first Steps Women's Centre Production Log Jack Harkin

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Aim of the module

The aim of this module is to give students:

- An opportunity to work as a team.
- An opportunity to draw together knowledge and skills developed in previous modules and to apply these to a major project.
- Knowledge of Social Enterprise and how to apply interactive media ideas and concepts to this area.
- The ability to develop a sustained interactive production as part of a live brief.

Final Media Output(s) (Website, Video, Motion Graphics, Game, Visual Identity, etc.) The group production will demonstrate that:

- •The members of the group have contributed fully to the media output(s) developed
- •The members of the group have fulfilled their role within the proposal/ brief
- •The members of the group have worked as a team to draw together knowledge and skills developed in previous modules and to apply these to this major project

Getting Started

In our first lecture we were split into groups. In these groups we were given a number of different projects to choose from.

My Group



Jack Harkin



Carl Gordon



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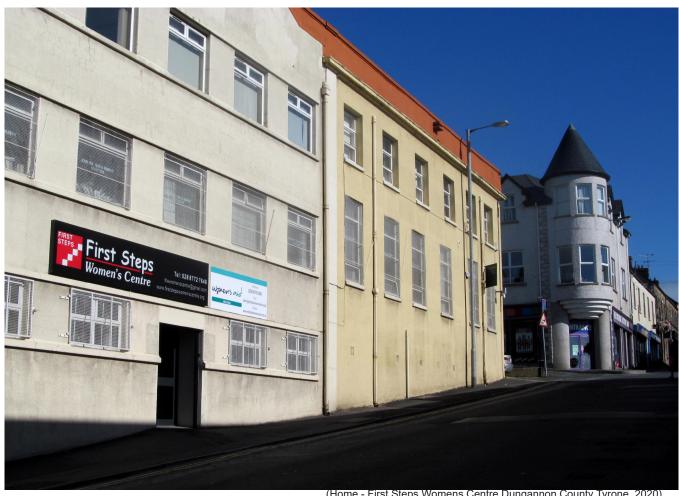
Our project

Collectively we decided to take on the **First Steps Women's Centre** project. From the start we knew that this project was going to be a real test of our practical and communication skills and the final media outcomes which First Steps we knew that our groups practical skills best suited this project.

Research

Who are First Steps Women's Centre?

First Steps Women's Centre is an important support resource in Dungannon and has helped many women for over 15 years. Their vision is to have confident women empowered to participate in and influence society through supporting women's professional and personal development through education and training. First Steps Women's Centre has three main pillars which consists of Education and Training, Health and Wellbeing and Vital Life Skills. This year the Centre has decided that a new fresh brand identity and resources would be good for further development. The new identity and resources are being created in order to improve membership and promote the assistance available to those who seek it. A priority is being placed on making their website more welcoming and accessible to all.

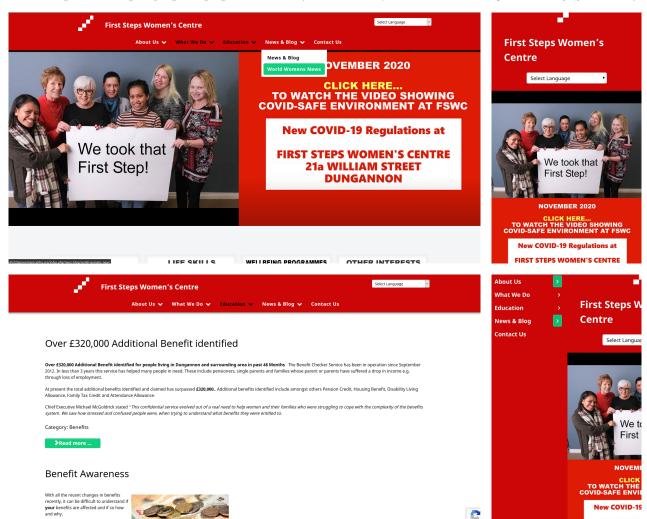


(Home - First Steps Womens Centre Dungannon County Tyrone, 2020)

Initial thoughts on website

The Website

(Home - First Steps Womens Centre Dungannon County Tyrone, 2020)



The website that First Steps currently have is quite dated and also is not responsive.

The site itself is very hard to navigate and find any specific information you are after. This is down to the layout of the site, and there being too much text on each of the pages. A lot of the information is hidden underneath a plethora of content.

The colour scheme used matches the first steps logo, however they use a green fill colour on the dropdown menu's in the navbar.

Initial thoughts on logo

The Logo

(Home - First Steps Womens Centre Dungannon County Tyrone, 2020)



The First Steps logo uses two different fonts. The two of them are also very basic. The steps on the left side I think work quite well but there is definite room for improvement on the logo.

A change in colour scheme and font may work very well, and give the logo a more refreshed look.

First Experiments

Logo Experiments

Experiment one



FIRST STEPS

Women's centre

After having a look at the current FSWC logo I had a go at creating some new logos for them based off what they already have. I got rid of the First Steps text inside of the red square. Along with this I changed the two fonts they are currently using.

