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Abstract

Like any other public-owned institutions, EDL (Electricite du Liban) is a corrupted institution, where they don't respect their citizens nor provide them with their rights, nor electricity. Electricity is one of our most basic daily needs. Especially today, everything revolves around electricity.

Our corrupted system and our politicians are the reason why we're not having electricity 24/7. We can have it though, but we don't. Now what? I am, as much as you are, disgusted and repelled from this mockery we live in. Therefore, I have decided to come up with a campaign: وين الكهربا؟

"أوين الكهربا؟" is a campaign mocking public institutions and their ignorance towards us and our rights. My campaign target especially Lebanese Electricity and their lack of concern and investment in this country. As the designer of "وين الكهربا؟", I decided to align my campaign to what's happening since the 17th of October. Throughout this project, you'll see that participating is a "fun" and enriching experience as well as a useful way to raise our voice and tackle this issue of electricity. This campaign is based on a street intervention in the city of Beirut. This street intervention requires Stencils and Glow in the dark paint. In fact, you'll be able to paint on walls or any surface you desire (وين الكهرباء) and other elements shaping this campaign). These interventions are meant to be done at night, and it's only visible at night. During the day nothing will show, in fact, after the exposure to intense lighting or to the sunlight, the paint will glow in the dark. This approach will emphasize and show the abundance of dark streets in Beirut as well as useless turned off poles. It will also be a nice way to discover the hidden gems of Beirut city. It's an open campaign, anyone is welcome to join. It will also bring the Lebanese closer to each other.

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WHAT WOULD YOU ANSWER TO THIS PREVIOUS QUESTION?

MY CAMPAIGN

About my campaign

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About my campaign: Values & Principles

BOLDNESS

To be bold is to be brave, to take risks. Bold enough to question, experiment, stand out.

VISIONARY

To touch the lives of the Lebanese and shape a better future of our country.

ACCESSIBILITY

Everyone can participate, give their opinion and have access to the materials, this campaign is open to everyone.

HONESTY

Being transparent and honest is the key to make this campaign trustworthy.

About my campaign: Outcome

This campaign will be translated into three platforms: **1- Hand/Intervention 2- Print 3- Digital**.

The base of this campaign requires a hand intervention to invade and take over the streets, however, it's not enough. Flyers and Posters will accompany these interventions to inform my audience about general and accurate information (based on studies and detailed research) and as well as to engage with them and act louder. For the digital platform, I developed a detailed Website, (that regroups all of the essential information) an Online Map (to show the different places where an interaction happened, as well as the dark streets of Beirut where people can go and intervene there) and finally Social Media accounts (Facebook and Instagram)

| STREET INTERVENTION | PRINT | DIGITAL |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Hand-Lettering | Hand-Lettering | Hand-Lettering |
| City Intervention | Posters | Website |
| | Flyer | Interactive Map |
| | Campaign Related Objects / Materials | Social Media |



TECHNIQUE And first experiment

Technique: Materials-paint

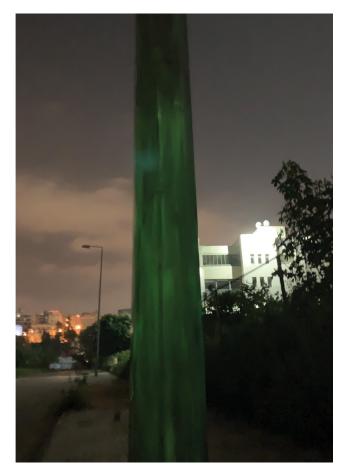
First of all, I needed to test my idea. I had to make sure that the technical part works so I can continue developing this campaign. I started with laser–cutting a stencil on an acetate to try it out in a dark area. Then, I got a glow in the dark spray paint and a paint bucket to compare and see which one will give a better result. The paint was a successful try–out. Later on, I went late at night in a dark area to do some testing. In order to glow, the paint needs to absorb light (it can be artificial or natural light). I turned on my light for a couple of seconds and it glowed. Besides the stencil, I also painted some lighting poles, to see how the paint would react to different surfaces. Once the result was positive and I got the glow that I wanted, I confirmed that the technique works.

