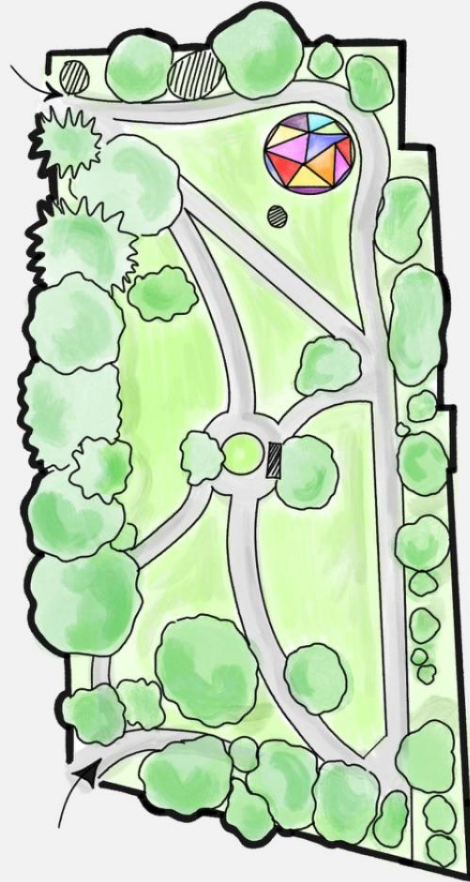


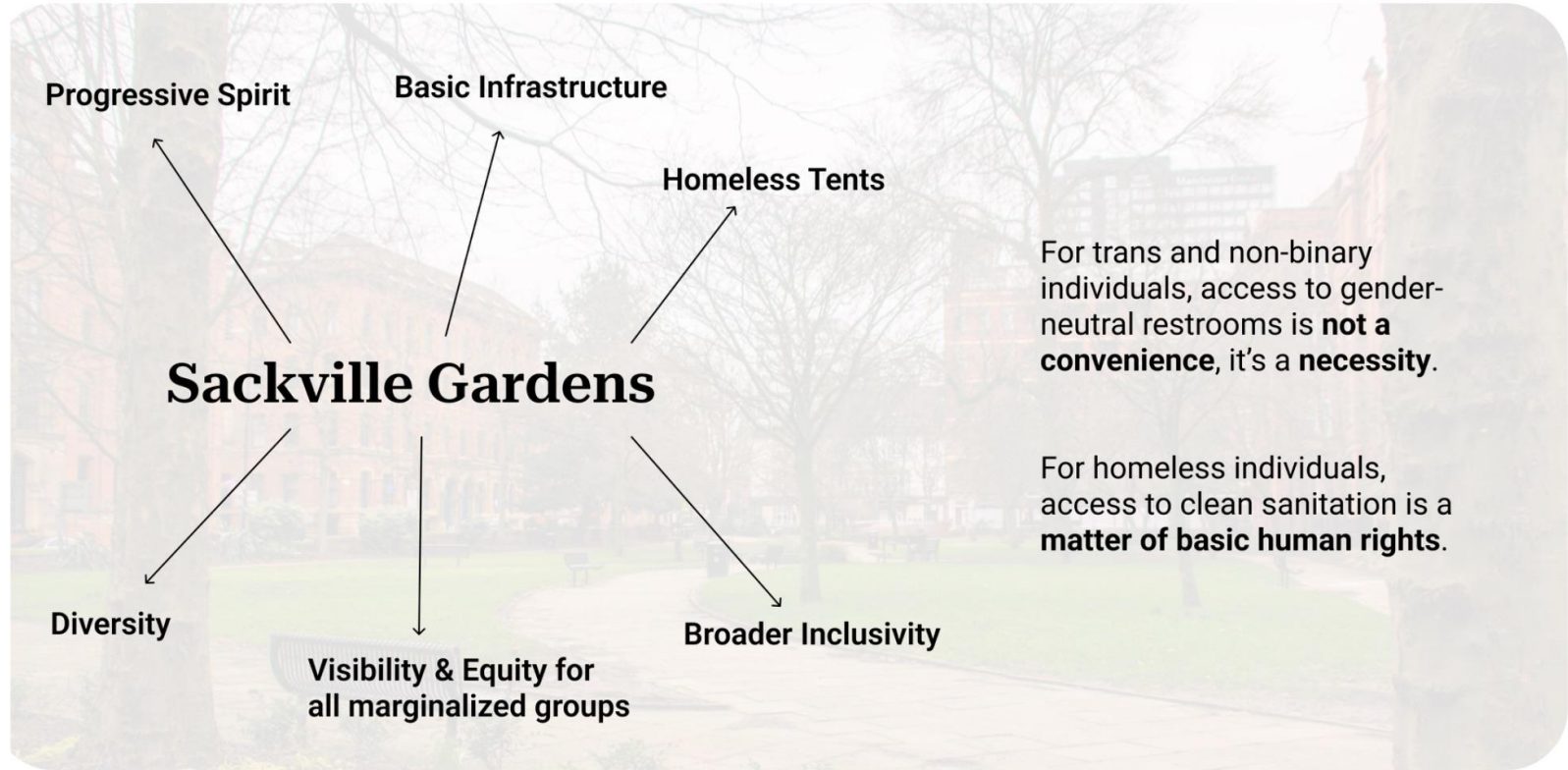


Past, Present, Pride (P³)

All-inclusive, gender neutral restrooms in Manchester centrally located in Sackville Gardens

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PHASE 01 / Research and Design Analysis

1 Interprets local queer history

The exterior features interchangeable art panels by local queer artists.

2 Responds to the natural environment

Blend in to the natural space.

3 Engages the senses

The exterior structure, and the interior art, are visual and tactile.

4 Considers what visitors will do, with whom, and how they feel

We wanted the space to be accessible and inclusive.

Queer Organizations

- Manchester Queer Art Market
 - The LGBT Foundation
 - Trans Mutual Aid Manchester
 - AKT
 - The Proud Trust
 - Lesbian Immigration Support Group
- 1950s Canal Street was a popular place among queer people to meet up.
 - New Union Pub
 - Located on the corner of Canal Street
 - Clouded glass windows shielding the patrons outside from the outside eye
 - Sexual Offenses Act, passed 1967
 - Private acts between men over the age of 21 legalized.

Homelessness Organizations

- Centrepont
 - Lifeshare
 - Barnabus
 - Booth Centre
 - Coffee4Craig
 - AKT
- 1986 Canal Street became the new location for the Gay Centre
 - Funding approved for development
 - The street is now the heart of the city's gay village
 - Largest in Europe
 - Vibrant nightlife.



Sackville Gardens is located right off Canal Street, an important area for Manchester's queer community.

The garden is home to the statue of Alan Turing, a prevalent computer scientist, mathematician, and significant member of Manchester's queer history. The gardens are often frequented by locals and visitors.

Sackville Gardens is also home to a few of Manchester's homeless community.