As well as creating a remake of their current logo, I also tried it out with different colour combinations, typefaces, and layouts. Doing this has given be a good idea of what typefaces, and colour combinations I should be looking at for the final media output.

Different Colours & Layouts









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Meeting with First Steps

Talking with Michael

Michael done an excellent job at settling any nerves that any of us had about starting this project. He was full of useful information with regards to First Steps. He made it clear that he wanted the site to be kept as simple as possible, acknowledging that there was too much information on the current one. He wanted to make sure that the site was colourful and interesting. The importance of making the site visually appealing was stressed during the meeting. Michael also gave us some sites that he likes that can help us get a better understanding of what he wants us to do with the site.

He also was able to break the organisation down into three words. Support. Educate. Empower.

Key areas for improvement

- The application form is too hard to find
- Too busy
- Add a better Gallery
- · A change of colour scheme
- Open to a complete refresh of their visual identity

Support.

Educate.

Empower.

Benchmarking

Charis Youth Centre

Charis Youth Centre is based in Dungannon and helps children with learning difficulties with their spiritual and social needs. The club is aimed at children from 8 – 16 years old. It's a site which the client has expressed interest in. After looking at the site we can say that it has the same look and feel we want to transfer on to the new and improved first steps women centres' site. It is a very clean and stripped back site with minimal text and more images. The site still communicates well, even with less text. They have a navigation bar along the top of the page which brings users to different sections of the site with one or two clicks. It's a very accessible site, and we think there are a lot of features from it which we could implement into the FSWC site.



YMCA

The YMCA is the oldest and largest youth charity in the world. They focus on five key areas of work, support and advice, accommodation, family works, health & well being, and training & education. Their website is great right away you are greeted with a hero image with some information about the organisation over the top of it. The site itself is very clear and well laid out. They have a lot more information on their site compared to the others but that is a given considering the size of the organisation. The site uses different animations throughout it making for a much better user experience. I will say that the site does seem a lot busier than other sites which is something we will avoid when creating the FSWC site.

(YMCA, 2020)



YMCA is the oldest and largest youth charity in the world

Benchmarking Excel Sheet

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Benchmarking Excel Sheet

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21		FAQ Section	None	None	None	Drop down menu	None	None	None
22		Privacy policy	None	None	Not Secure	Footer	In the footer	In the footer	None
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29		Clear & Accurate Headings	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
30		Are links visually distinct	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
31		Link underlining	Yes	Rollover images as well as underlining	Yes	Yes	None	Yes	Yes

Moving Towards The Final Pitch

New Ideas

Logo Revamp

After the first meeting with Michael and a review of the benchmarking sites it is clear to us as a group that there will need to be a total revamp of the First Steps logo. It won't be suitable for us to take their current logo and change the fonts and colours. From experimenting with colours we have found some good combinations and have experimented with some nice fonts.

Website Ideas

The website that we create for First Steps must be easy to use and navigate through. In our meeting with Michael he was able to tell us that there are three main pillars of First Steps. Education & Training, Life skills, and Health & Well-being. He wants these pillars to be the focal point of the site. My first idea for this is to have three blocks covering the entire page, with a nav bar at the top. The three blocks would then be given a specific title matching the three pillars that Michael talked about.



Bridge Logo





Bridge Logo





Bridge Logo













Review of ideas

Bridge Logo

The strongest bridge logo was this one. I think the colour pallet works very well with the design. It is very different to what First Steps already have. The purple and green colours are the same colours used for International Women's day in the UK.



Step Logo

The strongest of the step logos was defiantly this one. The step logo is a lot simpler than the bridge logo. It's a very clean revamp of the step idea in the current First Steps logo. I think the best thing about this logo is that the full logo could be potentially shortened to the smaller FSWC logo on merchandise.



Column logo



Column logo

The new column logo was one of the strongest logos I created. It is simple like First Steps wanted. The text is layered to make it still look like a step. Our lecture told us to stick to word-mark logo designs rather than heavily graphic designs. The gold and purple colour scheme doesn't work as well as the green and



I went back to the original purple and green colours and made the "First Steps" all caps. I was hoping here that it would make it more impactful but it ended up making the logo look angry.



Here I brought the tag-line "Support. Educate. Empower" closer together which I think makes the logo look much better.



Column logo

Adrian liked this design but wanted me to try it out with a different font. Here I tried out the different fonts in different font weights.

The heavy weight for "First Steps" worked a lot better.

