

COME:ON Work Package - One Creative Delivery

1- The Psyche of Remodel Audio Tour of Remodel.

The Psyche of Remodel is an audio tour best experienced by wearing headphones and closing your eyes as you virtually step into the inner workings of Remodel Manchester. The idea came from wanting to solidify a manifesto however that comes with its challenges and excludes lots of people for whom reading a huge document wouldn't be accessible. The Psyche of remodel is a creative solution which takes you through the ways Remodel are set up as a collective, the ways we work with communities, the ways we approach projects and the ways we aim to Remodel Manchester's cultural offer to make it accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

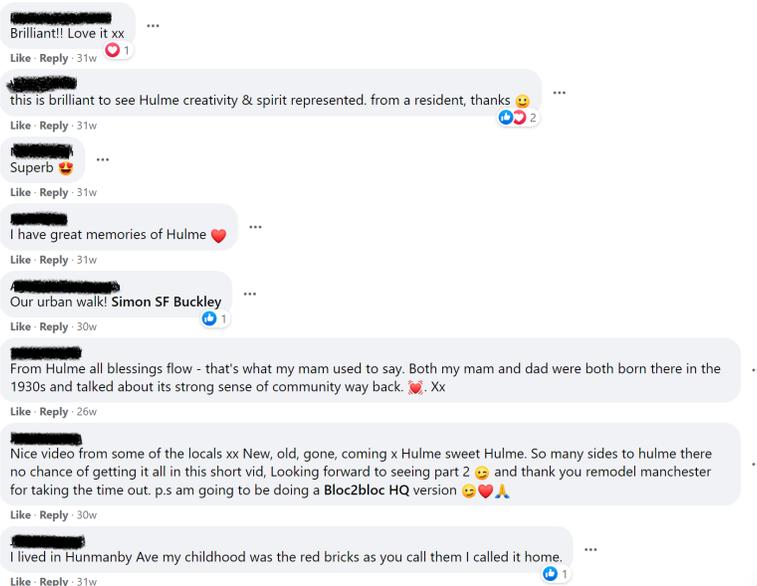
The piece was created by Doctor Harriet Rowley and Chloe Barlow as they combined their academic and creative approaches to produce this piece.

2- A day in the life of ReModel MCR.

The group originally met through a european project, building relationships and having conversations around how space is accessed across multiple cities. In this timelapse, we get a glimpse of the creative working process of the ReModel team outside of the hustle and bustle in a residential setting to work freely and inclusively.

3- Hulme

Process: This short film focused on the area of Hulme in Manchester and presents a personal and insightful documentation of the feelings and activities of people living there life through lockdown. For one of our crew, who was a current resident of Hulme whilst making the film, this project offered a chance to give back to the local community through a piece that truly represented and captured the essence of the tightly-knit community through lockdown. Despite concerns about the potentially extractive nature of interview-based film-making, we partially achieved this, seen in these facebook comments.



Due to the ongoing pandemic we had to maintain distance and put in place COVID safe measures when filming. This influenced how we shot the film and gave us the idea to use mostly voice over and shots of hulme. This approach put the focus on the words and the connection to the place, only showing a snapshot of the person to bring it together.



Response: Nonetheless, it's important to note that we received some resistance from residents in the making of the film. Concerns around focusing specifically on one small area of Hulme had others in the area feeling left out, and unrepresented by the process. Anger about the area that we focused on from one individual resulted in the following comment:

"These are not true Hulme people, they are the old CRUSTIES, who lived in old caravans and used electric from the blocks.(illegally)."

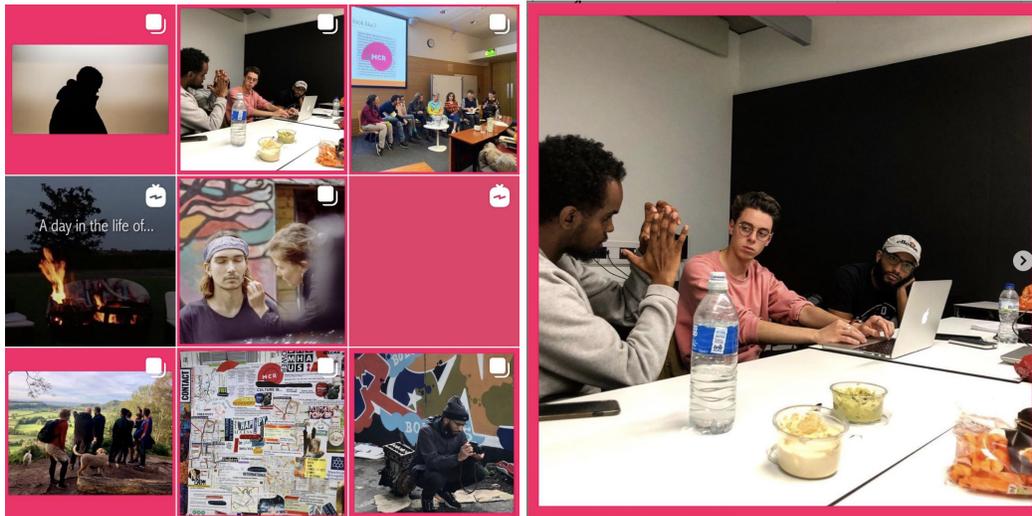
As a collective, this forced us into conversations about how best to tackle this kind of prejudice on a public online forum. By the time we'd figured out a response, the community had already responded, calling out his aggressive language, offering him a space to archive his personal experiences and bringing humour to the situation.

