

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 Ed Devane 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 | Communicating | Managing Information & Thinking

Before Viewing

Consider prior knowledge in anticipation of viewing

- What are your favourite sounds? What do you like about them?
- Would you consider yourself a *designer*? Why/why not?
- What do you think are the key skills that a sound artist / engineer needs to have?

While Viewing

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

- Experimenting is central to Ed's work. Do you enjoy experimenting when designing and creating?
- Ed highlights the importance of making mistakes. He says that *'through your mistakes you learn a good way of doing something'*. Do you agree? Can you think of some mistakes you have learned from?
- Ed speaks about refining his designs based on feedback. He talks about pieces that might *'nearly work out'* and learning from them. Do you have a similar process - refining your design as you work on a project?

After Viewing

Follow up on key ideas and synthesize information learned

- Ed says that as a young person he enjoyed recording sounds and playing around with them. Have you ever tried playing around with sounds?
- *'Design is something that you have to learn and practice. You have to fail a lot along the way.'* Do you allow yourself space to fail and learn from your mistakes? Why is it important to allow space for mistakes?



Passion for Design and Making

Ed Devane
Sound Artist

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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