

Record Your Own Soundscape

What you need

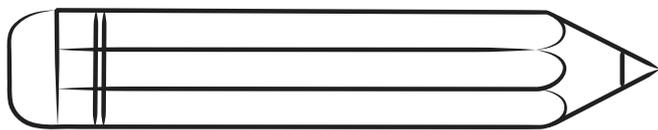
- Pencil
- Paper
- Smart phone (or a family member or friend with a smart phone)

Sounds

Sounds are everywhere. Without really thinking about it, we constantly hear sound. Find a spot where you can sit down for a while and close your eyes. Focus on the sounds that you hear. Try to identify all sounds that make up the mix of things that you hear. Are they typical sounds for the place that you are in (a park, a living room, a shop)?

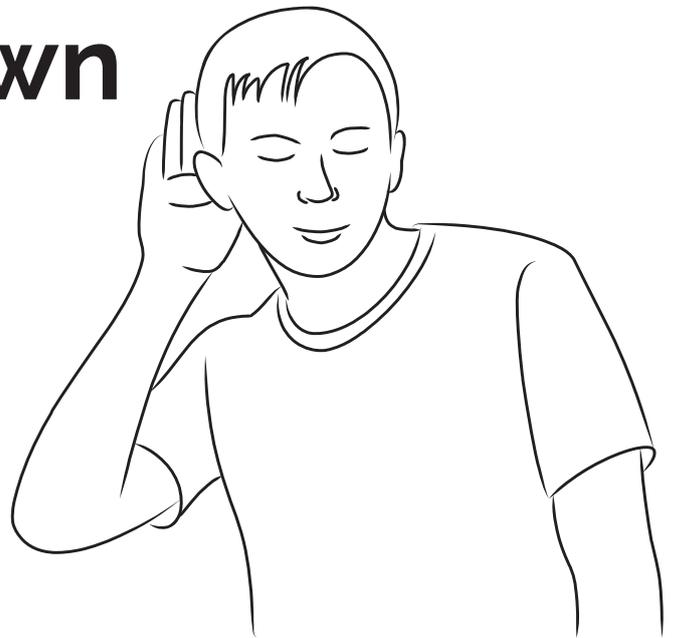
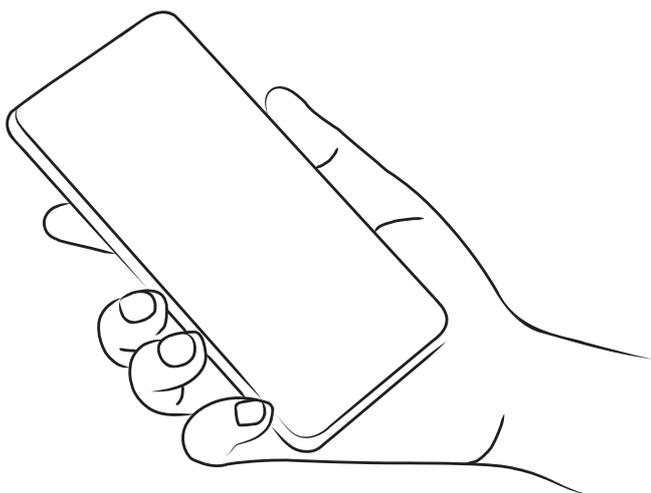
Examples

There are many sounds that can make up a soundscape: birds, the weather, traffic... What sounds did you hear? Can you come up with other sounds?



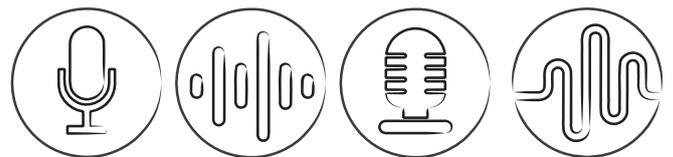
Drawing

One way of recording what you hear, is to draw. What are the sounds that make up the soundscape of where you are? If you hear birds for instance, try not to draw what you see (the bird) but what you hear (the sound of the bird). Maybe all it is, is a squiggly line? You can even try drawing with your eyes closed.

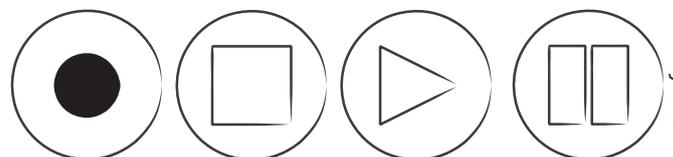


Recording

There are many basic (voice) recorder apps for smartphones. Some even have one pre-installed.



They are usually easy to operate. Locate the microphone on your phone and make sure you don't cover it with your hand. Press the record button to start the recording and press stop to finish. (You can also pause your recording). Then give your soundfile a name to save your recording. You can create a collection of sound recordings. Play the recordings from your list to listen to them.



Sharing

We invite you to share your soundscape recording to the National Design & Craft Gallery by email. Include your name, a brief description and the context of your location in your email. Submissions will be uploaded to our dedicated Culture Night webpage.

Email: events@ndcg.ie