

DRW Lab Engagements – Documentary Interviews

We are making a **documentary film** about design research. The specific nature and narrative of the documentary is not yet fixed, but it will include a combination of personal reflections and interviews with leading Design Researchers. It will also be informed by a series of **short films** ([link](#)) that we are producing – in parallel – about specific design research projects. A key aim of the film is to help communicate the value of design research to a wider audience; we believe your expertise and insights will enrich the film and further this aim.

		Notes to participants
	Before the Lab Engagement...	
1a	We will invite you to participate in a video-recorded interview for the documentary via email.	We will strive to confirm your availability before we organise the dates of the Lab Engagement.
	During the Lab Engagement...	
2a	We would like to conduct a formal, yet conversational, video-recorded interview that will last 20-30 minutes, framed around your area(s) of interest / expertise.	In some cases, we would like to coincide the video-recorded interview with (i) an (audio-recorded) research interview and (ii) a 'lab walkabout', which may be video-recorded. Please consider if there is somewhere quiet where we can record the interview (e.g. an office) and let us know if we need to book a space in advance. We will obtain written consent after the interview.
2b	We will also collect ' b-roll ' footage (e.g. shots of your building, labs, workshops, etc / close-ups of materials, tools, sketches, prototypes, etc).	Please collate any relevant materials that you think might be useful for us to show. You do not necessarily need to be 'in' any of these shots, but it would be helpful if someone can help us with access, etc.
2c	We may also ask to record a ' show and tell ' of any specific items of interest, such as those above.	Please consider what might help us tell your story. We are happy to be guided by any ideas you have for things to show.
	After the Lab Engagement...	
3a	We may follow-up with you afterwards and you will be invited to review the interview footage before we release it.	Please be prepared to preview your video and offer feedback as soon as possible. We will offer a two-week period for feedback.