

Online/Offline

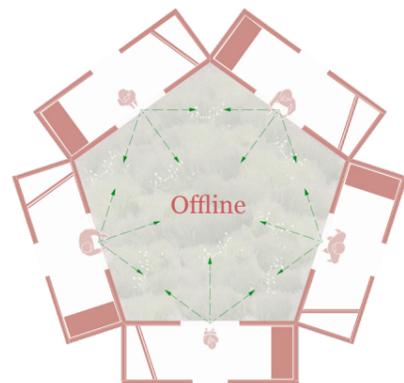
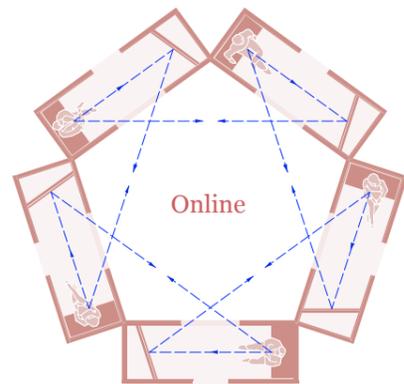
With the Covid-19 pandemic forcing us into lockdown and social distancing, the need for human and natural connections have never been felt more strongly.

Nowadays there are many digital tools allowing us to virtually meet, work and have fun together online, via computer and phone screens. However, despite their convenience, they could never replace seeing people face to face, especially outdoor, amongst nature.

Online/Offline, formed of five identical booths surrounding a gentle meadow garden, is attempting to replicate these two experiences: meeting *online*, and meeting in person, or *offline*.

Online: The booths, which allow one person only, are metaphor for isolation. They contain carefully angled mirrors that let visitors sitting in each booth to see the reflections of two more in other booths at once - an analogue Facetime or Zoom call!

Offline: The booths also have openings into the garden, which is only revealed when standing at these windows. Visitors could fully appreciate the beauty nature brings, and see all the other people directly, at a safe distance - hopefully highlighting the pleasure and beauty of being outdoor and physical connections, compared to through the screens at home.

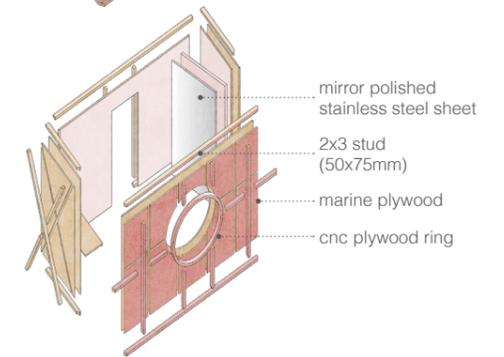
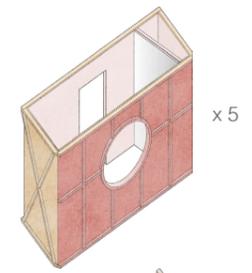
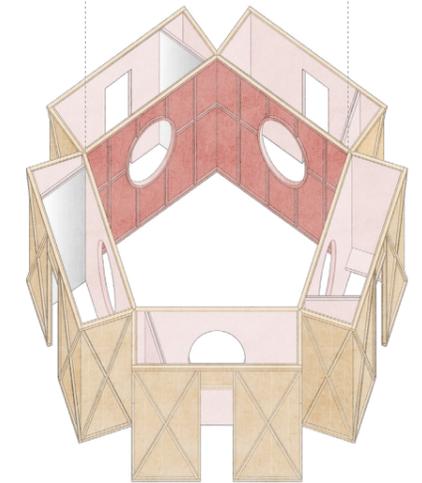