Growth: This project allowed Remodel to work closely with a specific community to highlight the work being done through lockdown to alleviate loneliness and develop creative practices. Not only allowing us unique insight into this community, this project also developed our team's technical capacity in creating short films, and our understanding of process. We hope that the future of this project allows us to expand outwards, and document a range of spaces and places across Manchester, highlighting the importance of community in a turbulent time.

This piece was produced by Iona Taylor, David Hall and Chris Charles and supported by the wider team.

4 - A picture says a thousand words (Social Media)

For over a month we posted twice a week on social media with images specifically picked by each Remodeler. As a collective we all have a different journey into Remodel and each of our experiences are different. *A picture says a thousand words* was a chance for each of us to reflect and celebrate the time that we have had as part of the Remodel family and to share these experiences with others who may be interested in the work we create and the projects we are involved with locally, nationally and internationally. It was also a way of showing how you can build your own culture and affect change. This piece also reflects the involvement and evolution of the collective, our connection and the relationships that have formed our unique RemodelMCR culture - We make MCR and MCR makes us!!



We had a great response on social media when sharing the images. We were able to show an insight into how we work as a collective, celebrating our diversity, culture and mixed ways of working. The series of posts gave us an opportunity to share our individual voices whilst also reflecting our group goals, ethos and culture.



See all *A picture says a thousand words* posts here: <https://www.instagram.com/remodel.mcr/>

These images were also edited into a short film specifically for InstagramTV. The film features music created by Hamdi, a member of our collective and was edited and created by Josh. The film was created in the style of someone viewing our content and scrolling on their phone. We created the film as we wanted to offer another creative medium for our audience to view our images all in one place.

Watch the full film here <https://www.instagram.com/p/CD1owTxhQTI/>

Creative Deliverables - January 2020 to March 2021.

- MMU Teaching Event - 3 members of the REMODEL team delivered workshops to 25 students. Unit 'Education and Community development' students studying BA in Education Studies. Workshop was designed to engage students to explore cultural spaces in the city and community connections in creative ways. We looked at mapping people's interaction with Manchester' cultural spaces, what culture means to you individually and as a community and how is culture created and how does it represent you?
- Remodel in our own words - A picture says a thousand words - Photo elicitation project that allowed us to represent through imagery and words our personal reflections off Remodel. The full team worked on this and utilised this piece of work to build our presence in virtual spaces during our periods of lockdown. We wanted to share our culture as a collective, our creative journey, build spaces for individuals and community to join our conversations and support us to explore what our culture is in Manchester. With the goal of sharing it through the European platform of COMEON. We couldn't make the trips we had planned so we needed to remodel our approach to exchanging our diverse cultures across the consortium partnership and this was the starting point of this cultural exchange.
- MMU Event - Europe and the Child, Crisis, Activism and Culture Conference, MMU - The Symposium featured academic papers from different disciplines (literature, politics, sociology) as well as a youth-led panel. 3 members of REMODEL and Dr Harriet Rowley presented a paper on our involvement in COME:ON, connections with previous European projects and the cultural activities we engaged in across Manchester. Members of REMODEL also formed part of the youth-led panel which explored youth participation experiences of YP, challenges of the UK's relationship with Europe post Brexit and YP hopes for the future.
- Social media posts & engagement - Josh Wilkinson, Chloe Barlow and David Hall and Ahmed Omar.
- Creation of website - Sian Fawcett (lead/ designer) full team support and content creation.
- Creation of Music and project involvement, development and support - Hamdi Hassan.
- COMEON Online Event - Planning, Facilitation and participation - Full team - Workshops Chloe, Josh and Chris - Workshop plans are available and could be delivered across the consortium to generate more creative and cultural content.

- Social media presence and traffic - Through the work we have done locally, nationally and internationally we have reached over fourteen thousand people through our social media.

