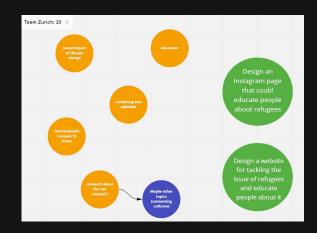
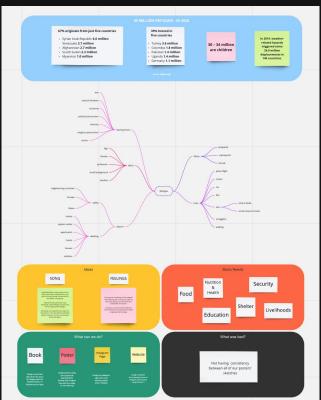
A Journey

Initially we started with a brainstorm on "miro board". What topics are important? What connects us through all four countries? What affects everybody?

Brainstorming





WE FOCUSED ON REFUGEE PROBLEMS

This is a very important topic that is not well addressed by the media. It became part of our normal life and many are not even affected by it. We want our work to stir emotions.

OUR PLAN FIRST

Working on the posters

We decided at first that posters would be a good medium to work with, because we can create them individually and they could still work as a series together

· Choosing words and quotes

Each poster would have a main word and a design based on that word

Finding a colour theme

We didn't want the posters to fall apart, so consistency was very important to us.

Having the same colour theme throughout the poster series would hold them together

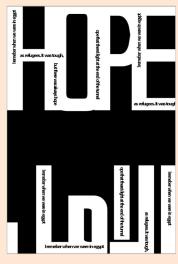
· Creating an Instagram page

Our idea at first was to share our series in instagram. In this way, we hoped that maybe other people would join in and take part in this project

OUR FIRST SKETCHES

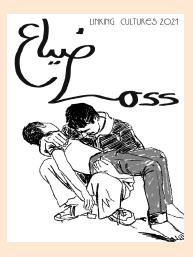












WHAT CHANGED?

Focus on both positive & negative aspects

In the beginning the main words we focused on were all negative. But a refugee's journey isn't just negative. It also has positive moments. It's an up and down. They should not only be seen as victims.

Switch from posters to booklet

We really liked the idea of a booklet. It's simple, nice to look through and works just as well as posters.

Colour theme changed(Dark & Bright)

We changed our colour theme from about five colours to just two; orange and black

WHERE DID WE GET OUR WORDS FROM

We didn't just want to choose some random words, that's why we decided to do some research. We came across an interview of former refugee Muhannad Qaiconie. In his interview he talks about a lot of emotions he experienced while fleeing Syria. We picked out the most prominent ones, whether positive or negative.

Our booklet is based on his story, but we generalized it to such an extent, that it's not very specific anymore and could be anybody's story. In this way it speaks to a bigger crowd and not just one person.

It wasn't our goal to create a chronicle of his life.

Muhannad Qaiconie







Life in a new land: a refugee's journey

A Monitor reporter reconnects with a Syrian refugee who is starting a new life in Germany – while trying to save his family back home.



Muhannad Qaiconie stands by the remains of part of the Berlin Wall, which divided the city during the cold war. He and a friend migrated from Syria several years ago to escape the violence. Both were granted asylum. Mr. Qaiconie now attends college.

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DEDLIN

n a cold February evening, a lively crowd packs into a small space on the top floor of a building in Berlin. A beautiful view of the skyline radiates out from the terrace, and the aromatic smell of

The new words

We decided that each person would get three words. For every word there would be two pages that visualize it.

One side visualizes the main word.

The other side states the quote were we got the word from. Everyone was free to do what they liked best. The only limitations were the colour theme and the main word.



Our Booklet



















says, where those novigoting their way in Germany can .."بيننا" مو مكان، كما يقو حيث يمكن لأولئك الذبن يتنفلون في طريقهم في مثلما فعل كايكوني بنفسه sicians plays a famous song فيما بعد، وبينما تقوم مجموعة من الموسيقيين السوريين بأداء أغنية شميرة and longing at بالغناء والرقص فيما يبدو تعبيراً عن الفرح وال**هوق** في نفس الوقت.



















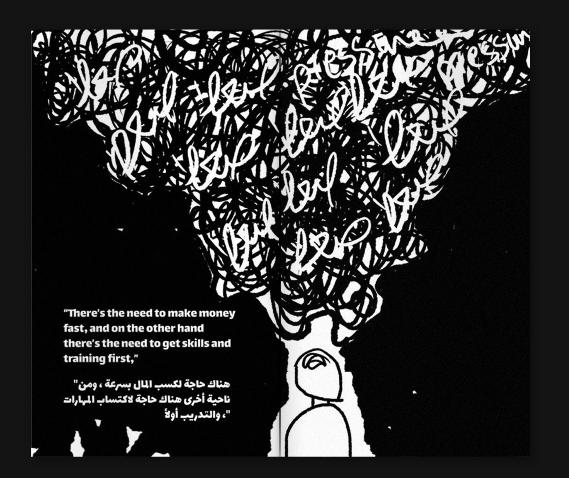




Once in Germany, he had faced more hardships-loneliness lack of words, uncertainty over whetherhe would be able to get his motherand sister out of war-ravagd Aleppo

في ألمانيا ، واجه المزيد من المصاعب ـ الوحدة ، ونقص الكلمات ، وعدم اليقين بشأن ما إذا كان سيتمكن من إخراج والدته وأخته من الحرب في حلب.





