

How to use this guide

Arts in Junior Cycle encourages active engagement when using short films in the classroom. The questions and activities below are a small sample of ways that this film featuring Ruth Duignan could be incorporated into the lessons. Teachers will need to consider the unique context and both age and stage of their students when planning how best to use the film and adapt this resource accordingly.



Key Skills focus: Being Creative | Managing Information & Thinking | Being Numerate

Before Viewing

Consider prior knowledge in anticipation of viewing

- When working on ideas and projects, how does learning from previous projects help you move forward?
- When working on a project, how do you gather your thoughts and ideas?
- What do you think are the key skills that a fashion designer needs to have/develop?

While Viewing

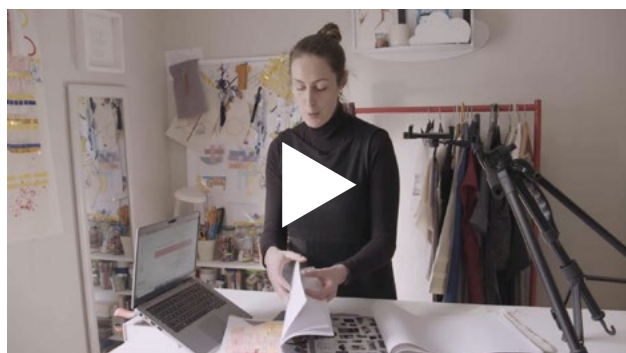
Support active viewing. On second and subsequent viewing, pausing may be used for specific focus

- *'There were massive mistakes and there were small victories, and creatively I learned a lot.'* Ruth places a lot of importance on trying things out and learning from mistakes. How do you think this attitude helps in developing new ideas and projects?
- Ruth suggests that taking the learning from what went right and what went wrong with previous ideas is important. How do you reflect on previous projects/work? Do you take learning from both the positives and negatives?
- *'Don't judge your ideas before you've actually started developing them.'* Do you find idea generation difficult? Why/why not?

After Viewing

Follow up on key ideas and synthesize information learned

- Ruth has a particular interest in sustainability in the fashion world. Explore this area and consider how the industry / consumer might change to be more sustainable.
- Think about how you generate ideas for your projects / work. Consider using idea generation tools and strategies. You might find some of these [tools](#) useful.



Passion for Design and Making

Ruth Duignan
Fashion Design

Did you use this guide or other *Passion for Design & Making* short films in your classroom? If so, tag @JuniorCycleArts or @DCCIreland on social media or email us at info@jct.ie

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