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| **Minor Award Name** | Graphic Design Skills |
| **Minor Award Code** | 5N1978 |
| **Level** | 5 |

**Suggested resources to support delivery:**

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| **Theme/Topic** | **Type** | **Relevance** | **Author/Source** | **Web Link** |
| Meggs’ History of Graphic Design | Book | Book which enable an informed evaluation of the development of Graphic Design | Phillip MeggsAlston Purvis | [http://www.amazon.co.uk/Meggs-History-Graphic-Design-Philip/dp/0470168730/ref=sr\_1\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1446207719&sr=1-1&keywords=history+of+graphic+design](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Meggs-History-Graphic-Design-Philip/dp/0470168730/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1446207719&sr=1-1&keywords=history+of+graphic+design) |
| The Elements of Graphic Design | Book | Resource book for graphic designers and students full of guides to layout, page architecture, best practice and examples. | Alex White | [http://www.amazon.co.uk/Elements-Graphic-Design-Alex-White/dp/1581157622/ref=sr\_1\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1446207090&sr=8-1&keywords=the+elements+of+graphic+design](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Elements-Graphic-Design-Alex-White/dp/1581157622/ref%3Dsr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1446207090&sr=8-1&keywords=the+elements+of+graphic+design) |
| How to be a Graphic Designer without Losing your Soul | Book | Book demonstrates best practice for those studying Graphic Design and professional graphic designers.  | Adrian Shaughnessy  | [http://www.amazon.co.uk/Graphic-Designer-Without-Losing-Your/dp/1856697096/ref=pd\_sim\_14\_6?ie=UTF8&dpID=51BRjHn5KrL&dpSrc=sims&preST=\_AC\_UL160\_SR132%2C160\_&refRID=144K19B973N6PYF806EA](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Graphic-Designer-Without-Losing-Your/dp/1856697096/ref%3Dpd_sim_14_6?ie=UTF8&dpID=51BRjHn5KrL&dpSrc=sims&preST=_AC_UL160_SR132%2C160_&refRID=144K19B973N6PYF806EA) |
| Brief Writing | Website/Blog | Great resource to help with how to write an effective Graphic Design Brief for students. The Blog has some great examples | Karen DeFlice | <https://designschool.canva.com/blog/effective-design-brief/> |
| Pixlr | Application/ Website | Free Software for Image Manipulation | Pixlr | <https://pixlr.com/> |
| GIMP – Image Manipulation Software | Application / Website | Free Software for Image Manipulation. Similar to Photoshop – but free | GIMP | <http://www.gimp.org/> |
| Picmonkey | Application | Free Photo Editing Software | Picmonkey | <http://www.picmonkey.com/> |
| CG Textures – Free Stock Imagery | Website | Brilliant site for downloading and using free stock imagery/patters etc. | CG Textures | <http://www.textures.com/> |
| Free Downloadable Textures | Website | Free Textures to download and use | Subtle Patterns | <http://subtlepatterns.com/> |
| Free Stock Imagery | Website | Free Stock Imagery | Free Images | <http://www.freeimages.com/> |
| 70’s Graphic Design | Website | Good resource for looking at work from the 50’s – 70’s. Great for research and ideas | Multiple Authors | <http://grainedit.com/> |
| Free Typography/Fonts | Website | Lots and lots of free fonts to adapt or use in your own Graphic Design projects | DaFont/multiple authors | <http://www.dafont.com/> |
| Free Fonts | Website | Free Font Resource | Google Fonts | <https://www.google.com/fonts> |
| Free Fonts | Website | Another Free Font Resource | Font Squirrel | <http://www.fontsquirrel.com/> |
| Fonts/Typography/Layout | Website  | Font in Use is a good resource for viewing how particular fonts have been used in design. Great for inspiration and research | Multiple Designers | <http://fontsinuse.com/> |
| Finding Fonts | Website | Online Tools which allows you to take screenshots of fonts online, upload them to the site and WhatsTheFont! will find the font name | WhatsTheFont! | <https://www.myfonts.com/WhatTheFont/> |