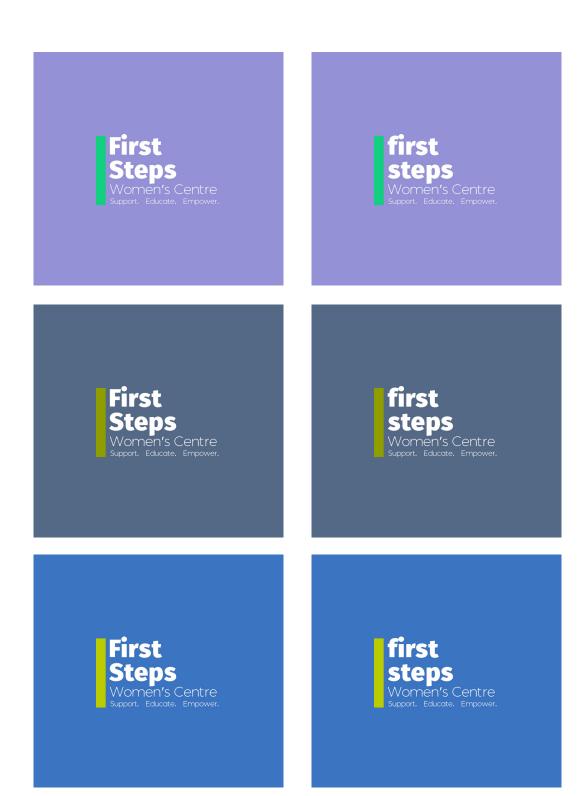
The light thin font worked much better for "Women's Centre" and the tag-line.







Column logo colour blocks



Logo Colours

To get the new colours for First Steps I took a photo which they had sent to us of a few of their staff members standing in-front of a sign inside of the Centre. I took the photo into Photoshop and used the colour dropper on the image which gave me a dark navy blue, and a dark green.







Logo Colours

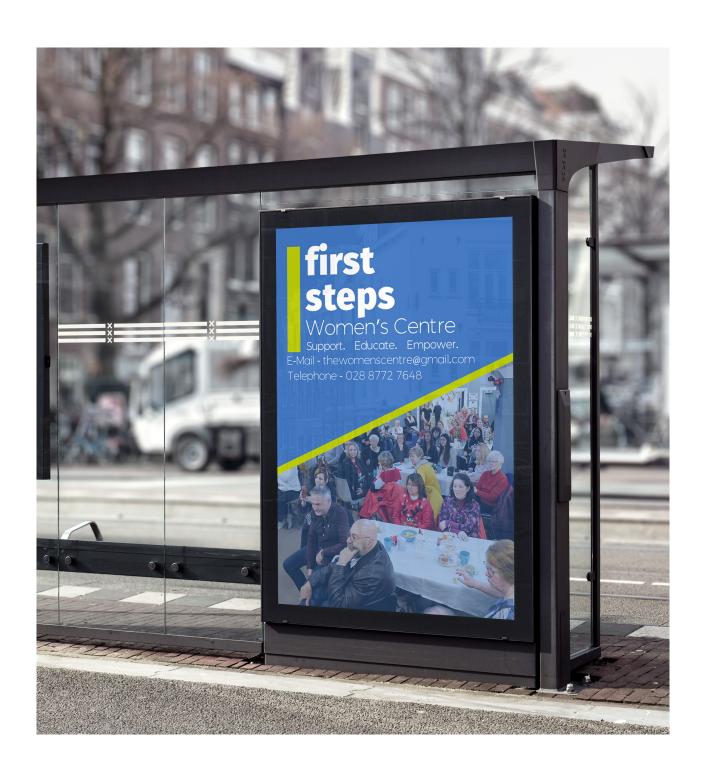
I then made the colours brighter which made them much more approachable and easier on the eye. The lower case font also makes the logo a lot less intimidating and much approachable.