Locals



Visitors



Queer Community

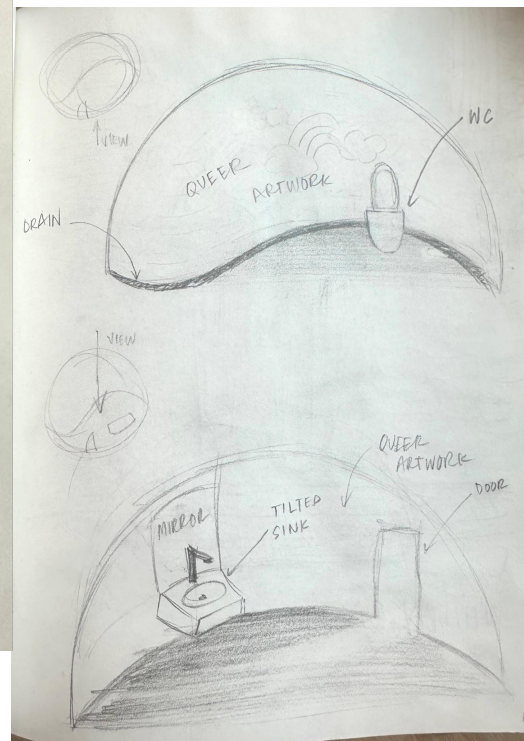
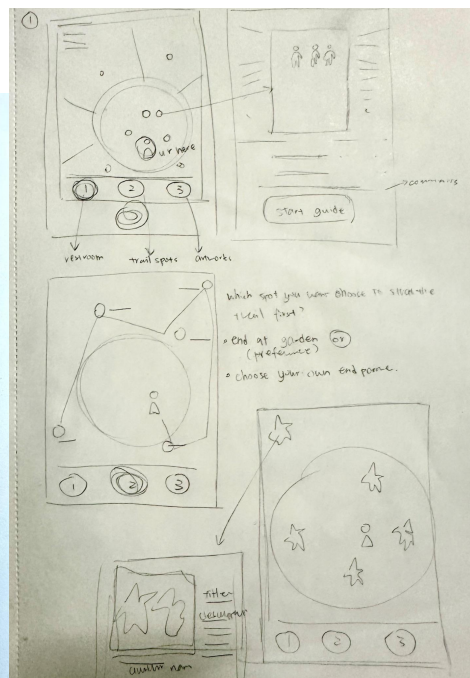
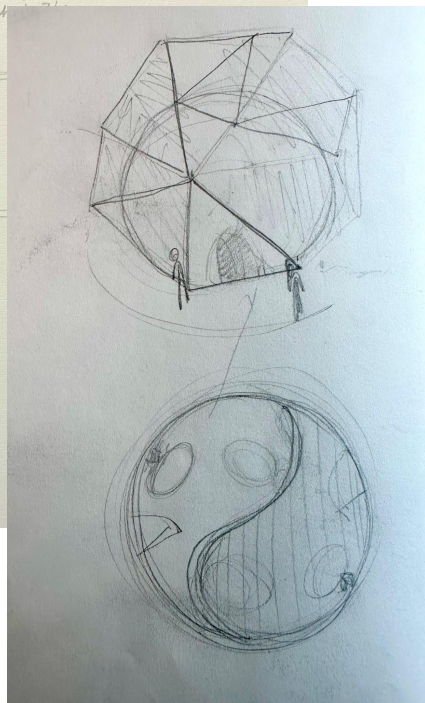
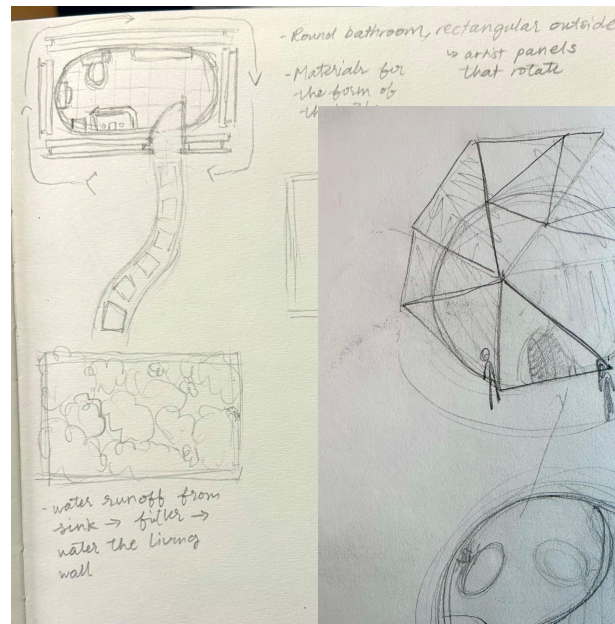