| Thinking with Type | Book | Guide to using font on page layout and the web | Ellen Lupton | [http://www.amazon.co.uk/Thinking-Second-Revised-Expanded-Edition/dp/1568989695/ref=pd\_sim\_14\_3?ie=UTF8&dpID=51-mo91cYnL&dpSrc=sims&preST=\_AC\_UL160\_SR132%2C160\_&refRID=1HCGBKHDBK2EX4JRQ243](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Thinking-Second-Revised-Expanded-Edition/dp/1568989695/ref%3Dpd_sim_14_3?ie=UTF8&dpID=51-mo91cYnL&dpSrc=sims&preST=_AC_UL160_SR132%2C160_&refRID=1HCGBKHDBK2EX4JRQ243) |
| Online Graphic Design Portfolios | Website | Great examples of portfolios from creative Graphic Designer. Good for ideas, inspiration and research.  | Behance.net | <https://www.behance.net/> |
| Book Cover Layout | Website | Good for inspiration, layout ideas, use of font and colours. You can search for whatever book you like, it’s an amazing resource.  | Multiple Designers | <http://bookcoverarchive.com/> |
| Icons  | Website | Resource for downloading and searching for icons.  | Multiple Designers | <https://thenounproject.com/> |
| Icon/signage  | Website | Free Icons | Flaticon/Multiple Designers | <http://www.flaticon.com/> |
| Colour Resource | Website | Finding colour combinations and patters | Multiple  | <http://www.colourlovers.com/> |
| Adobe Colour Resource | Website | Colour Matcher, resource for experimenting with colour combinations | Adobe | <https://color.adobe.com/> |
| Design Sharing  | Website | Site where designers share ideas and work. Students could upload work and receive feedback from other designers | Multiple | [**https://dribbble.com/**](https://dribbble.com/) |
| Design Encyclopaedia  | Website | Site with great ideas and suggestions when considering design for specific project. Includes examples and tutorials | Multiple | <http://thedesignencyclopedia.org/> |
| Creating Gridded Paper | Website | Allows you to create your own gridded paper, for drawing/layout/typography | Gridzzly | [**http://gridzzly.com/**](http://gridzzly.com/) |
| Making and breaking the Grid: A Layout Design Workshop | Book | Layout Design, examples and best practice | Timothy Samara | [http://www.amazon.co.uk/Making-Breaking-Grid-Layout-Workshop/dp/1592531253/ref=sr\_1\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1446207192&sr=8-1&keywords=making+and+breaking+the+grid](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Making-Breaking-Grid-Layout-Workshop/dp/1592531253/ref%3Dsr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1446207192&sr=8-1&keywords=making+and+breaking+the+grid) |
| Logo Design | Website | Resource for Logo design, great ideas | Logo Design Love | <http://www.logodesignlove.com/> |
| Free Graphic Designer Resources | Website | Free Resources, icons, templates and imagery | Multiple Designers | <http://www.webdesignerdepot.com/category/freebies/> |
| Evaluation | Website – Document | Resource for evaluating your project or the project of other graphic designers | Kristina Leroux | <http://www.nonprofitmarketingguide.com/blog/2011/05/19/is-your-logo-effective-tips-to-evaluate-your-visual-identity/> |
| Health and Safety Guide for Visual Artists | Website | Health and Safety Guide for Visual Artists | Visual Arts Ireland | <http://visualartists.ie/the-manual-a-survival-guide-for-visual-artists/protecting-yourself/health-and-safety-in-the-studio/> |

 **Useful Organisations:**

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| **Name** | **Contact Information** |
| Visual Arts Ireland | <http://visualartists.ie/> |
| Arts Council Ireland | <http://www.artscouncil.ie/home/> |
| Graphic Design Business Association Ireland | <http://www.designbusinessireland.org/about-us/history/> |
| Institute of Designers Ireland | <http://www.idi-design.ie/> |
| The Professional Association for Designers | <http://www.aiga.org/> |
| International Council of Design | <http://www.ico-d.org/> |

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| **MOOCs (Massive Online Open Courses)** |
| Free access to online coursesSearch regularly for new courses and new start dates | <https://www.mooc-list.com/><https://www.skillshare.com/><http://www.digitalartsonline.co.uk/tutorials/><http://tutorialzine.com/><http://www.lynda.com/><https://www.adobeknowhow.com/><http://tutsplus.com/><https://www.coursera.org/> |