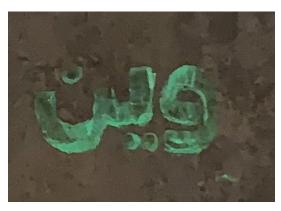


Technique: Materials-stencil



Technique: Results









LETTERING & ICONS

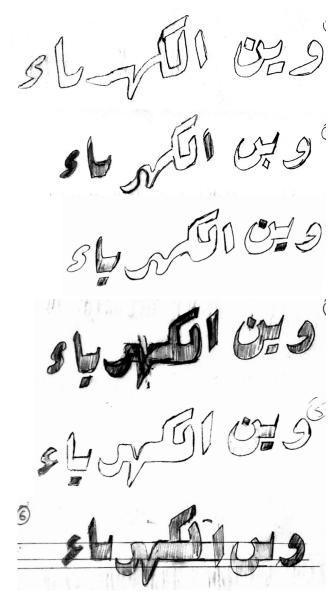
Lettering & Icons

I wanted to develop handmade lettering, showing the boldness and rawness. I aspired to reflect my statement through my lettering, it is a sort of a signature complementing my intervention. It's the direction that I decided to follow. I based myself on a Ruqaa' font and from there my lettering evolved in a very different direction. Moreover, I had to take into consideration the stencil cutting along with other minor details, therefore my lettering doesn't have any counter forms. This makes the application quicker and as one solid shape. Later on, I created some icons as well.