**Homeless
Community**

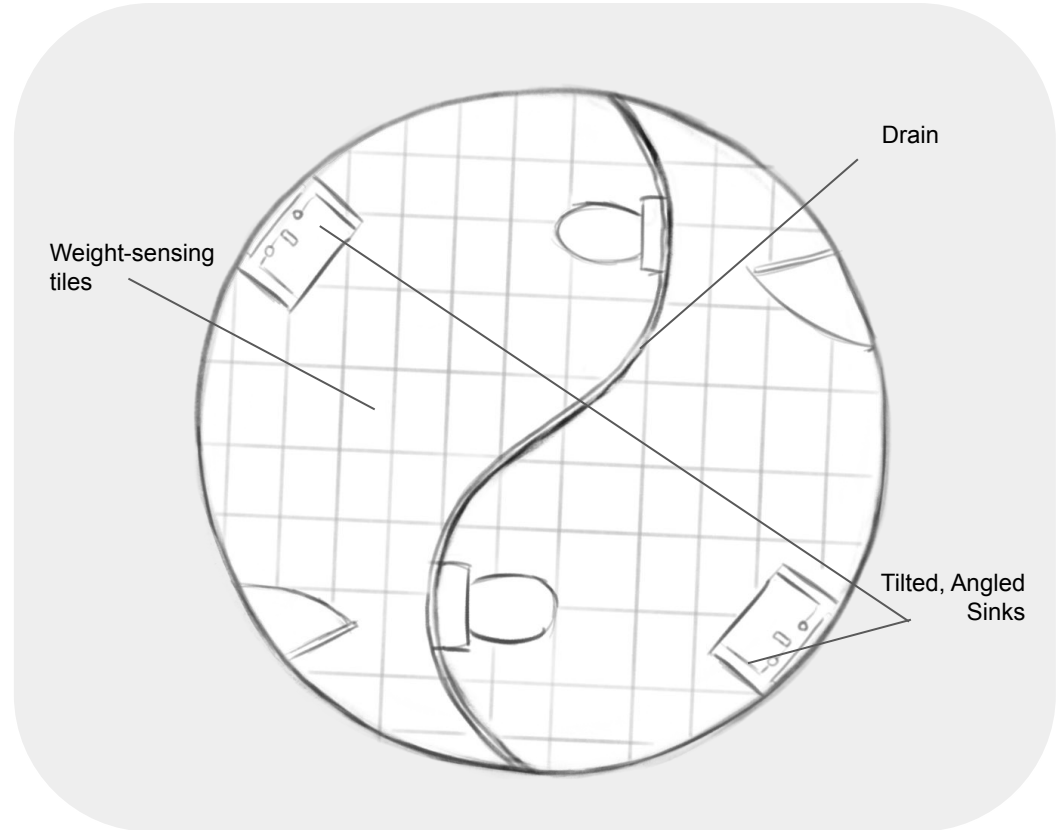
- UK queer statistics
 - In 2020 3.1% of the population age 16 years and over identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual
 - Half of lesbian, gay, bi, and trans people feel they can be open about their sexual orientation or gender identity to everyone in their family
 - In 2020 people age 16 to 24 years are the most likely age group to identify as LGBTQ+
- UK Queer homelessness statistics
 - Almost one in five queer people have experienced homelessness
 - 25% of trans people have experienced homelessness

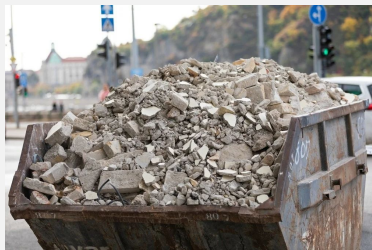
- UK drug use statistics
 - In 2023, there were **5,448** drug-related deaths in England and Wales which is 11% more than the previous year.
 - Cocaine-related deaths in 2023 surged by **30%**
 - In 2023, opiate-related deaths accounted for **almost half** of the total drug-related deaths
 - The UK's drug-related death rate was **5.2 per 1,000** in 2021 which is higher than the global average, 1.6 per 1,000
- Homelessness statistics
 - In 2024 at least **354,000 people** in England do not have a home, this is 14% more than the previous year
 - In 2024, an estimated **4,667 people** sleep rough in England
 - People sleeping rough are 17 times more likely to have been victims of violence
 - More than **one in three** people that sleep rough have been deliberately hit, kicked or experienced some form of violence while homeless

PHASE 02 / Ideation

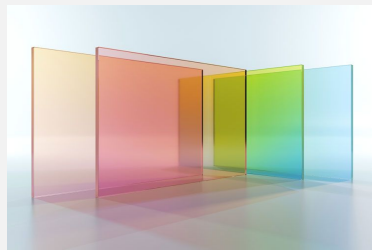


Our restrooms in the Sackville Gardens will come equipped with weight sensing tiles that will notify authorities if anyone is lying still on the ground for over seven minutes. This is to prevent drug related deaths in single stall restrooms, as they are a popular place for addicts to use. The bathroom sinks will also have a slanted top to prevent the placement of vials and syringes.