Qaicone Hoped to find work, instead he spent months waiting on paperwork. Frustarted, he searched for ways to be productive

كان كاكوني يأمل في العثور على عمل ، وبدلاً من ذلك أمضى شهورًا في انتظار الأوراق. بعد أن احبط بداً، بحث عن طرق ليكون منتجًا.





... "Between Us" is a place, he says, where those navigating their way in Germany can make connections, much as

Qaiconie has done himself.

..."بيننا" هو مكان، كما يقو حيث يمكن لأولئك الذين يتنقلون في طريقهم في ألمانيا أن يقيموا روابط مثلما فعل كايكوني بنفسه.

Later, as a group of Syrian musicians plays a famous song from Aleppo, the crowd starts منيما بعد، وبينما تقوم

to sing and dance in what seems an ex-

pression of joy and **longing** at the same time. السوريين بأداء أغنية شميرة من حلب، يبدأ الجممور بالغناء والرقص فيما يبدو تعبيراً عن الفرح وال**شوق** في

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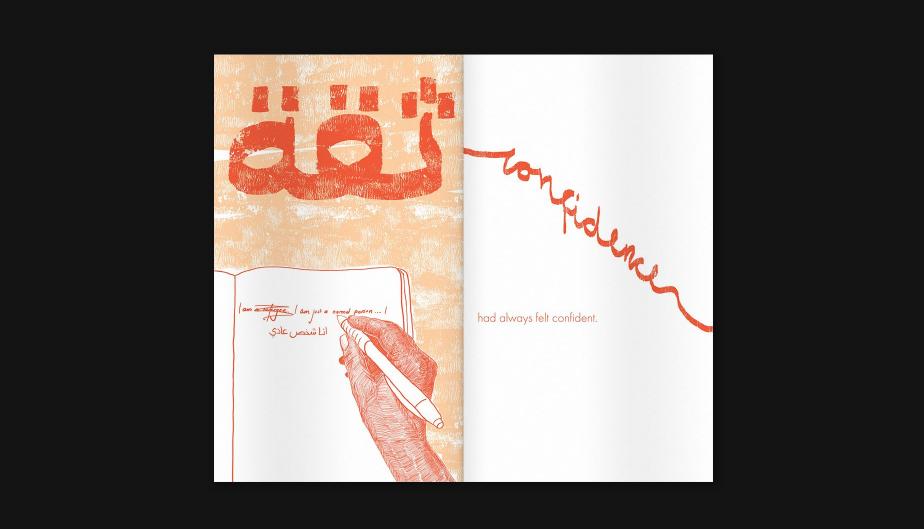
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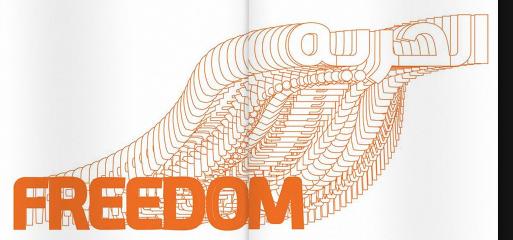
"He came along man with the sound of the sou He care of the car

But in his typical fashion, he insists he'll find a way. Behind his plan to go to New York is a desire to meet Dorothy in person for the first time. لكن بأسلوبه المعتاد ، يصر على أنه سيجد طريقة. وراء خطته للذهاب إلى نيويورك الرغبة في مقابلة دوروثي شخصيًا لأول مرة





He had the kind of Freedom he wanted in Syria. "Absolutley I'm happy here, because I do what I want. And this is what I want."



كان يتمتع <mark>بالحرية</mark> التي يريدها في سوريا. "و لكن أنا سعيد هنا ، لأنني أفعل ما أريد. وهذا ما أريده."



... قال الوسيط إنه لا يردَ على ... "He's not answering his phone شاتفه لأن جبهة النصرة

because he was taken by [Jabhat]

ري إللارة إلى فري الثارة الدي في الثارة الدي al-Nusra," the intermediary told him,

القاعدة في سوريا. على الرغم referring to the Al Qaeda affiliate in

من دهوله. قرر كايكوني الانتظار Syria. Though distraught, Qaiconie

بطعة أيام أكرى. وأكيرا الصل decided to wait a few more days. Finally, المهرب. ... مرتكاً طل كايكوني

the smuggler called....Relieved,

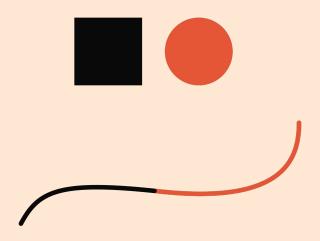
على اتصال بهم عبر الهاتف

Qaiconie kept in contact with them by
.סבוסו ווכלפכ.
phone until they reached the border.

Final thoughts

We are so happy with the finished product. The pages hold together very well. Some minor critic point would be the part with the two pages and the quotes. Some of us used very long quotes, while others used barely a sentence. If we had more time we would probably work on this aspect.

All in all it was interesting and super fun to learn about each other's cultures in the Zoom meetings and exchange our ideas and thoughts in general.



THANKS: