Examples of Day 3 Blog Posts

**DUCTUS 9 DAY 3**

Today we refined our idea and worked on putting together our poster. By 8pm we were plotting. Throughout this project, we worked well together. Even though some people couldn’t be there all the time because they had other commitments, they always returned to campus promptly to continue working on the project. Meanwhile, others were able to go to the workshops. This worked out well as we were then able to reconvene and work out the details of what we were creating. We were able to divide the work so that everyone was doing what they were best at. The health science major did a lot of the research about what issues refugees were facing and what needs were not being met. The industrial design majors worked out the details of our design and did the renderings of it. The interior design major created the poster. On the poster, the central element is our device in plan view. It shows the hot plate in the middle, surrounded by four solar panels. Around this, we have text talking about the need for our device. At the bottom of the poster we have renderings of the different ways the device can be configured. You could just use one solar panel, and take it with you as a light. There is a rendering of what the solar panels would look like laying out next to each other to charge. Then it shows four solar panels stacked under the hot plate, and finally, four of these stacks put together to allow for larger quantities of cooking. Overall, we worked well together and were able to finish this project to a degree that we are all proud of.
DUCTUS 3 (DAY 3)

Our advisors essentially gave us the keys to go forward with our refined concept, so we spent all day today on figuring out the best way to communicate our idea to a viewing audience. In thinking about what we wanted to present, we came to the conclusion that because our idea is essentially a reconceptualization of the definition of a refugee camp, we should develop a board that shows the layout of the temporary society we were so keen on creating. Because we had worked so hard the previous day and got so far along in our concept, we decided to mentally decompress for most of the day and meet up in the mid-afternoon.

Because we had worked so hard the previous day and got so far along in our concept, we decided to mentally decompress for most of the day and meet up in the mid-afternoon. Today was essentially a work session that was also a way for us to formalize our presentation language and go about the best way to approach the final board layout. This was also a time to develop iconography for clear communication with the audience, and we implemented Chicago style citations in order to add legitimacy to our work. During so, we had a very enjoyable time eating Dunkin Donuts while we tirelessly toiled.

This paragraph is to answer the question prompt.

Every team member had a significant part in the overall success of the project, as we all came together and immediately started to bond over each other’s skill sets and love for our career paths. The work environment was very much informal, comfortable, but goal-oriented. It was a very interesting dynamic because we had four designers on our team with one occupational therapist. While the designers were coming up with a myriad of designs and ideas, the OT gave us a grounded and empathetic perspective that would add justifications or our design direction. We were very lucky to get that perspective. Every member of the group was willing and able to spitball.
ideas and let our ideas grow and blossom to an interconnected final concept. Also, our group shared an obvious passion for our concept with not only made the collaborative process more enjoyable, but it also made it more efficient in how we consolidated ideas into actionable goals for the project. And because the process was so efficient, we were able to work more quickly and have opportunities to rest and just enjoy each other’s company.

**DUCTUS 8: DAY 3**

Day 3, the final work day for Ductus 8, has mainly been about refining and building our ideas into a tangible presentation. We divided up the work as best we could and slowly brought together the pieces to form a cohesive and (hopefully) successful innovation. The news and updates regarding the damage being caused by the hurricane in the south served as a sharp reminder of the bigger picture we were working toward. By the end of Sunday, we had generated a digital model and drawings of the box design, designed the graphics for the outside, done the research on the technological portion of the project, determined the sizes and final pricing on all the items in the box, hashed out the written description of the project, and finally brought all these pieces together – along with some additional visual context – to create our final board. Along the way, we changed the name of the product to “Hopebox”, which more directly corresponded with the deeper purpose of our project.

Regarding collaboration, we have been met with varying degrees of success depending on the day and circumstances. Friday embodied the best of this, as everyone was present and contributed many ideas, helping to critique and develop different concepts until we finally settled on the one we have. Saturday and Sunday each involved some group members having to go by necessity, which was unfortunate but not something that could be helped. Whenever we were able to connect in person, things went pretty smoothly; we did however have some trouble communicating effectively when separated. But overall, we managed to pull together the project and form some connections in the process, hopefully cumulating in a successful presentation tomorrow. Truth be told, I’m sure the greatest prize we could all receive for our hard work would be a nice, long, uninterrupted nap… *hint hint*

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**DUCTUS 2: SUNDAY**

On the last day before the presentation today, we wrapped up all the information gathering, as well as concepts for what a working concept could look like. We also created our final board, and plotted it out for tomorrow’s presentations.