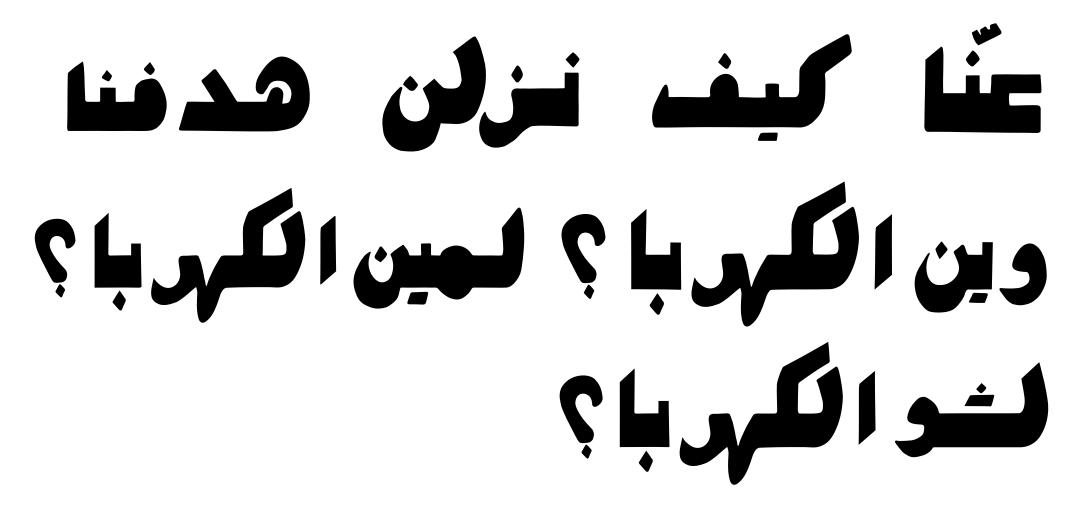
Other Letterings & More Defined



Evolution of my lettering

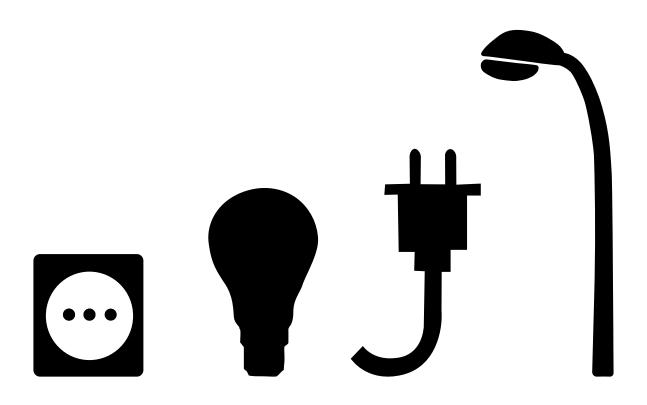


Vectorized Lettering



Lettering & Icons

Developed Icons – Complementing the lettering (mostly during street interventions)



HOUSESTYLE

Typography

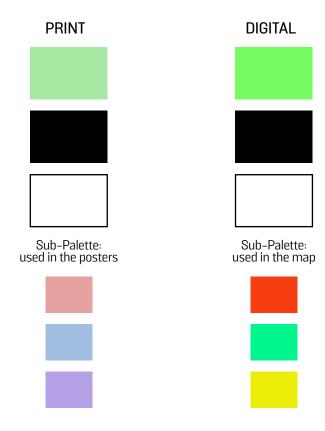
29LT AZER is the font that complemented my lettering. I used it with its different weights

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Color Palette

For my main color palette, I decided to go with bright colors, however, I adapted each color based on its platform to make it vivid and striking.

In fact, for the print platform I decided to go with bright pastel colors that are lighten up and enriching. While for the digital platform I opted for an RGB neon–green, that is eye catching and grab your attention. I followed the same logic for the sub–color palette. Keeping the same Hues but different colors.



INTERVENTIONS













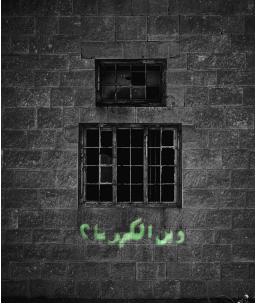




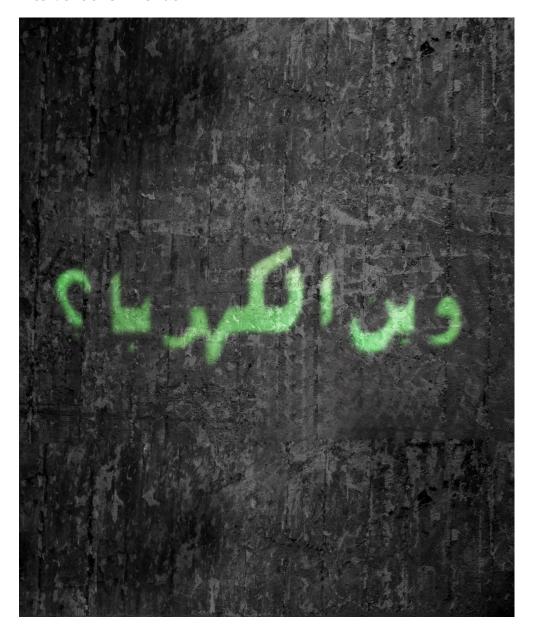


















POSTERS

Posters - Concept

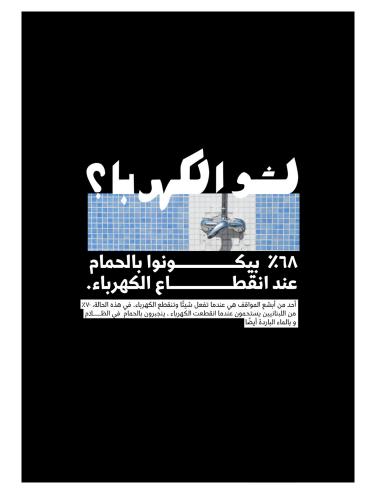
My posters are based on two series. However, these series can co-work together, or function separately. These posters are divided into two sections: The Issues and the Call for Action. One series is addressing issues we face and the other series is a call for actions to react and claim our rights. Both of my posters have this squared system where everything is centred with a clear hierarchy of Slogan – Visual (Image or type) – Header and Paragraph.