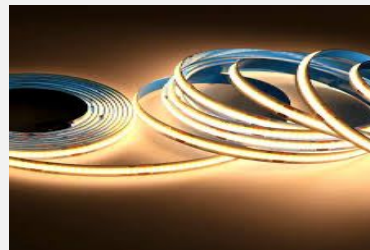




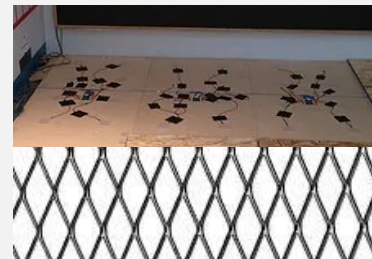
Concrete
Debris



Tinted glass &
clouded glass



LED Lighting



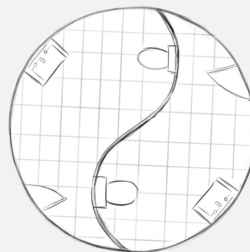
Sensors and
Metal Fencing



Pressure
Sensing Tiles



Tilted Sinks



Easy to Clean
Design



Caution !
The alarm will go
off within 7 minutes
of inactivity

Cautionary
Postings



PHASE 03 / Development



Eve Kelly



Jock Draws



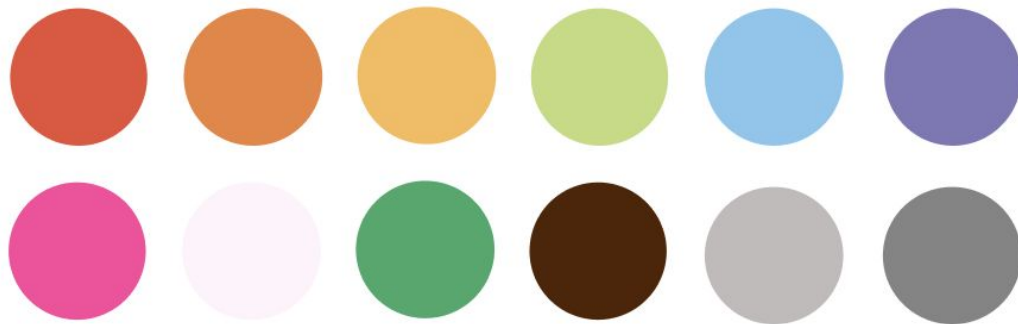
Floss Burns



Amber Carter



Harry Gloom



Color Palette



Logo Design

Interactive Components



Toilets



Trail Spots



Artworks



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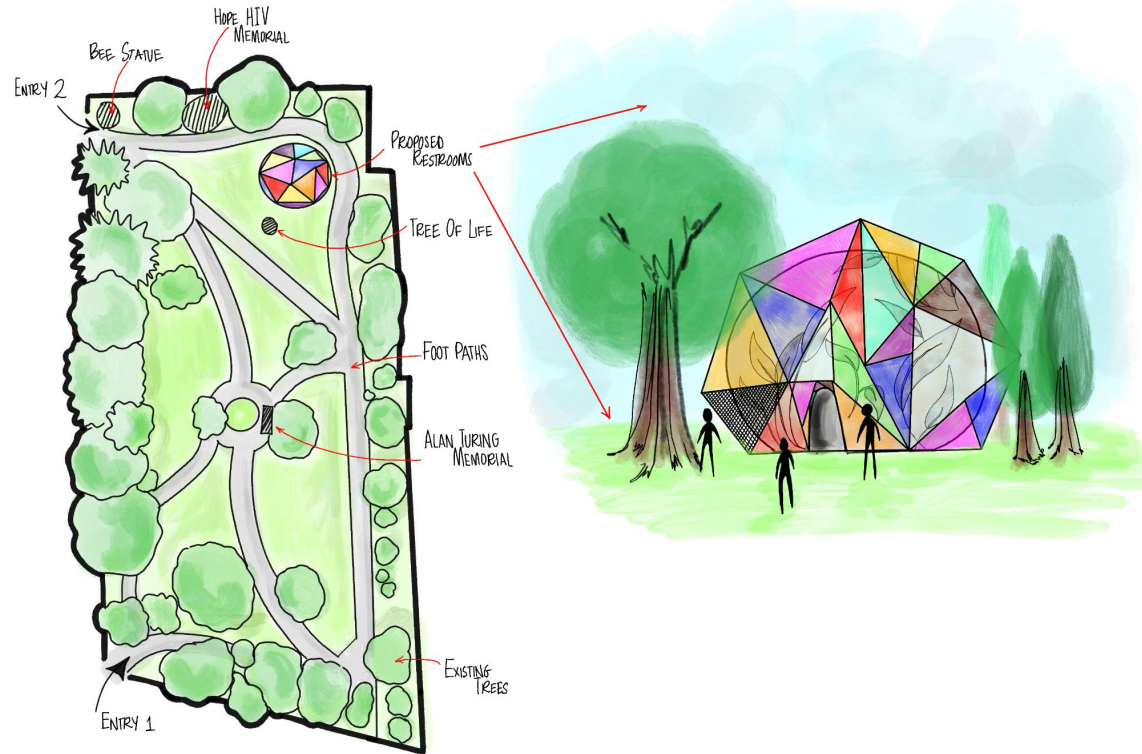
Trail Spots