The task of this project was not just to create a solution to the problem that we were given, but also to collaborate effectively with other individuals that are in other disciplines. I believe that our group has definitely been able to draw from each of our experiences and fields of study to have an overall better solution. Within our group, we have an Industrial Designer, two Interior Designers, one individual studying OT and another studying Athletic Training. While our three designers were able to contribute regarding things like finding research and applying it to a solution, our non design majors were able to help in a unique way as well. Our non design majors were able to give an angle to look at from a more medical or health based view, which has an effect on the direction that we took with our solution (being more focus on something that not only helps a problem, but also benefits the health of refugees). All of our members devoted as much time as they were able to for this project, and the overall final product definitely shows that.

As an overall experience, we all learned a bit more on how to work with people in a group that have different fields to pull from, and bring a unique perspective in on a solution to a problem.

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**ORIOR 2 DAY 3**
Does our team exemplify the characteristics of collaboration? That’s a wonderful question that we’re still asking ourselves. The easiest answer would be no. Of the five group members that we have, only two of them have done any work passed Day 1. Even to the point where when asked if those who would not be here could do the blog posts for our group, ended up not even doing so. This is the first blog post we’ve done because those who are working on the project finally had the time to check.

Collaboration means to work together, and at least two of us could exemplify that. The two Architecture students worked together for everything from research, to prototyping, to the implementation of the project. The idea was originally thought up from the whole of the group, so we hope that we’ve created something great.

With design work, other class work, working for money and Nexus Maximus, Sunday felt like….
But nevertheless, we (most especially Larken) made time to bring our final product to fruition. It was very easy to communicate our issues and push forward with what we discussed.

Throughout the weekend, it was very easy to work as a team. Being only a group of 4, we instantly cliqued on the basis of being such a small group in comparison to other legion groups. Before the first workshop even began, we managed to hash through ideas and come to a consensus on the issue we wanted to focus, that’s just how seamless the communication was between us. We had a great balance of staying focused and having some comic relief.

When we were unable to meet face to face on Sunday, text messages and emails sufficed as a great way to get our final ideas and workload figured out. Larken showed great understanding when other team members were not able...
to assist in the finishing of the design and ideas and took the leadership role in producing the display image for the Nexus presentation. *whispers* I wish there was a Ductus 6 trophy to give Larken because…MVP.

This group was compiled of Jefferson students in a variety of schools within the university, and it was a fantastic experience being able to lend innovation to an often ignored idea among refugees and displaced individuals. We are excited to discuss our story of offering dignity and a sense of owning and home to the Nexus panel at the presentation tomorrow.

Hoy nos reunimos como legión en nuestra sala favorita, la sala 222. Ya que es naturalmente iluminada y tiene una vista que nos ayuda con la imaginación.

Nivi llegó de las primeras, donde estaba esperando a Victoria, pero se quedó dormida y llegó al rato!.

Desayunamos fruta, bagels, muffins y café, donde se unió Sarah, y nos fuimos a poner manos a la obra!

Llegó Mohit, Amar y Venla, comenzamos a trabajar y a estructurar nuestro proyecto.

Creamos un nombre y logo universal, el cual todos pudieran entender, donde todos estuvimos de acuerdo y así el usuario de nuestro proyecto también pudiera entender.
Nuestro mayor problema al trabajar juntos es que todos tenemos acentos diferentes, por lo cual se transforma en una barrera al momento de comunicar nuestras ideas, pero con paciencia y organizándonos bien podemos lograr un buen trabajo.

Al terminar el workshop de las 2 pm, solo quedó Nivi y Victoria, quienes siguieron avanzando, ya que los demás tenían mucho trabajo de otras asignaturas.

A las 5 pm realizamos un check point, tuvimos un resultado negativo, pero vamos a mejorar el proyecto y presentarlo mañana con la mejor expectativa.

Que tengan un buen día

Adiós.

TEAM NOVO 4 DAY 3/
COLLABORATION

Novo 4 had a very productive day in creating a final poster product. We started the day off by creating a general layout of what we wanted to have for the poster and figuring out what text and images needed to be included to best exemplify what our goal was in creating our website and how we were able to solve a problem that refugees have. We then figured out the amount of website pages that we wanted to include in the poster. We also finalized the text that we wanted to include on the poster so that we could easily drop it in once we started to compose the final product. We are feeling ready to present our final product tomorrow afternoon at the poster presentation in Gallagher!
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