

Mapping Potential Territories

Site

The site I have chosen is the Swansea Grand Theatre, in the smaller performance rooms upstairs. The Grand Theatre has a main theatre stage where most performances take place but upstairs there are smaller rooms, that replicate the feel of a drama studio, that can be used for more private performances and could display artworks of different kinds for exhibitions. The Swansea Grand Theatre is a large part of Swansea's history, being built back in 1897, and has withstood time and has stayed intact throughout the years, only being threatened during the Swansea blitz in the second world war. This site holds a lot of Swansea's history and has potential for multiple themes including its history, Swansea's history or performance and art.

Research

I was apart of a theatre group asked to act out part of the Swansea Grand Theatre's history for a performance there, so I have already done some online research, but I have also been to the Swansea archive where there is information about Swansea, including the Grand Theatre, throughout the years. So, I have used historical research to identify the theatres history, historical effect on the city and information that can be used to create a theme. As well as this, I also used social research to identify the theatres significant presence in civilians' lives and the memories of attending shows in the theatre.

Suggested 'theme/ context'

From my research, I learnt the significance of the performances that take place at the theatre so for the theme I decided on a behind the scenes look at the preparation of a performance from not only the actor's point of view but also the crew, including props designers, costume designers, writers, directors etc. The theme will aim to give audiences a small view into what goes into a performance, and this allows room for more than just photographs. While photographs would be a good use of showing exactly what happens, different pieces of equipment could be put on display to give a more insightful view into the behind the scenes.