

Sustainable Spaces

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What is sustainability?



This blog is a forum for the discussion of sustainability the work of a collective of designers, architects, curators, writers, and project managers and, hopefully, you!

We hope this blog will help us to understand sustainability through an open discussion, to inform our creative community of how our work deals with sustainability, to inspire current and future students to consider how sustainability relates to their work, and to potentially create collaboration opportunities.

We would love to invite you to join our discussion by leaving a comment or submitting a post!

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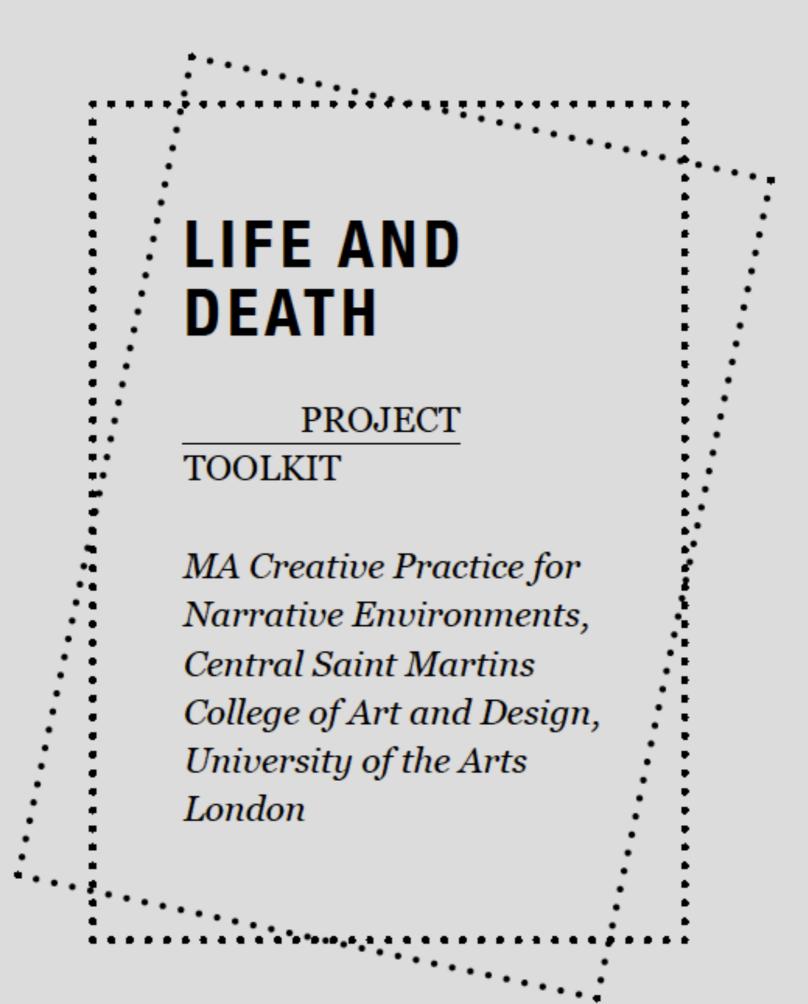