Plan - 1:50



Section - 1:50

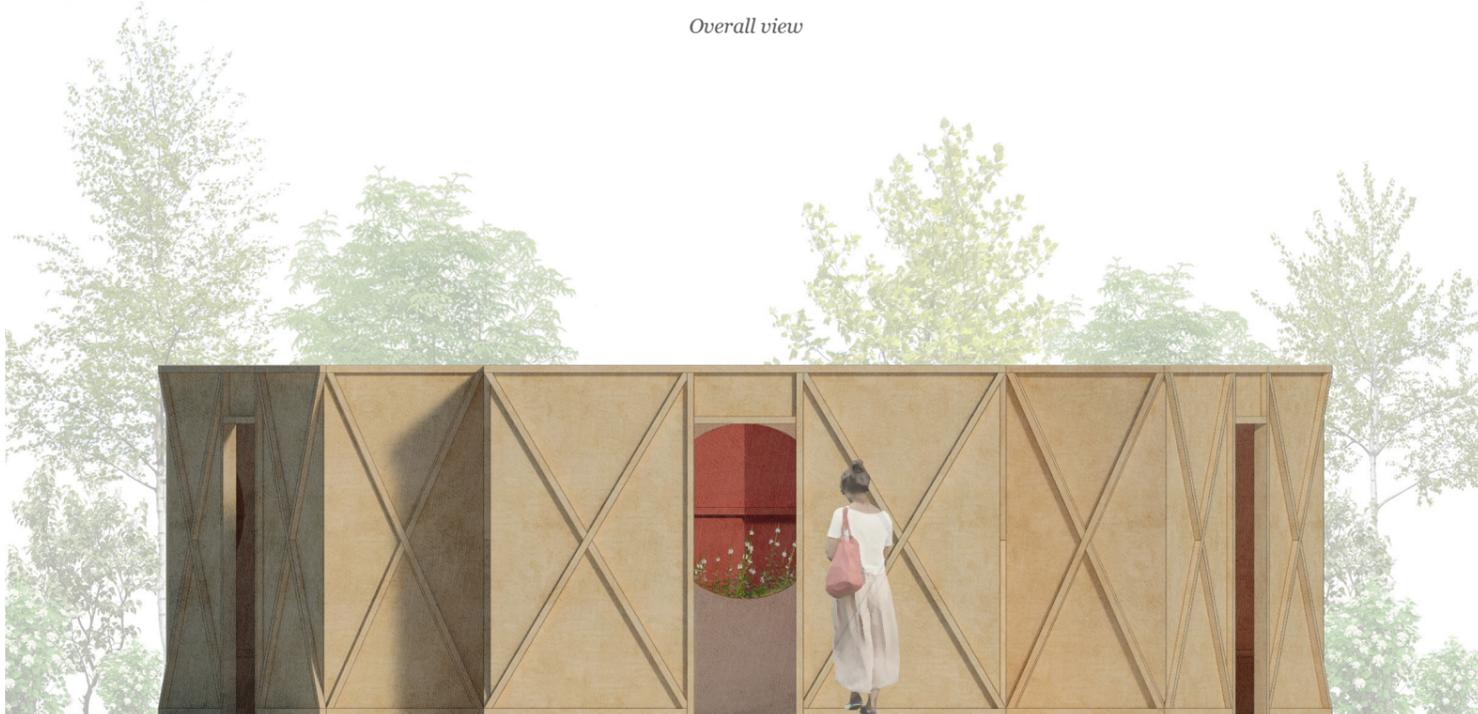
fountain grass (pennisetum alopecuroides) feathergrass (stipa tenuissima) physostegia virginiana 'alba'



Materials and plants proposed are basic types used widely in construction and landscaping, which could be sourced from and returned to the Jardin for future use.



Overall view



Elevation - 1:50



Online

The booths are confined space with muted colours to mimic the frustration of being in lockdown indoor. However, being able to see other people through reflections would offer fun interactions for visitors (note: the legs are the reflection of the person sitting the booth, whose point of view is described in this image).



Offline

The garden space is more open and the colours are much more vibrant and positive, enhancing the enjoyment of the outdoor. The plants and grasses selected to resemble a gentle meadow are resilient types that offers subtle visual changes and blooms over the summer months.