Psyche of Remodel



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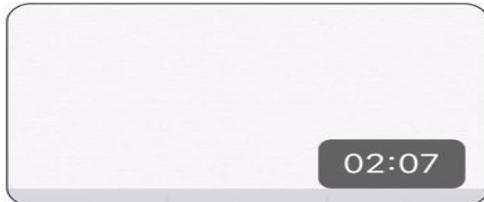
Hulme

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A day in the life of Remodel

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A Picture Says a Thousand Words

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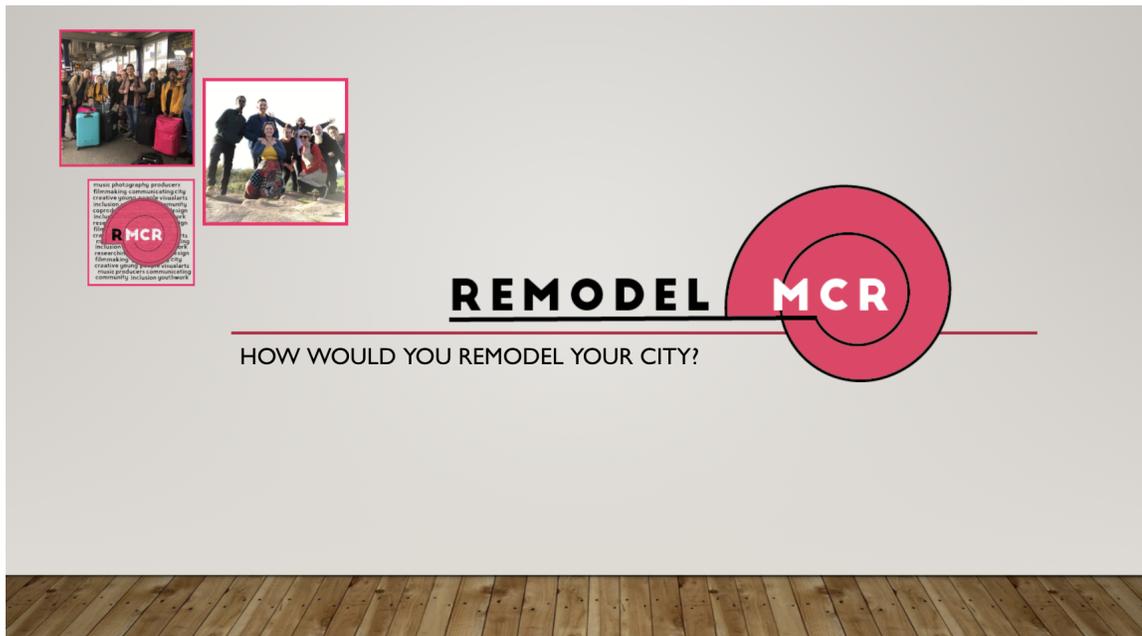
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Remodel event. [The full slide show for the live event can be found here.](#)

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- The live event was interactive via a series of Menti QR codes. Attendees would use the QR code to access a poll, writing space or question air to share their thoughts and opinions which we then discussed further in the live event before opening up the conversation to the wider group.



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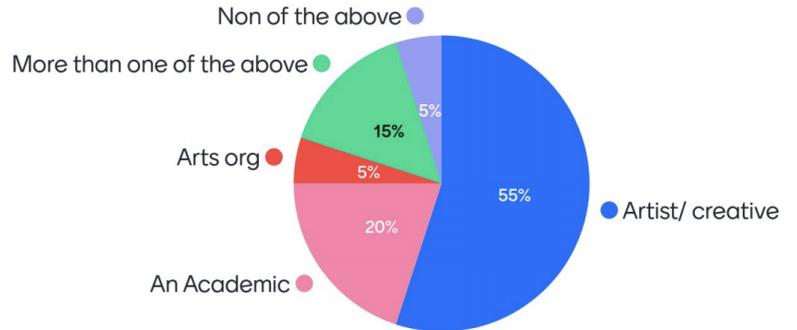
What is culture?

It's a lifestyle you choose to live	How we make meanings and find connection and also try out new ways of being	As bright, vibrant and exciting as you create it!
Culture is a very big part of my life. It's my food. It's my clothes and accessories. It's my family values. It's who I am!	It's everything and we can change it by sharing ourselves and our experiences	Culture is the representation of art, social practices and a way of life that is experienced as a collective of individuals and representative of wherever you are
Stuff we all make	Home	

What is culture?

What ever you make of it	A community with shared values and community.	Culture is ever changing but always feels like home!
What ever you want to make of it	A shared reference point. Something that connects us	Culture is a way of living
Coming home to yourself and your own community.	All the myriad of ways humans use to express themselves	it's makes something unique. It's something that can be appreciated by all but also intrinsic to each individual.

Which one of these best describes you?



Scales



How can we mix up our work patterns to work better for us and others we work with? Any suggestions?

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- Try out different versions! You think you're a night owl but really you're an early bird n you never know unless you try
- Shift the power
- To do less 'busy work', more collabaotive working, more walking meetings!
- more joint partnership working so we are hitting greater targets more collectively therefore easing the burden of work
- don't force it, allow yourself to be comfortable before you get started
- I can't mix up my work pattern my work pays my bills and anyone I work with has respected that. I am happy to work evenings and weekends on top of my full time work until I am potentially earning enough.
- Listen more. Focus on the things that are most important to the communities we work with.
- I think Covid has highlighted the fact that we don't need to be in the same space to effectively work together
- Share the love - If you have money and capacity bring in others

