Change Now.

A Communication Design Challenge

Do you have a solution or perspective that you wish to persuade others to adopt?

- What is the issue?
- What are parameters and roadblocks to the issue?
- What is the solution?
- Who do you need to convince to see the change or solution enacted?

These are questions you resolve with other through a **Design Thinking** process.



YOUR CHALLENCE:

Come up with a communication design solution to a social or environmental issue. This may involve print or video media.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Target Audience & collateral audience (not targeted but will be hit by it).
- Medium most appropriate to reach and convince your audience
- Branding -- this is like an allegory. We do it everyday. Wear a hockey jersey you tell us the tribe you are associated with. For example, Sidney Crosby is used to sell Bell Canada, Reebok, Gatorade & Tim Hortons. In essence, If Sid represents a well balanced all Canadian sweet young man who is super talented, then so are Reebok, Gatorade & Tim's. Emma Watson is now the face of women's issues.

DROCESS:

Brainstorm a variety of issues that are relevant to you and your classmates. Select an issue and a specific problem that is shared among you and a couple of others. Work with them to:

Discovery - understand the problem and see how you might approach it. This includes research and hypothesizing possible approaches.

Interpret - Examine your data. Sort it to seek connections. What allegories (or branding) opportunities are possible?

Ideate - Seek opportunities by generating ideas and testing them out in your sketchbooks. When you have selected a concept, produce a **Design Brief**

Experiment - This is your project. A prototype strategy you develop and share with the class.

Evolution - You will reflect on the feedback and determine where you could go next in the evolution of your design process. Prepare a Napkin Pitch

This is a great time to break apart and seek your own possible paths - then come back together to share and determine how to move forward.

COMMUNICATION DESIGN LEARNING TARGETS:

Process (2x10)

1. Present evidence of:

- Discovery research notes, specific websites and other observations in notes and sketches.
- Interpretation of data, including charts and lists and possible solutions in notes and sketches
- · Ideation 5 different possible approaches in written and graphic form

2. Write a **Design Brief.** This includes writing and a sketch that briefly outlines the challenge you plan to address and the process you aim to follow. Describe why this is a problem and the opportunities for design might be. *Write this as if you are writing it for a design partner who has missed a few classes.*

• Include a sketch of your design or story board if a video.

Product (100)

A graphic design from **each individual** that shows consideration for:

- your team's design strategy
- · design principles of form follows function, alignment, and other principles.
- colour and other elements for their capacity to engage and inform
- a branding strategy
- eye movement
- fonts (2 font limit that work well together, both should have an appropriate voice for your design intent)
- persuading your audience to your solution.

Presentation and Evolution Reflection (2x10)

- 1. The collection of designs are presented in a way that informs us of the design strategy. This should cover the need for it, your process and the intent behind your strategy
- 2. Each individual reflects on the design's success and shortcomings and what could be done to improve the design. Reflect on the benefits and challenges learned from working as a design team.