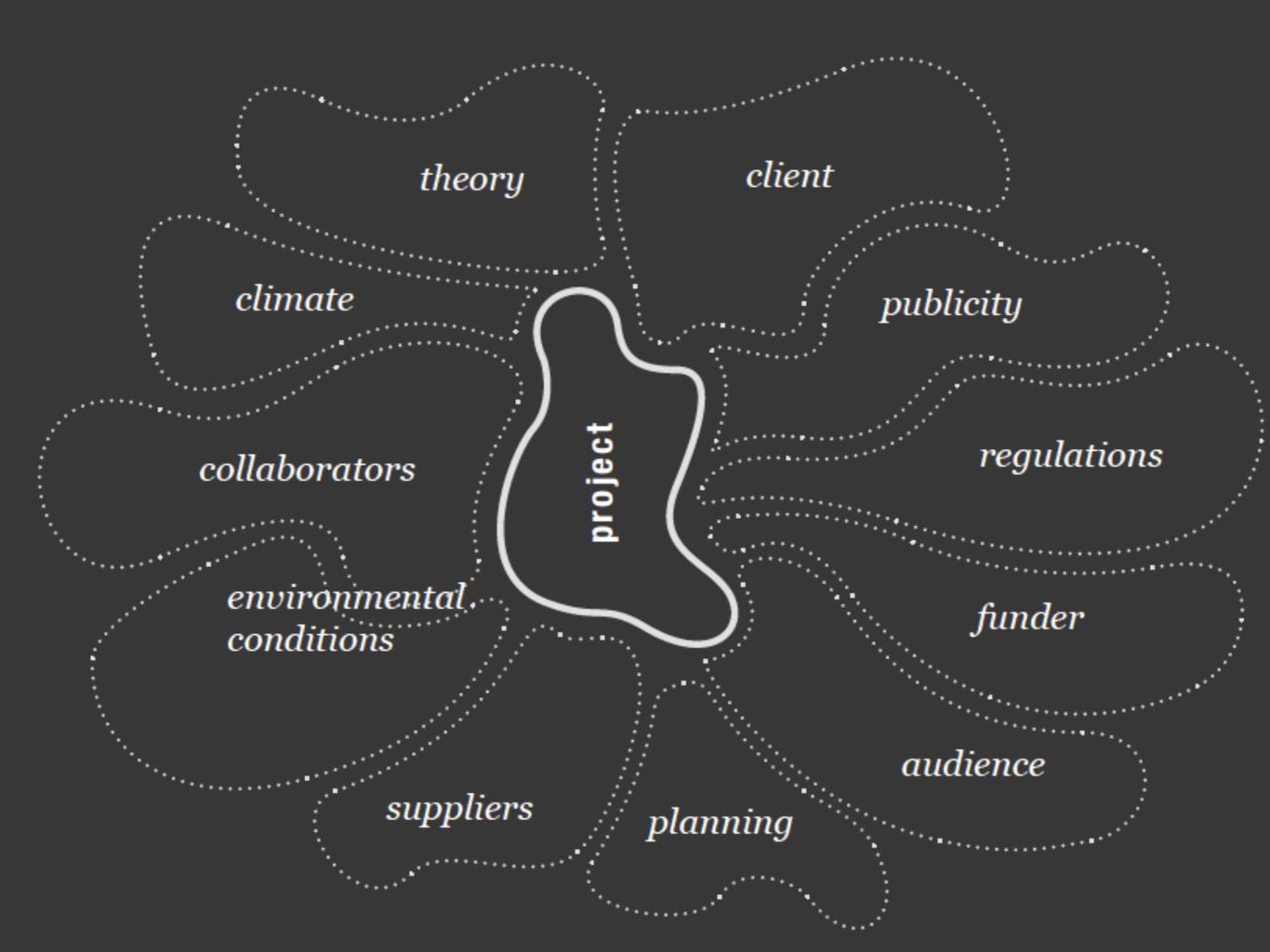
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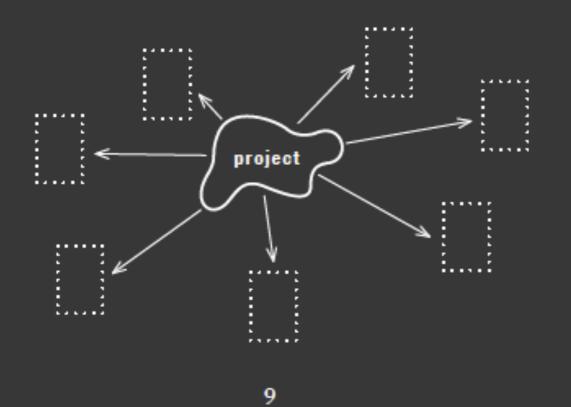
LIFE AND DEATH CARD SET /6 METHODS

The card set can be used in a variety of ways working individually, in pairs, and/or in groups. A selection of suggested activities is outlined below:

METHODS FOR USE AS INDIVIDUALS

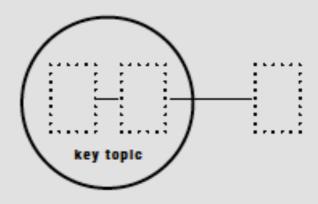
Scenario Analysis

<u>Choose a project that you have worked on - this may</u> be either a current project or a previous one. Using the card set, analyse how different card categories will impact the project to create several alternative future developments and paths that lead to possible outcomes of the project.



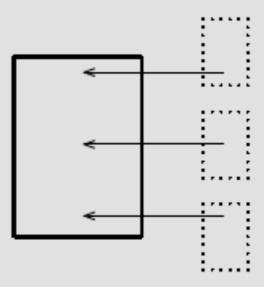
Prompt for Presentation

The card set can be used to create and clarify sections and topics within a project in order to prepare presentations. The cards can help both identify key strengths and prepare answers to questions that may be raised regarding any shortcomings of the project.



Research Guidance

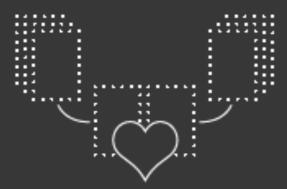
<u>Referring to the card set can help to more clearly</u> define the scope of research, breaking down the wider subject, moving from general to specific.



METHODS FOR USE IN PAIRS

Speed-dating

Both look through the pack of cards at the different categories. Thinking about previous projects you have worked on, each choose one card that represents the biggest lifesaver of that project and the biggest project killer. Once each person has chosen, reveal your lifesaver and killer cards to your partner and explain why you have chosen those cards.



