

TASK: INSIDE OUT / OUTSIDE IN

To prepare you for L6th Photography, I'd like you to start thinking about generating ideas for potential photoshoots immediately. Much of the work next year will be reliant on you going out, exploring and identifying people, objects, activities and places to photograph.

Below is a list of instructions I'd like you to follow carefully. The outcome of this mini project is expected to be personal and independent, so embrace the challenge and give it a go!

- Grab some paper and write for 15 minutes nonstop. This is a process called automatic writing and is a great way of exploring your thoughts. Try not to control the direction of the writing, it is not an essay or a list. It may or may not make sense, that is ok.

How to start...

1. If you have an idea, start there.
2. If your brain is empty or you feel tired, then start with 'I am holding a pen and in front of me is a piece of paper...'

Write fast and do not worry about spelling or grammar.

- After the writing, take 5 minutes to distill/identify the essential themes of what you have written into one word. Often where you finish writing is more interesting than where you began. Try to be specific when picking your word. If after a while you don't like your work, select its antonym.
- Write your chosen word on another piece of paper, circle it and start a 15 minute session of free association (mind mapping). Really push yourself and develop the branches of the map as far as they can go. Write down everything from nouns, verbs, adjectives, metaphors, textures, sounds, symbols, gestures, emotions, landscapes. Fill the page.
- The word you chose in the center of your map is your theme for a photoshoot. The words around it are there to help you focus on different objects or compositions to photograph. Use a camera or your phone and take a range of photographs (up to 20) based on your theme.

You will need to select your favorite 5 images and print them to a scale you think works. Bring all your preparatory work and printed images to the first lesson ready for display.

Good luck!