For the first series (issues ones) I decided to keep the background black and use coloured images while the type is white, and the paragraph is "highlighted" This idea of highlighting is somehow a reflection on the idea of stencils BUT not anything is highlighted.

For the second series (call for action) I opted for pastel-coloured background with a black and white image and black typography. the composition is also centred. It's this layout system that will allow these posters to work together and be able to be hung next to each other. The call for action posters don't depend on every issue poster, they're more general, gathering all the issues we are facing.

POSTER STRUCTURE

Lettering/Slogan Visual (Typographic or Image) HEADER Paragraph













Posters on the street









Posters on the street









PAMPHLET

Pamphlet: Promotional and Informative

The pamphlet, is an accordion shape, gives us general information about the campaign itself and information about Lebanese electricity and issues that need to take surface and be known by everyone. This pamphlet can be available in different colours (mainly green and black) and the back image is subtle to change.

Front





" فوق 52 ويفتقرون في الخبرة والمعرفة، بالإضافة إلى ذلك، إن الأشخاص الذين يتعاملون مع القضايا الإدارية ليسوا مؤهلين لأنهم منتسبون ويمثلون حزبهم السياسي لمراقبة كل شيء يحدث. علاوة على ذلك، فإن فريق تكنولوجيا المعلومات والمعدات غير موجودة. إن شركة الكهرباء عالقة في السبعينيات ولم تتطور منذ ذلك الحين. كل هذه العوامل تؤكد أن هناك نقص في الاحتراف والخبرة. لكن ، هناك بلدة في وسط البقاع تعرف كيف تقدم أفضل خدمة لمواطنيها: زحلة. كهرباء زحلة شركة خاصة تأسست في العشرينات. لديها امتياز لتلبية احتياجات الكهرباء في البقاع المركزي. في الأصل، قامت بإنتاج وتوزيع الكهرباء "في عام1969. خلال السنين نمت "كهرباء زحلة و بالتالي، طلبت شركة كهرباء لبنان منها توقف عن زبادة طاقتها وتقبيدها في الأساس لتوزيعها فقط. في زحلة، تم بناء البنية التحتية الكهربائية وهي مملوكة لشركة نظرًا للامتياز.

وبالتالي لدينا كهرباء حكومية أقل ونستهلك المزيد من الطاقة من المولدات الكهربائية لدينا ، وبالتالي تفسير الأسعار المتقلبة. كم مرّة تريد استخدام جميع الأجهزة المنزلية الإلكترونية في نفس الوقت ولكن لا يمكنك لأن المحرك لن يحمل كل هذا الضغط. السبب واضح أن كل هذه العوامل أدت إلى عجز في إنتاج الطاقة. في الواقع ، لقد مرّت من 8 ساعة/النهار إلى 16 ساعة/النهار بدون كهرباء الدولة. هذا بدلّ على قلة الاستثمار.

أكثر من ٩٠٪ من البلاد لها کهرباء ۷/۲۶، لکن المشكلة الأساسية هي ارتفاء الأسعار. ندفع فاتورتين مكلفتين و بعضُ العائلات لا تستطيع

كىف: هذه الحملة ما هي إلَّا تدخَّل يدويٌ على مدينة بيروت بواسطة دهان متوّهج ضمنَ إطار لنُعيد تزيين بيروت.

وأبضًا هذه الحُملة تحعَّلكَ تتعرَّفُ إلى أحياء حديدة في

يمكنك المشاركة في أي وقت تريده عبر الاشتراك

على موقعنا أو التواصل عبر وسائل الاجتماعية.