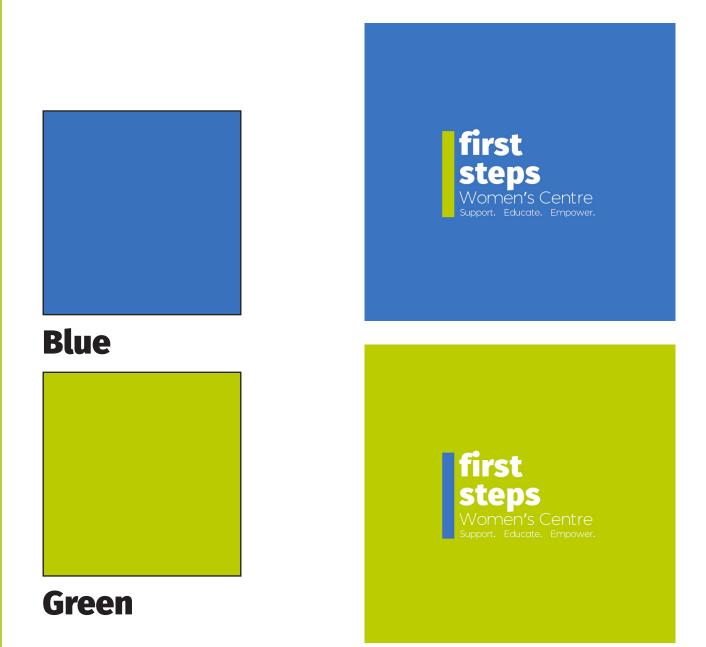






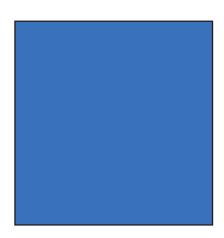
Initial Pitch

Initial Pitch - Logo



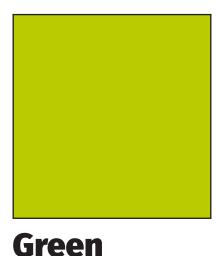
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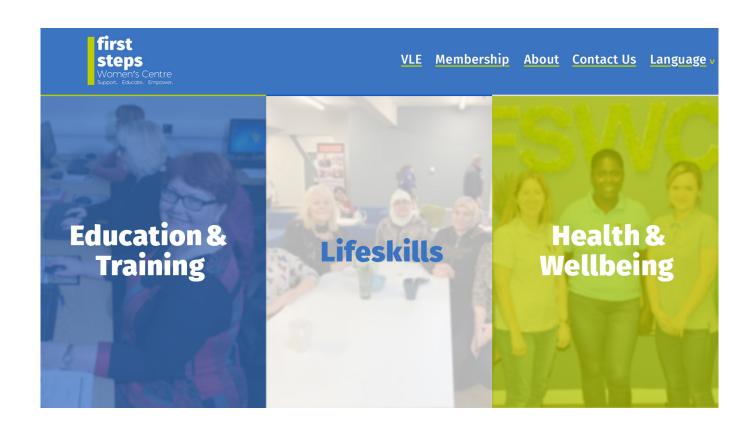


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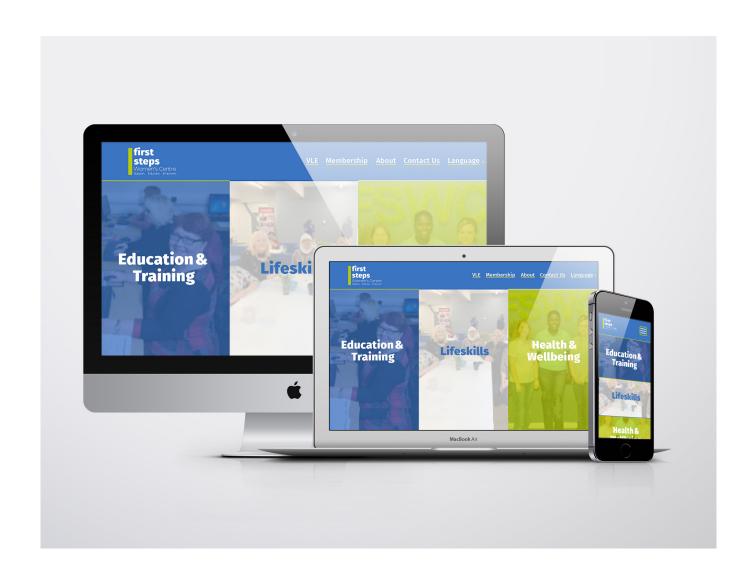
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Initial Pitch - Mobile



Initial Pitch - Web





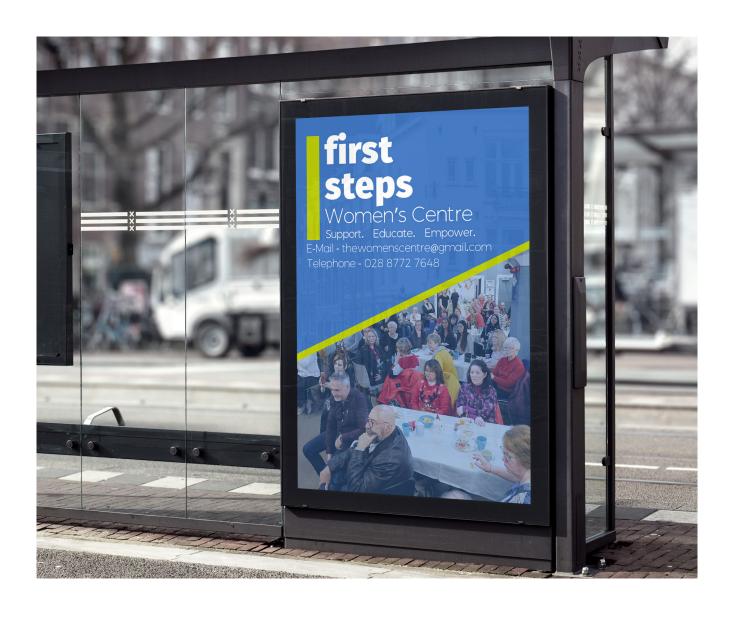
















Updated Logo

After the initial pitch, it was agreed with the team members that my logo, colours, and web mock-ups would be going through to production.

They really liked the logo however they wanted to make the weight of the "Women's Centre" and the tag-line heavier.





Old New

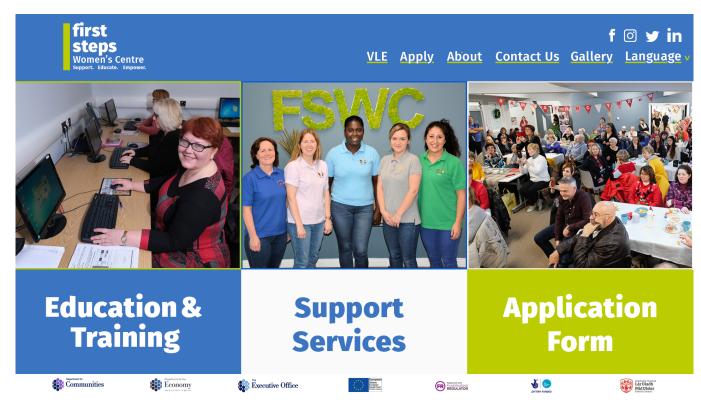
Childcare Logo

During the presentation it was mentioned in passing that there was a separate logo for the childcare part of First Steps. Claire brought the conversation back to it and asked if we could possibly create a logo which would tie all the visual identities together.



Updated Web Mock Ups

First Steps really liked the idea of having the three pillars that Michael described as the main part of the new website. However they did want to change the colour washes that I had over each of the blocks. They also wanted to change the pillars to be "Education & Training, Support Services, and Application Form". They instead want an image to make up two thirds of the space, with the title of the section in the final third



Updated Mock Ups







Updated Mock Ups





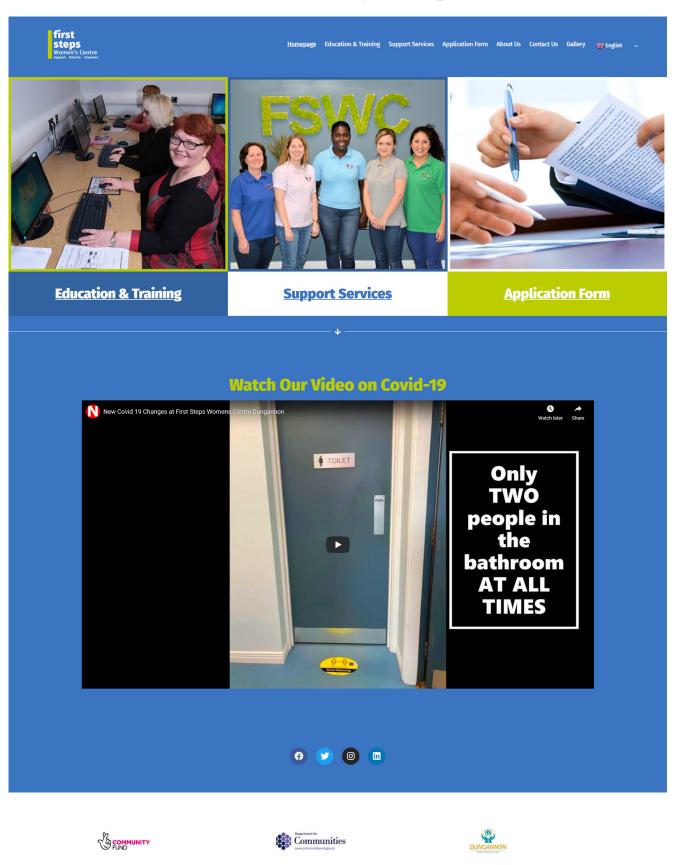
Updated Mock Ups





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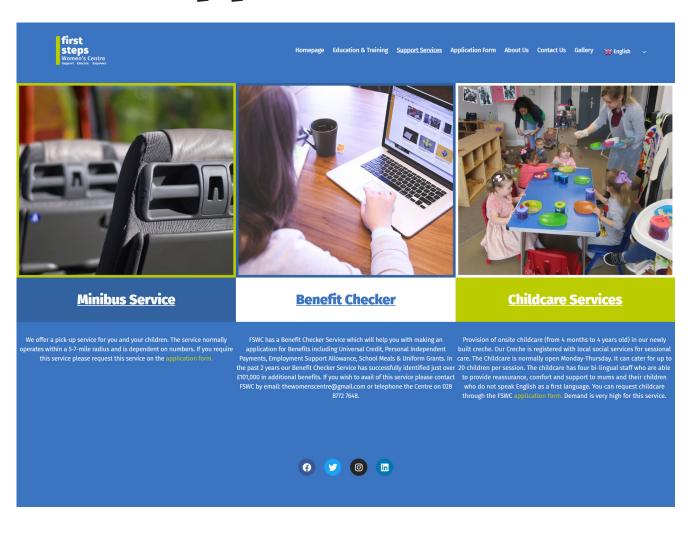




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About Us

First Steps Women's Centre (FSWC) is an Education, Learning and Support Centre for women. We are based in Dungannon, mid-Ulster, Co.Tyrone. It was formed in April 1998. It has grown from small, huble beginnings to the provision of over 60 courses and programmes per year for over 700 participants. We provide Education & Training Courses as well as essential support services such as Childcare, Transport and a Benefit Checker service. We have family friendly times with all morning courses beginning at 9.45am and running for 1, 2 or 3 hours. The afternoon sessions start between 12.30pm and 1.00pm for a maximum of two hours. 746 participants took part in 61 different courses with First Steps Women's Centre

- ·IT Courses- ranging from Computerised Accounts and Payroll, Digital Photography, Introduction to Computers, iPad & Tablet Courses
- Wellbeing Programmes ranging from the physical e.g. Pilates, Yoga, Dancing Your Way to Health & Happiness to more personal development programmes including Living Life to The Full, Managing Stress, Sewing, Creative Writing.

