

Personal details

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Languages: English (fluent), Dutch (good), French (basic)

Work Experience

- 2010-Current Social Designer / Installation Artist
- Devised and delivered over 20 projects with a focus on urban space, civic issues, conflict and climate change
 - Highly proficient in concept development, presentation, relationship building, execution
 - Material practice (wood, metal), social practice (facilitation and process design), digital practice (software, online platforms)
 - Experience in Vancouver Canada (2010-2014) and Amsterdam (2014-2023)
- 2019-Current Founder, [Perception Design Studio](#)
- Speculative social and graphic design bureau exploring creative practices to assist policy makers working in complex situations
 - Research and development of digital and physical design interventions
 - Devised local engagement strategy for City of Amsterdam renewable energy transition (RES Wind Reflectiefase) in 7 districts across Amsterdam
 - Established the concept of 'Maatregelen op Maat' for the Leefbaarheidspanel Wallengebied Amsterdam
- 2020-Current Associate, [Public Mediation](#)
- Research and development of creative strategies for multi-stakeholder engagement processes involving government, citizens and industry
- 2020-2022 Director, [Vancouver Design Nerds](#)
- Set strategic priorities and sought opportunities for organisational growth through partnerships, R&D with new technologies
 - Hosted internal and external design thinking events (face-to-face and online)
 - Designed and delivered Strategic Plan for City Studio Vancouver
- 2020 Guest Tutor, [MA Disarming Design](#), Sandberg Instituut
- Designed and ran a multi-day workshop on topics such as Craft, Woodworking, Prototyping and Improvisation
- 2012-2013 Arts-based Civic Engagement Specialist, City of Vancouver
- Advised Mayor as member of Engaged City Task Force
 - Contributed to Quick Starts Report ratified by City Council

Training

2023	System Dynamics in Organisations , Bert Hellinger Instituut, Groningen
2016	MA Designing Democracy , Sandberg Instituut, Amsterdam
2015	Art of Hosting Societal Innovation , Amsterdam
2014	New World Academy #4 , BAK Utrecht
2012	BA International Studies/Communications , Simon Fraser University, Vancouver
2011	Heart of Facilitation , Portland/Seattle
2009	Diploma, Peace & Conflict Studies , Langara College, Vancouver

Presentations

2023	‘Kunst, Wetenschap en Klimaat: Samen naar Impact’ - KNAW, Amsterdam
2023	‘The Art of Modelling: Assessing the Role of the Arts’ - Planbureau voor de Leefomgeving, Den Haag
2022	‘Urgency Intensive: Working Group IV’ - Jan van Eyck Academie, Maastricht
2022	‘Designing Urban Futures with the Public’ - Reinventing the City , Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Metropolitan Solutions
2021	‘ Thinking with Time ’ - Panel discussion with Lisa Baraitser and Abishek Thapar; Veem House for Performance, Amsterdam
2021	‘ Prototyping Time ’ - Workshop; Veem House for Performance, Amsterdam
2020	‘Elements of Craft’ - Workshop; MA Disarming Design, Sandberg Instituut
2019-21	‘Material research’ - Workshop; Design Department, Sandberg Instituut
2018	‘Personal practice’ - Presentation; DordtYart Residency
2017	‘Prototyping’ - Workshop; BA City Studio Programme (UBC/SFU/ECUAD collaboration)
2016	‘Performance and affordances’ - Discussion w. Erik Rietveld; Sandberg Radio

Exhibitions

2023	Open Studios - Jan van Eyck Academie, Maastricht
2021	Timescapes w. Marije Vogelzang - Pictura Gallery/Dordrechts Museum, Dordrecht
2019	HISK @ TIK TAK - TIK TAK Gallery, Antwerp
2018-19	A Balancing Act - Kunsthall KaDE, Amersfoort
2018	Open Studios - DordtYart, Dordrecht
2017	I/WE/THEY - Modern Body Festival, Den Haag
2016	Higher Resolutions - Sandberg Graduation @ Van Eyck Burgerweeshuis, Amsterdam
2015	State of the Nation - Bozar, Brussels

Art / Design Residencies

2023	Koninklijk Nederlands Meteorological Instituut (KNMI), De Bilt
2022-2023	Jan van Eyck Academy/Urban Futures Studio
2022	Urban Futures Studio/Jan van Eyck Academy: Imagining Low Carbon Futures
2019-2021	WOW Artist Resident
2018	DordtYart , Dordrecht
2014	HCMA AiR Programme , Vancouver

Grants

2023	Canada Council for the Arts, Arts Abroad Residency
2021	Amarte Fonds, “Co-Incidence of Light”
2021	Fonds Kwadraat, “Co-Incidence of Light”
2021	Amsterdams Fonds voor de Kunst, “Co-Incidence of Light”
2020	Stimuleringsfonds, “ Conversations in Darkness ”
2020	Gemeente Dordrecht Kunstcomissie, “Timescapes”
2019	Stimuleringsfonds, “ Conflict Design Lab ”
2018	Fonds Kwadraat, “Conversation Imbalance”
2014	Knowledge Mile Boiling, “Ondergronds”