

Self-Reflection

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Workshop:

Illustration and Graphic Design

Did the introduction / outline for the workshop provide a clear idea of what to aim for?

ILLUSTRATION: I believe the brief was very clear, and I appreciate that we were told everything on the first day as I could map out a clear schedule, and because the information was reiterated throughout, it felt more manageable.

GRAPHIC DESIGN: I think the pre-brief was a helpful resource for gathering materials, however I think I would have found it helpful to be given the brief at the same time so I could collect research materials that were more relevant. However, I appreciate that the more materials we could collect, the broader the brief could have been.

Was there enough direction / feedback provided?

ILLUSTRATION: I believe there was enough direction and feedback provided.

GRAPHIC DESIGN: I believe there was enough direction and feedback provided.

Was I aware that I could seek out and ask for advice if I required it?

ILLUSTRATION: Yes, I was aware that I could seek out and ask for advice if I required it.

GRAPHIC DESIGN: Yes, I was aware that I could seek out and ask for advice if I required it.

Which part of the workshop did I enjoy the most?

ILLUSTRATION: I really loved drawing the glowing stars in my zine, as well as deciding on a colour palette and looking at my photographs in a new light for references for the backgrounds.

GRAPHIC DESIGN: I enjoyed experimenting with warping, distortion and different techniques in a black and white colour scheme as it allowed me to be loose with my ideas but tighten up in what I included in my final booklet.

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Which part of the workshop did I least enjoy?

ILLUSTRATION: My least favourite part was printing the zine, as I had difficulties with getting the colours to show up as they had on my tablet.

GRAPHIC DESIGN: My least favourite part was the formatting of the booklet as I found getting the page order right quite difficult, as well as lining up two sides of one image.

In hindsight, were there aspects of the workshop that I could have handled better / improved upon? (Give examples)

ILLUSTRATION: I think that I could have improved on the image quality of the final zine as it was quite shiny and the paper quality was standard a3 paper. In the future I will allocate more time for accessing a better printing service and buy my own a3 cardstock or higher quality paper.

GRAPHIC DESIGN: I think I could have improved on my sketchbook work for this topic as I had difficulty in thinking of ideas and then writing them down, as I instead jumped straight into the idea and wrote my thoughts after.

Would I consider re-visiting this discipline area for the Main Workshop?

I considered choosing graphic design as I was happy with how my final booklet looked, however I have decided to choose illustration and maybe explore the techniques I have learnt within graphic design and apply them to illustration.

Any other comments / reflections :

No, thank you.