Meet the Team

































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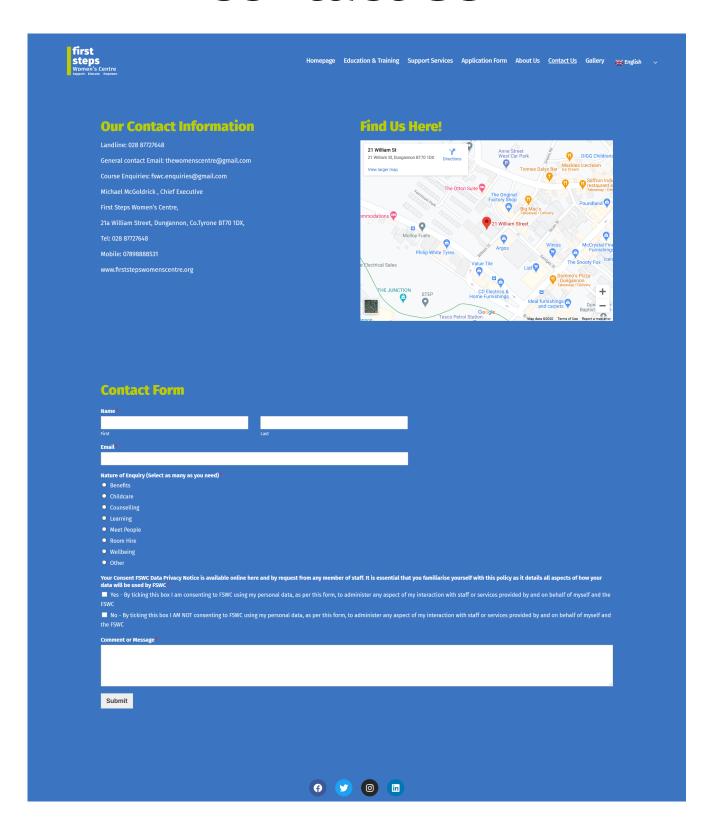


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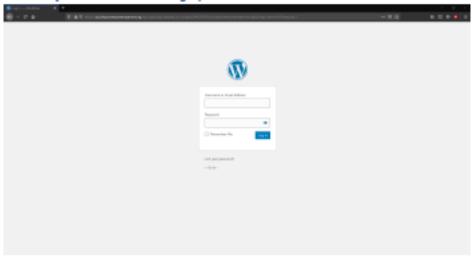
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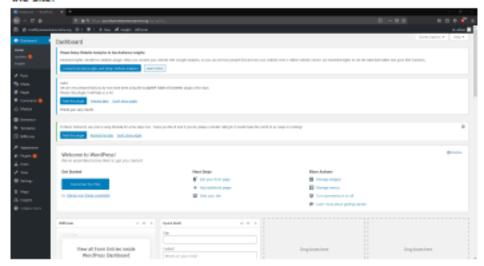
Website User Guide

Logging into the site

Getting into the site is simple. Firstly you need to go to: southtyronewomenscentre.org/wp-admin/



Once here, you will need to enter the Username/E-Mail and your Password. You will then have access to the WordPress Admin page to make any changes to the site.



See the full document on, project-social.co.uk/first-steps-womens-centre/

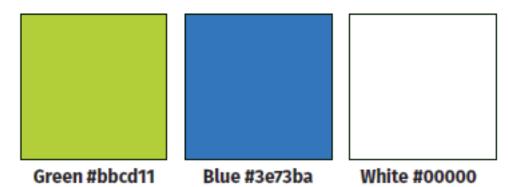
Text fonts, colours, and sizes

Font: Fira Sans

Header Colour: Green

Body text Colour: White

Background Colour: Blue



Titles/Headers: H2

Sub-Headers: H3

Body Text font size: 18pt

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Brand Guidelines

Brand Guidelines

The main logo is 800x800 pixels which has the main part of text within the centre. This supports a blue background with white text and a green bar along the left hand side



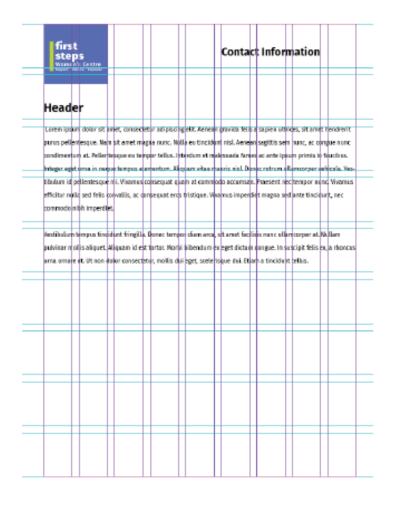
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Logo Usage for Print

For documentation the logo should be placed in the top left of the page and take up the grid space as shown.

To the right of this will ve contact information.

Below in the main body the heading will be just under the logo and then the main body of text will support just below.