سببت الحرب الأهلية (1990-1975) تخلف على

البلاد بموضوع الكهرباء. نعيش على الأقوال المثالية

التي تقولها سياسيينا وذلك دون أي إجراء، باستثناء

سرقة أموالنا.اليوم، نعم، لدينا كهرباء. إنه مزيج مما

تقدمه لنا الحكومة والمولد الذي يعوض عند انقطاع

التيار الكهربائي. جيوب السياسيين هي السبب

الرئيسي اللواتي لن تسمحنا أن نتقدم .يتم توزيع

أكثر من50٪ من الكهرباء بشكل غير قانوني على .. شبكتنا الرئيسية بالإضافة إلى أن السياسيين

يستهلكون ما يصل إلى48٪ من كهرباء الشعب

شو وضع كهربتنا:

بيروت وتزورها وتكوّن رأيّك فيها وتعبّر عنه.

وبن الكهربا؟ حملةٌ تأسّست لنعتر عن غضبنا والقرف تحاه المؤسّسات العامّة و خصوصًا "كهرباء لبنان". هذه الحملة علمانيةٌ ومدنيةٌ وغيرُ مدعومة سياستًا.وين الكهربا؟ تُظهر لنا كلّ الطرق التّي نساهم فيها ليكون لدينا كهرباء (شركة الكهربا، الألوام الشمسية...) و التّي حرمَتنا منها دولتَنا.

مىادۇنا:

الصراحة

الانفتام

تواصل معنا عبر:

Pamphlet: Promotional and Informative







WEBSITE

Website System and Layout

The website is a one page scroll with a fixed navigation bar. The color of each section will change as long as you're scrolling. I opted for a bright neon green to really highlight this contrast. The website regroups information about electricity about the campaign, material used, stencils to download... it also has an interactive map. In fact, this map will allow the user to navigate if he wants to do any intervention of his own. Through the map, he will know the intensity of the lights in the streets of Beirut, plus the option to see where other interventions have been done.

Simulation of the Website









Website flow: Division of my content and layouting

you can zoom in it's all clear











Responsive Version of the Website







هذه استنسل يمكنك تنزيلها في أي وقت تريد للقيام بالتدخل الخاص







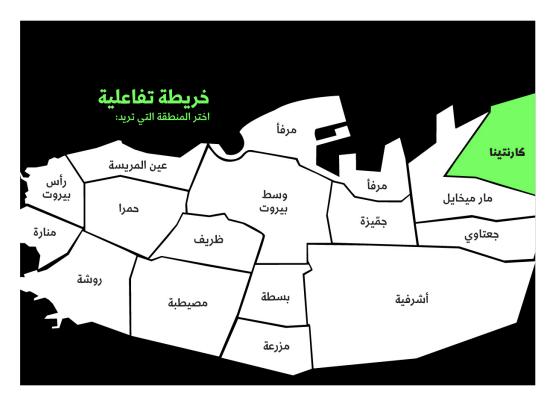


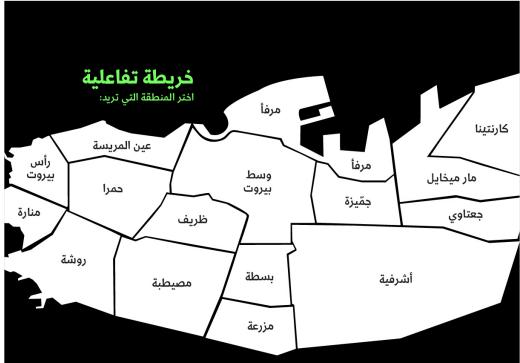


MAP

Web-Version of the Map

The map will guide you to know where you want to do your interventions! I divided the map into the main regions of Beirut, and each is highlighted with the street lighting intensity at night. The scale goes up from lighten to full dark. Plus, the user has the option to turn on the "Show Interventions button" where he can see where interventions have been done.



















