

Projections

Most schools/venues have video projectors now, and light, portable ones can be acquired fairly easily and cheaply along with useful suspension devices. Many video clips that you might want to use, be they landscape, music and dance or animation are now freely available for download from the Internet, from where they can be directly projected, or saved onto a disc or memory stick. Projecting these 'films' greatly enhances any setting you are trying to create and often provides a stimulus for role play and/or dance. A king-sized white sheet can be used to make a simple, easily hung screen if you don't have a clear, white wall.

Ways of using projections:

- To enhance environments through creating a specific element of a workshop such as a waterfall in a corner of the space, or by adding a sense of realism to a setting like a rainforest, or by reinforcing a theme such as sailing on the ocean.
- To provide the focal point of a workshop, for example by projecting a hi-res image of the rotating moon onto an 8ft diameter balloon, to create the illusion of a rotating moon 'right before your very eyes'.
- To give a sense of movement or travel; going down a tunnel, flying over land or sea, riding a roller coaster for example.
- As a background to give context in which people can play - by creating shadows, catching projections on moonhoops or interacting with puppets and each other.
- To create a specific environment - a Parisian street, the Olympic games arena, an underwater world, a moonscape.
- To encourage individual responses - running round an athletics track, interacting with an animal/character, imitating or responding to a person.
- To encourage movement and different forms of dance by providing visual examples with music and sound.
- To project an individual's own actions, movements, performance so that they can see it for themselves in real time, by using a video camera connected to a projector

Links

Umbrellas (Prop)
Cloths (Prop)
Feasting (Activity)

Workshops: Proserpine, Marchand de Vin, All at Sea

Videos

Cafe circle dance
Sand projections
Moon projection
Projections onto umbrellas