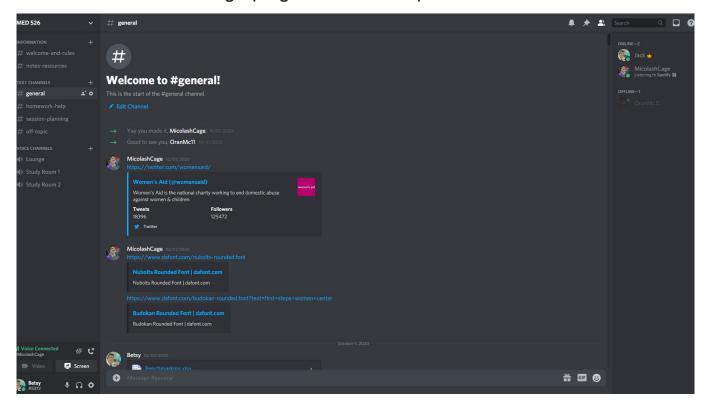


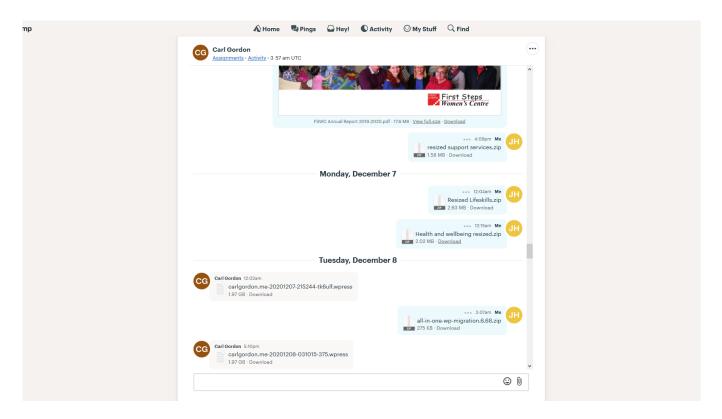
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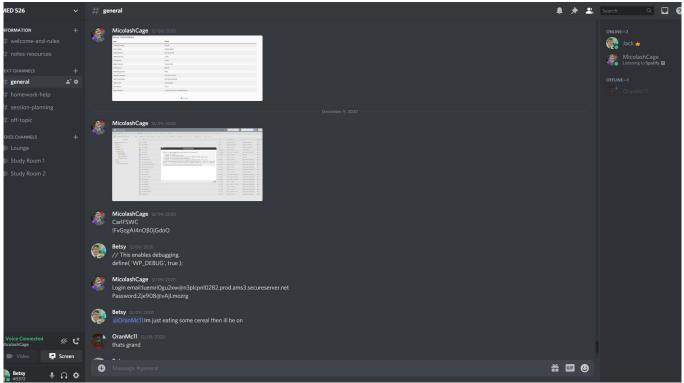
The Group

As a group we done most of our communication over Discord. Discord allowed us to speak with eachother, share our screens, and share files. With the way that the world is right now Discord was the perfect solution for communicating efficiently as a group.

Discord only let us transfer files up to 8mb, so a lot of files we're also shared through pings on Basecamp.

