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Design for the Alien Within

Initiator(s)

Jenny Polak

Description

The project consists of a web-based interactive design tool to help people in designing spaces to hide undocumented immigrants in different locations. The initiator built a prototype of furniture with space for hiding people, which was displayed in several art galleries.

Goals

To raise awareness about the precarious living conditions and danger faced by people living and working without immigration papers, and promote resistance to anti-immigrant authorities.

Beneficial outcomes

By initiating 'in-store' gallery performances, the artist was able to bring additional awareness to the project and the issue.

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