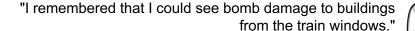
Themes from the intergenerational sharing memories event, everyone spoke about visiting the Severn Beach, how cooling the swimming pool is and the annual fun fair that comes to town.

STORIES AND MEMORIES

'What's your story?'



"Children liked going on to the footbridge and allowing the steam to go into their faces"





"Twice a day cows would be led by the farmer from the farm at the end of Cook St to the field at the end of Port View Road to graze."

"I saw the fireman who stoked the fires throw coal into people's gardens for their coal fires."



DEPARTURES		Page 1 of 2	
Due	Destination	Plat	Expected
09:46	Board train to Bristol Temple Meads.	9	On Time
10:17	Arrive in Bristol Temple Meads, activities at the station.		Delayed
10:44	Board train to Avonmouth.	2	Expected
11:12	Arrive in Avonmouth station, 'Platform' say goodbye.		On Time



VIEWFINDER ACTIVITY

'I spy with my little eye'

The thought process for this activity is to encourage interaction with the children, and for them to have confidence. It also gives the kids a souvenir of the activity they took part in.

Figure 3.7: Example drawing in Year 3 Activity Sheet



TRAIN RIDE ACTIVITY SHEET

'What can you see?'

The activity sheet was made alongside the viewfinder. The sheet is laid out to recap the poetry session they previously had with Ruth from Local Learning. This will help the kids to think about how to phrase our observations into lines for their poem and to develop into (rhyming) couplets.

Figure 3.8: Viewfinder for Train Ride Activity

Poetry and Art workshop

The poem "From a Railway Carriage" is experience about the of Robert Stevenson during his train travel. He says that the train travelled much faster than imaginary characters like fairies and witches. He saw bridges, houses, ditches hedges and along way, which the kids saw on their first time on a train ride. As he heard the whistles that indicated the arrival of the stations, he saw many brightly painted stations along the way. But all these sights flew past him in a wink of an eye, because the train was speeding fast.

This event took place on Thursday 23rd November at Avonmouth VC Primary school with year 3 and 5.

Figure 3.9: "From a Railway Carriage' poem by Robert Louis Stevenson



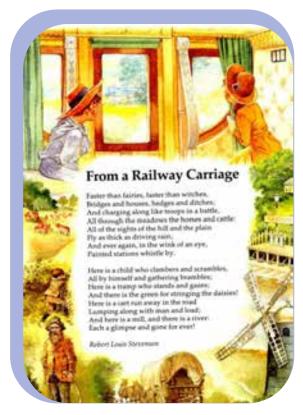




Figure 3.10: Art workshop with Avonmouth VC Primary School: Year 3 and 5, and 'Platform'.

The art workshop is in collaboration with 'Platform'. Platform has plans to encourage the children to enhance their creativity with mixed media and to illustrates sights they might have seen on their train ride. When completed each artwork will be used to be displayed on the wall of a train station, alongside the poem 'From a Railway Carriage'.

Poetry and Art Workshop: 'From a Railway Carriage'









Figure 3.11: Year 3 and 5 work in art workshop with 'Platform'. (Platform, 2023)

Year 3

'From a Railway Carriage on the Severn

Beach Line Avonmouth to

Temple Meads and back.'

Faster than cars, faster than planes
Flying past bushes and passing trains,
Dogs and squirrels, tunnels and trees,
Pictures and people, brambles and leaves,
Fences and whales, tunnels and railings
Bridges and houses, graffiti and paintings.

Here is a river that is overflowing
Like a snake wiggling towards an ocean,
Like shining glitter and sparkling light
That flashes and glows and blue as the sky
Moving and flowing with the fishes
And sparkling a little in the brightness.
And here the big river rushes down fast,
Glistening in the sun as it wiggly flows past.
Here it is muddy, there flat and clear.
Watch it weave like the sky and then disappear.

Here is a tree dancing in the wind
That moves like a wave across the water.
It is golden and brown and colourful
Shaking and wobbling and making leaves fall,
Like golden thread that swiftly swishes
A leaf on the branch dances and shivers.
Here is a place, home to birds and squirrel.
There is a war horse standing strong and still.
His heels on the ground, a frozen statue
In the Daisy Field, covered in horseshoes.

Here is a tunnel that is dark like the night Under we go then out to the light.



Proposed location: Avonmouth Library



Figure 3.12: Avonmouth Library Floorplan [Not to Scale]

Built in 1880s, traditional exterior appearance. The library located in one room at the front of the community centre. The library is due for renovation to maximise potential community use, as it has not been getting a lot of community engagement within the area. Therefore, using this place to encourage some engagement and knowledge would get more people involved. (Bristol Libraries)





Figure 3.13 & 3.14: Inside Avonmouth Library



DEVELOPED DESIGNS

'Rivers to Railways'

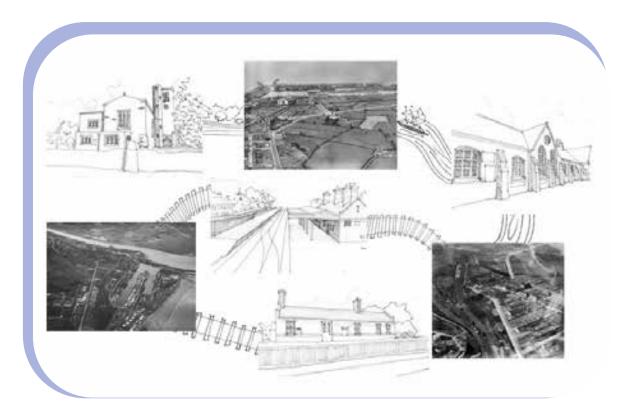


Figure 3.14: "Rivers to Railways' sketch

The 'Rivers to Railways' concept is to act as an accompaniment to the Platform workshops. Hand drawings and historic images are presented alongside dates and descriptions, providing an outline of the development of Avonmouth from its Roman origins to its post-industrial present. These images would then be linked together with imagery of rivers at first and then transitioning the railways as the timeline progresses.





PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Historical Context

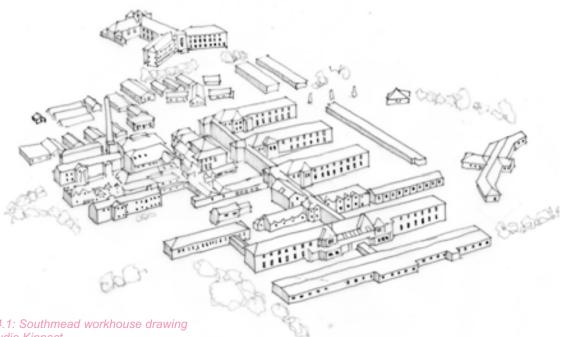


Figure 4.1: Southmead workhouse drawing from Studio Kinnect

Southmead workhouse was opened in 1902.

1900s

By 1922, there were 520 beds. In the First World War, it was used as a hospital. It did not return to being a workhouse until 1920. Children who were deemed as 'mentally defective', would take care of

animals, etc.

During the Second World War, the workhouse was once again prepared to receive casualties of war.

1920s

Southmead workhouse became a hospital.

1948

At the creation of the **NHS**, it became more of a hospital than a workhouse,

with a wide variety of medical staff and facilities.



PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Historical Context





Figure 4.2: Southmead aerial view from south-east

Figure 4.3: Eastville workhouse site (1902)

1972

Notable for its medical staff, including Geoffrey Tovey, who established the UK Transplant Service in **1972**, initially based at Southmead.

2005

2010

Plans initiate in **2005** to consolidate services from Frenchay Hospital to Southmead.

Full approval comes in **2009** for a major expansion, resulting in the construction of the Brunel building, a comprehensive facility accommodating various departments, services, and **800** beds.

The project, under a Private Finance Initiative, is completed in **2010**.

2014

Frenchay's accident and emergency department shuts in **2014**, shifting to Southmead.

2016

In **2016**, parking issues prompt construction of a 400-space multi-storey car park near the Brunel building, resolving previous shortages.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Sharing Memories Event @ Southmead Greenway Centre - Oct 31st













Figure 4.4-4.9: 'meadows to meaders' sharing memories activities (Local Learning, 2023)

[Group 1] Pre-NHS Community Care

Representing stories from a time before the NHS, their narratives highlight reliance on community support and inventive solutions for healthcare.

· Pam, Ron and Janet

[Group 2] Hospital Expansion Impact

Focusing on the consequences of hospital growth, their stories depict the transformation of local landscapes and its effect on housing affordability.

· Anthea, Deana and Daniel

[Group 3] Displacement by Progress

These stories place around a vanished village, emphasizing the cost of progress and the displacement of a tight-knit community due to development.

Mike



DATA COLLECTION

'Meadows to Meaders' cast stories

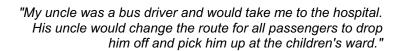
Inspired by conversations with members of the cast of the Southmead community soap opera, Meadows to Meaders.

STORIES AND MEMORIES

'What's your story?'



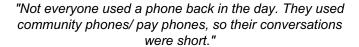
"Southmead hospital was not friendly to people. I couldn't see the hospital on a particular road a while back, and many couldn't afford the hospital and had ever needed to pay for the ambulance."







"When the new Southmead hospital opened in 1924, the facilities reverted to a workhouse in the early 1920s and were then greatly expanded to accommodate all the sick. At this point, the house prices had doubled."







"I was in for tonsilitis when I was young, everyone told me that I would get jelly and ice cream to soothe the pain. When I awoke from the anaesthetics, I discovered that the doctors had run out of time to perform the procedure and I would have to wait until the next day. Once my operation was finally complete, I discovered that I would not be getting ice cream but instead I received crunchy cornflakes."



Space Consideration and Arrangement

- · How does it go with the dimension of the exhibition?
- · The circulation to evoke attention
- Not something permanent

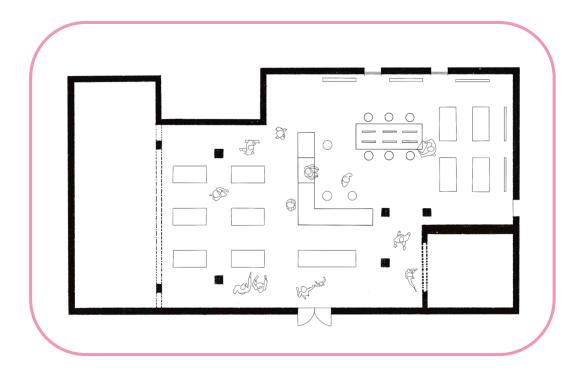


Figure 4.10: Southmead library floor plan – Not to scale

Southmead Library

Space consideration

The exhibition display will need to be; easily transportable, allows flexibility, quick to set up and store away.

The display should give the opportunity to be flexible with each panel such as introducing interactions per panel





Space Consideration and Arrangement





Southmead Library 256 Greystoke Bristol BS10 6BA

Figure 4.11&4.12: Exterior perspective Southmead library

Southmead Library

Nestled within the heart of Southmead, the library emerges as more than just a repository of books as it stands as a vibrant hub pulsating with creativity and interactive storytelling.

In the quest to reimagine the space, we engaged to identify unique exhibition areas that would seamlessly integrate with the dynamic spirit of the community.



Figure 4.13: Interior perspective Southmead library



Potential Exhibition Area

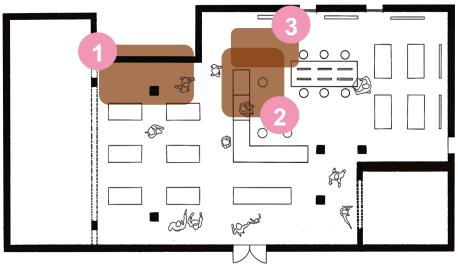


Figure 4.14: Southmead library floor plan - nts

- 1. Children's artwork display area in Southmead Library
- 2. Common space random seats
- 3. Random bookshelf display area

Figure 4.15-4.17: Interior perspectives Southmead library



 Boards & panels provide a dedicated space, fostering a lively environment that nurtures expression & appreciation