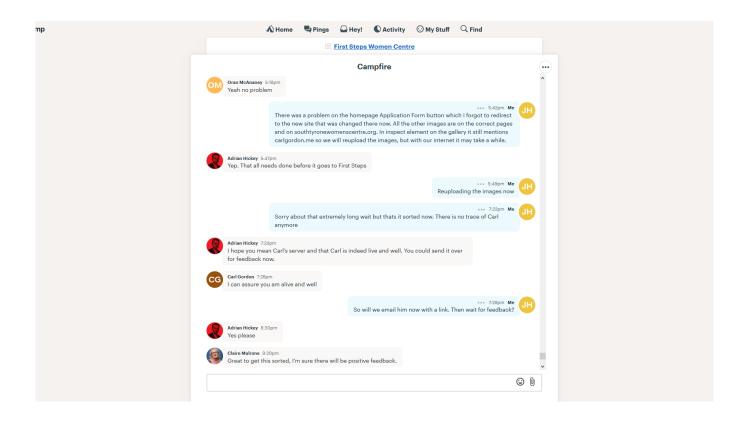


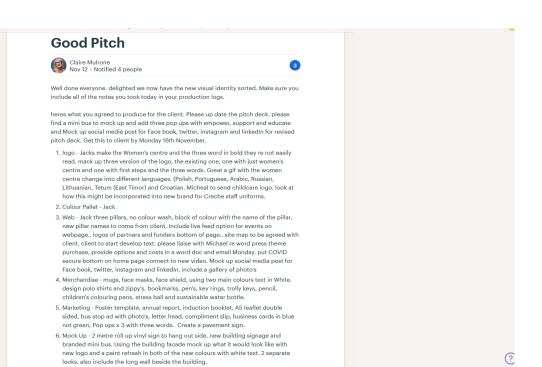


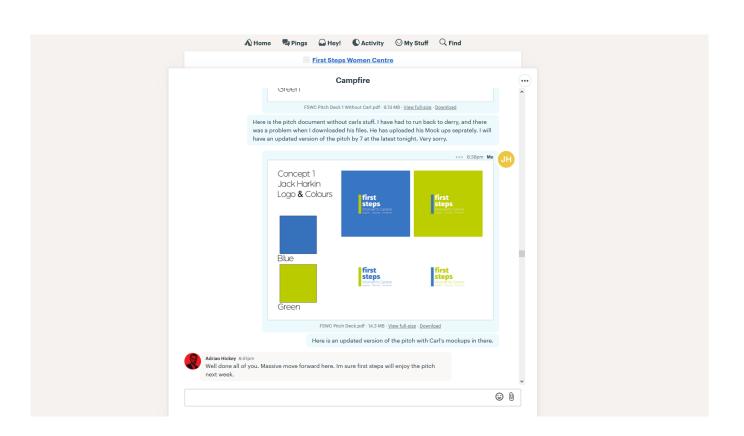


Lectures

Both Claire and Adrian have worked with us throughout the project. Communication with them has been done through weekly meetings, Basecamp, and through E-Mail. The pair have given us critical feedback on all of our work as we progressed through the semester, as well as making sure we were getting the work done. Claire worked with Michael to get any information we required and to let him know if we needed anything.



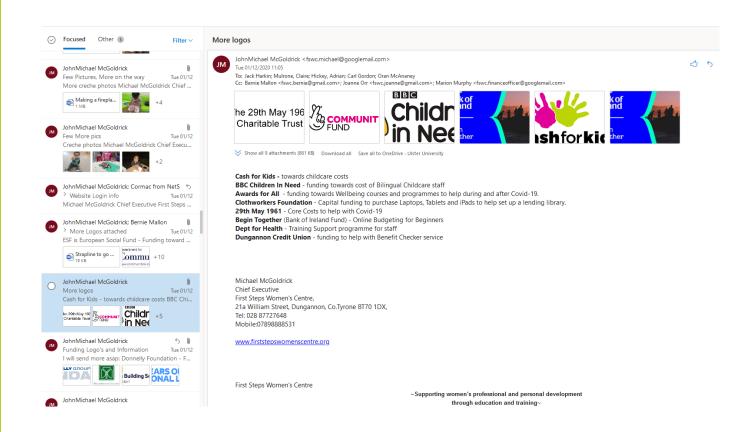


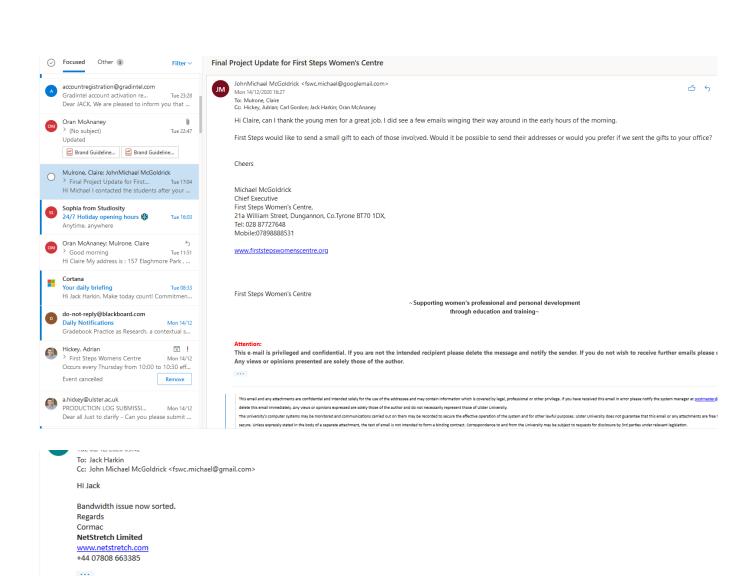


This is a huge list of media outputs. Lets get going on this, you only have a few weeks before this is due. Well done again for today. Jack thanks for being the IT guy.

Client

Working with Michael at First Steps was great. He responded quickly to our emails and was able to sort out any problems and answer any questions that we had for him. He also put us into contact with Cormac who is First Steps' website technician. Cormac was also very helpful, we ran into a good few problems while transfering our wordpress files and he was able to help us out with them.





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Hi Cormac, sorry for the timing of this email but me and a member of my group have been working on trying to transfer the WordPress files across to the practice URL you so a plugin called All in One WP Migration. We seem to have run into a bandwidth problem while uploading. We have had to try importing the files twice because the first time cut and messed up the upload. The second attempt almost finished but then we reached the maximum bandwidth usage. Is there any way you can change this?

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Looking back on this module I can safely say that it has been brilliant. Having the opportunity to work alongside a community partner to create a professional media outcome which is going to be used by their organisation was amazing. It has been tough, but as a group we have produced something that we can be proud of. Working with Michael, Cormac, Claire, and Adrian in quite a professional setting has been great experience. I have particularly enjoyed creating the new visual identity for First Steps. It was a challenge but being able to look back and see how the designs have evolved into what they are now is great.

I'm very happy with how the website has turned out. It is almost identical to the mock ups and it functions like I thought it would.

Overall I am very happy with how we worked as a group to produce these media outcomes for First Steps. Under the strange circumstances of today and not having any face to face contact with the group, lectures, and First Steps. I am quite proud with what we were able to do.

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