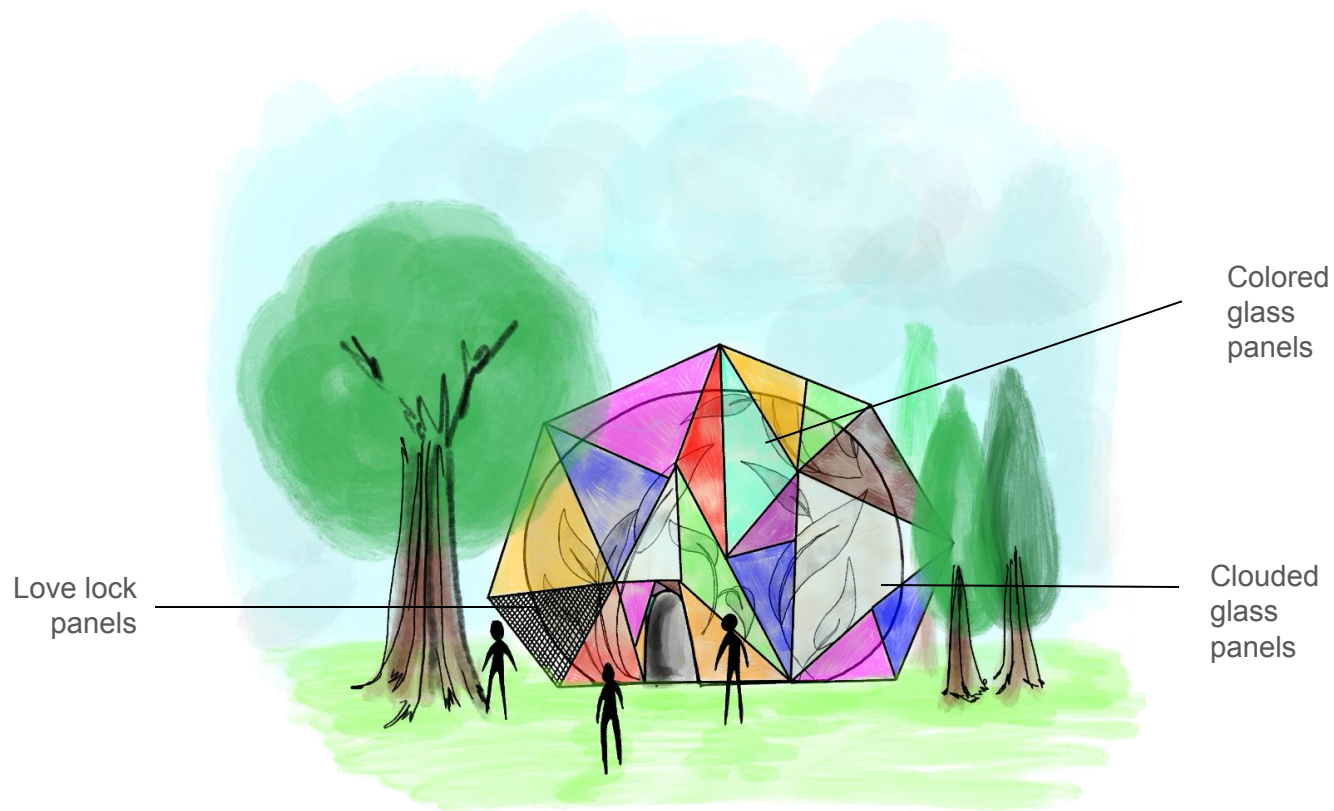


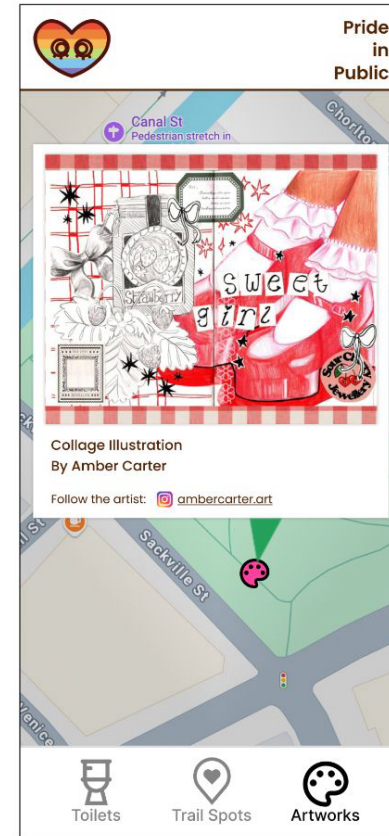
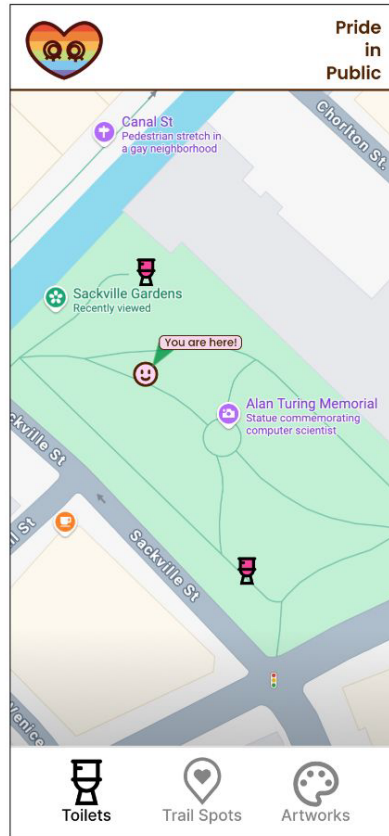
Artworks



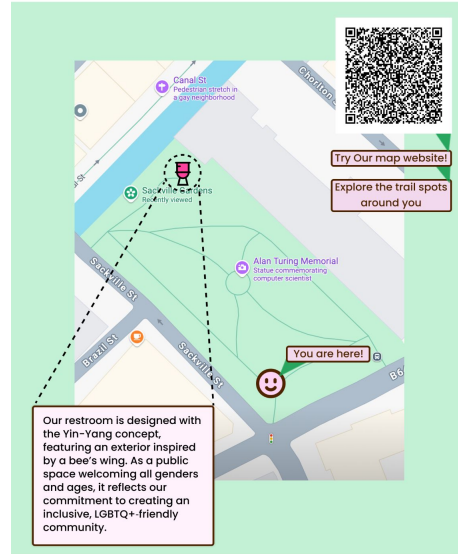
PHASE 04 / Presentation







Past - Present - Pride



Thank You!

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When we stepped into Sackville Gardens in Manchester, the first thing we noticed was its diversity. People from all walks of life were present—locals lounging on the grass and sitting on the benches, tourists gathered around the Alan Turing memorial, and couples of all identities sharing quiet moments over lunch. It felt like a celebration of openness and coexistence, a reflection of the city's progressive spirit.

But nestled amongst the greenery, three small blue tents interrupted the scene—shelters for people experiencing homelessness. It was a stark reminder that pride, though rooted in the celebration of queer identity, must also stand for broader inclusivity. Pride isn't just parades and parties—it's about fighting for visibility and equity for all marginalized groups.

This moment stayed with us. As we looked around, we realized that while Sackville Gardens is a symbolic queer space, some basic infrastructure was missing, especially public bathrooms that are safe and inclusive. For trans and non-binary individuals, access to gender-neutral restrooms is not a convenience, it's a necessity. And for homeless individuals, access to clean sanitation is a matter of basic human rights.

We began thinking: what if Pride spaces didn't just celebrate the past, but actively shaped a more inclusive present? The working class in Manchester did not have access to private restrooms back in the day, and used public restrooms, so we want to reclaim that past. Public infrastructure, starting with all-gender bathrooms and water access, can be a radical act of care. Our vision is simple - queer spaces that serve as safe haven not just for celebration, but for survival. That's the kind of pride Manchester deserves.