

New Order of Fashion



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USER

we used to call them the consumer, but now prefer 'user' as it implies they are one of a many 'owners' or 'users' in a product or service's lifetime

STAKEHOLDER

recognition that someone is impacted by the product, service of system you are offering - not just financial stakeholders, but brand-values-based too

first person research

EXERCISE:

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3 mins - eliminate 3/4, keeping only 1/4

LESS



Extracts from Earth Logic Action Research Plan

Mathilda Tham and Kate Fletcher

The starting point of the Earth Logic Plan for fashion is the uncompromising deadline of a decade to avert catastrophic climate change and recognition that the necessary shift in knowledge and behaviour is dramatic. For materials, this is forecast to require a reduction in the quantity of resource use of between Factor 4 and Factor 20, that is between a 75 percent and 95 percent reduction when compared with today's levels.

The scale and speed of change required means that genuinely systemic efforts are needed. In the fashion context this means addressing not only the environmental impact of a fashion product and the processes of making it, but also the psychology behind fashion use, our systems of economics, finance and trade, how we fashion local and global infrastructures around clothing, how we construct meaningful lives and livelihoods. Rethinking fashion outside the economic growth logic shifts power from multinational companies to organisations, communities and citizens. It invites fashion creativity to flourish far beyond the confines of a garment, into visions of new relationships between people, other species, artefacts and technologies.

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EXERCISE:

3 mins - rank the pieces you have left

number in order of 1 = most important to least important

redraw your no.1 a little larger

3 mins - answer these questions about your no.1 piece:

how does it make you feel?

what function does it serve?

what is it made from?

how did you get it?

make pairs in the group, listen carefully and note down what your partner says:

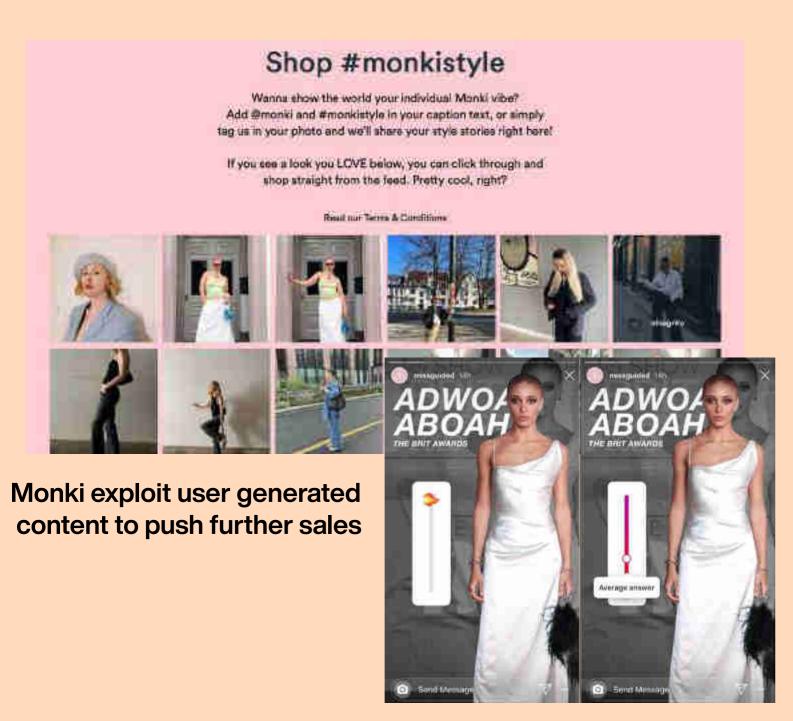
1 min each - tell the group about your no.1 piece

5 mins - based on the values of your partner's no.1 item, design something new



Adidas 'Adiclub' Members-only platform allows users to vote and engage with design processes

collaborative
design processes:
how can we
design based on
values and needs
from outside
perspectives?



Missguided do market research through stakeholder engagement

user driven innovation: how can we engage our users for insight and feedback? how can we use this data for good?

sustainable practices: how does listening to and including users in the design process promote sustainability?

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Create fit-for-purpose items, based on needs, that are loved for longer

Personalised items which have higher percieved value

Greater 'hit' rate of items with specific, known audiences rather than wide target audiences - less deadstock

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