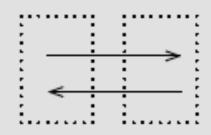
<u>Pick a Card</u>

To help prepare for presentations or exams. In pairs, take turns to each pick a card from the pack, and then ask your partner questions relating to the card category about a current or recent project. Your partner has to answer as best he/she can. This is a good opportunity to play devil's advocate in relation to one another's projects in order to help constructively analyse and consider aspects impacting the life of the project.



Compare and Contrast

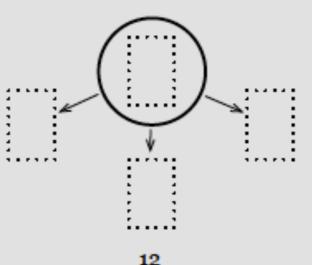
Each choose a random card from the pack. Place both cards side by side and compare and contrast the two factors on the cards in relation to previous or current projects. Repeat with different cards randomly chosen from the pack. The aim is to broaden and strengthen awareness of connections between different factors and the extent of their compatibility, influencing the life or death of projects.



METHODS FOR USE IN A GROUP

One Element, Many Elements

<u>Start with one card category - it could be the keystone</u> of your project or it may be an aspect that has been sidelined. Discuss its part in the project. Then start adding more card categories and discuss how these relate to the original card.



<u>Role-play</u>

<u>A good icebreaker when starting a new project.</u> Pick a card or get the project manager to distribute them. Whatever card you are given, you then have to relay its importance in the project.



Data Visualisation

These qualitative factors on cards can be displayed in quantitative ways. Pooling votes on the biggest issues in a project or visualising the balance of parties involved in a project can help find the gaps within the working group. Using the cards to create graphs or charts can be a great way to visualise progress and motivate the team.



PART 3

7/ <u>USE OF TOOLKIT CASE STUDY</u> – LIFE AND DEATH SYMPOSIUM

<u>The Project Ecology Diagram and Life and Death</u> Project Card Set have been used in the Life and Death Symposium. Here are some results from the workshop:



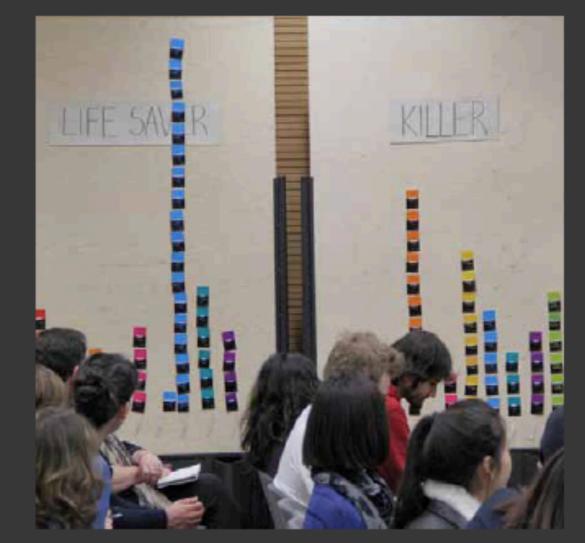
Use card to reflect on one's project



Project Life and Death Speed-dating



Voting

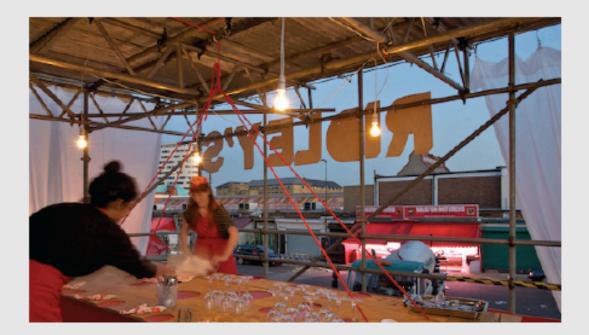


Top 5 Project Lifesavers and Killers as voted by the 50 participants:

<u>LifeSavers</u> <u>No. 1 - Collaborators (19)</u> <u>No. 2 - User (6)</u> <u>No. 3 - Technology (6)</u> <u>No. 4 - Ethics (5)</u> <u>No. 5 - Client (4)</u> <u>Killers</u> <u>No. 1 - Funding (11)</u> <u>No. 2 - Economy (8)</u> <u>No. 3 - Regulations (6)</u> <u>No. 4 - Collaborators (5)</u> <u>No. 5 - Client (4)</u> <u>Mariana Pestana - Curating Architecture</u> <u>www.iusedtobeanarchitect.com</u>

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5/ LIFE AND DEATH CARD SET

Develop the 'toolkit' into a pedagogical resource.

Introduce the 'toolkit' to
staff and test it with
students:

- At different stages of their studies
- In different courses / disciplines

• In different phases of project development.

Stage 1 Interior and Spatial Design students at Chelsea
Stage 2 BA:ASO students at CSM
First year MA Narrative
Environments students at CSM
Stage 2 BA Product Design at CSM

•MA Graphic Design at LCC