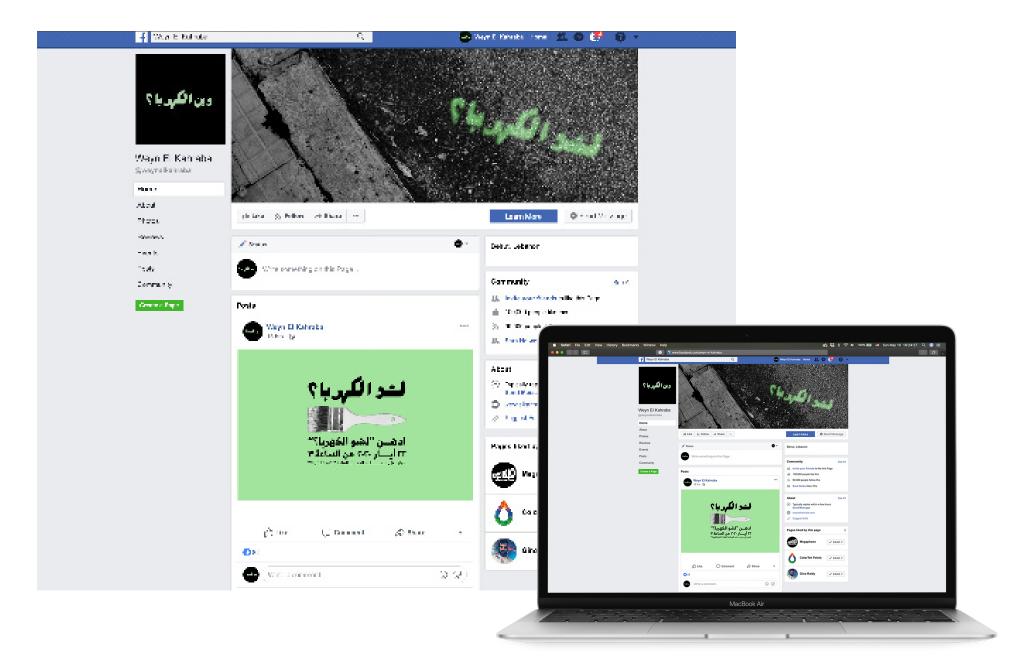


SOCIAL MEDIA





Facebook



EXTRAS

Face Masks









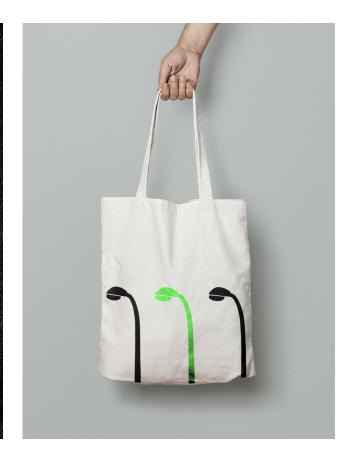




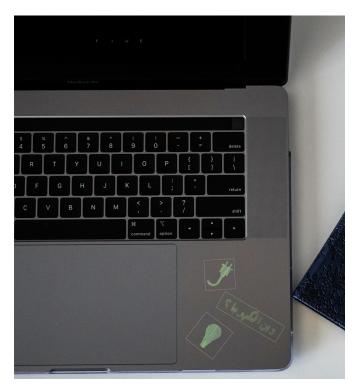








Stickers & Tapes



These are glowing stickers that can be placed anywhwere.





Who said we can't tape the city?
I added the EDL headquarter behind these tapes to reflect on this boldness and to be daring.

You can do it wherever you want. DON'T STOP, there are no limits.

Maybe taping the city can be a new way to intervene on the city?

LAST BUT NOT LEAST

I found this picture, randomly, 3 weeks ago...
Here it hit me: My campaign started to circulate and spread around while I was actually working on it. And, if it's done carefully, it can be alive more than ever. This picture is one of my very first try-outs! It has this grey look because it absorbed a lot of sunlight for the past few months!



NOW IT IS YOUR TURN

I invite **YOU** to join me.