 Common spaces as the potential interactive point as people to hang around



 Original display spots instead of using extra spaces of the library due to the limitation spaces



Precedents and Inspirations

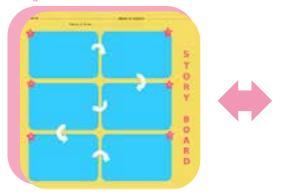
Storyboards



Figure 4.18-4.20: Storytelling inspirational images

INSPIRATIONS – Story Telling

- The storyboard is structured by a narrative expressed in visual rather than written form.
- Each cell is an invitation to pause but the sequential structure urges the eye forward.
- The storyboard process allows the viewer to participate in its final composition, to mentally reinterpret, reassess or realign the frames



Storyboarding - a set of choreographed images



Elderly to draw - Way more connected



DEVELOPED DESIGNS

Information Panels

One of the panels could include stories collected from people living around the area, a 'Sharing memories' event held in Southmead Greenway Centre. Pictures from events, community engagement.

Storyboard

Story telling their stories, designed quotes with hand-drawn storyboards for each member.

Group 1: Pam, Ron, and Janet

Group 2: Anthea, Deana and Daniel

Group 3: Mike







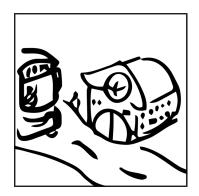




Figure 4.21-4.25: Illustrations by Studio Kinnect



FINAL PROPOSAL

Poem

Street phone boxes held our connections, timed calls spanning cities, echoing the absence of a universal healthcare era.

A bus driver's detour carved a route to care, stitching the community's support into the fabric of a young life.

War-time hospitals served orange juice and cod liver oil, where streets and streams were our playgrounds, echoing with the innocence of childhood.

An imposing hospital, a phoenix's ascent, shaping a skyline yet erasing the familiar, redefining the landscape it sought to heal.

Promises of ice cream faded to crunchy cornflakes, in a hospital's rushed moments, echoing the unexpected turns life often takes.

A hospital's expansion reshaped homes, soaring prices barring locals, a transformation with a bittersweet price on the community's doorstep.

Amidst vanished orchards and a decimated village, memories linger like cedar trees, whispering of a lost world swallowed by progress.





FINAL PROPOSAL

Handover

Storyboards & Poems

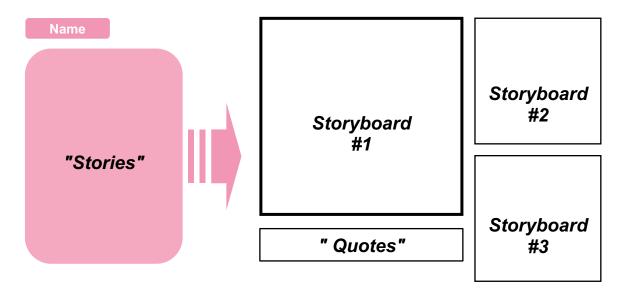


Figure 4.26: Sequence of the storyboards

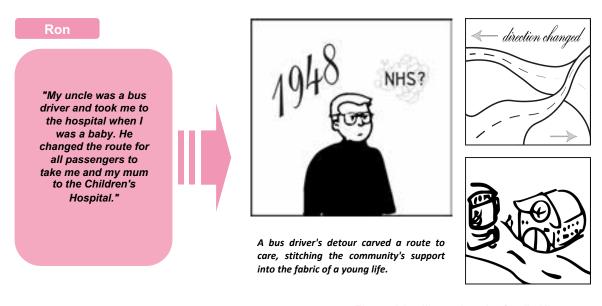


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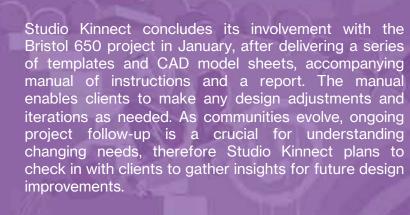


FINAL PROPOSAL

Handover



Figure 4.28: Illustrations by Studio Kinnect



Aspirations are for the designs of the exhibition display is to be introduced in libraries in Bristol. The visitors can explore the history of the area through one look.

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