Augmented Locality

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into an outdoor classroom
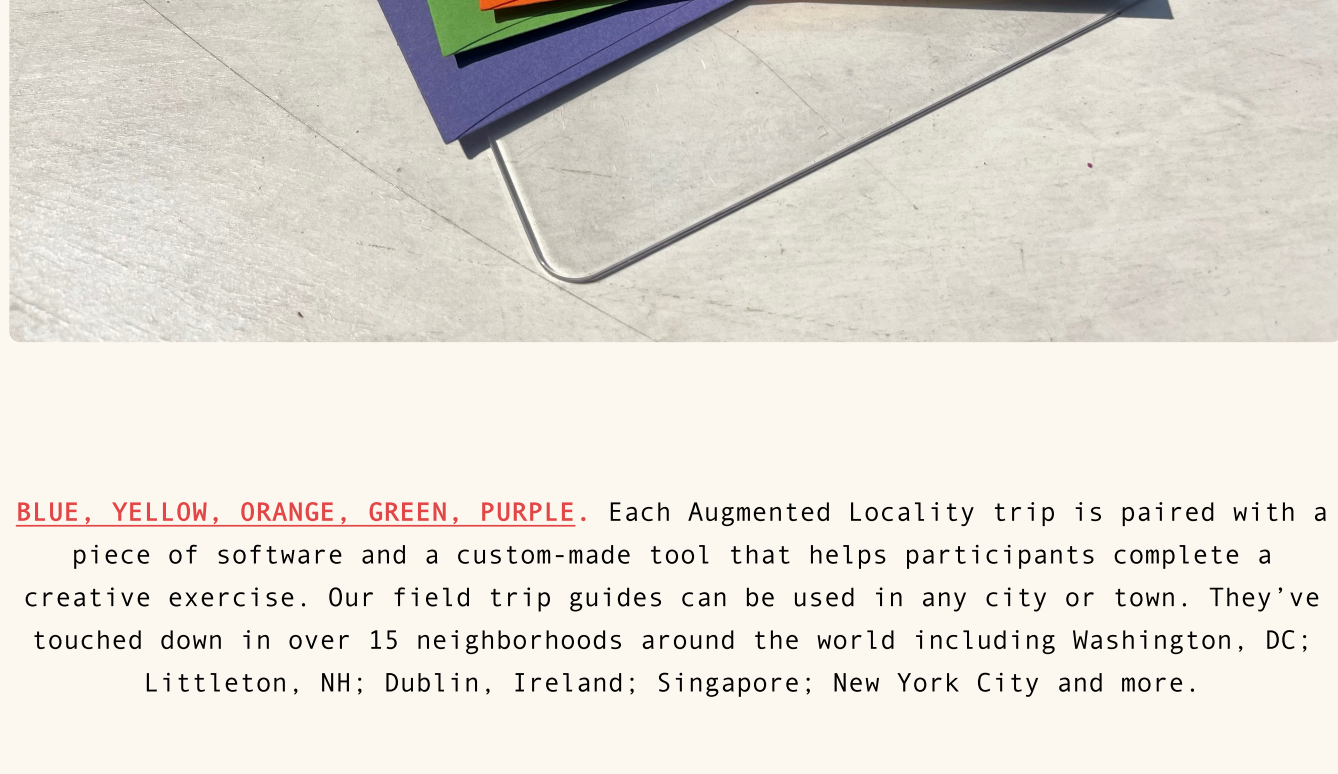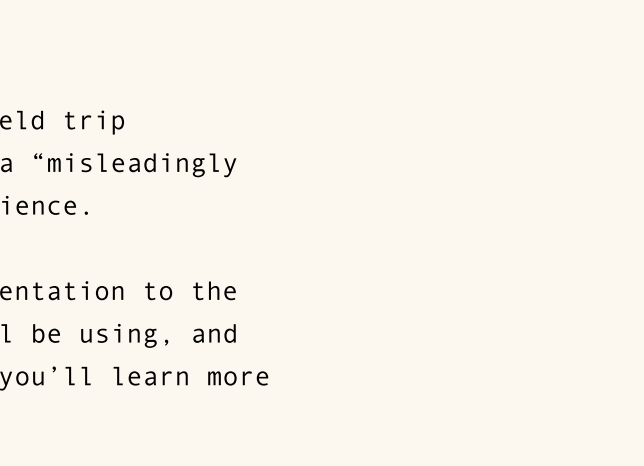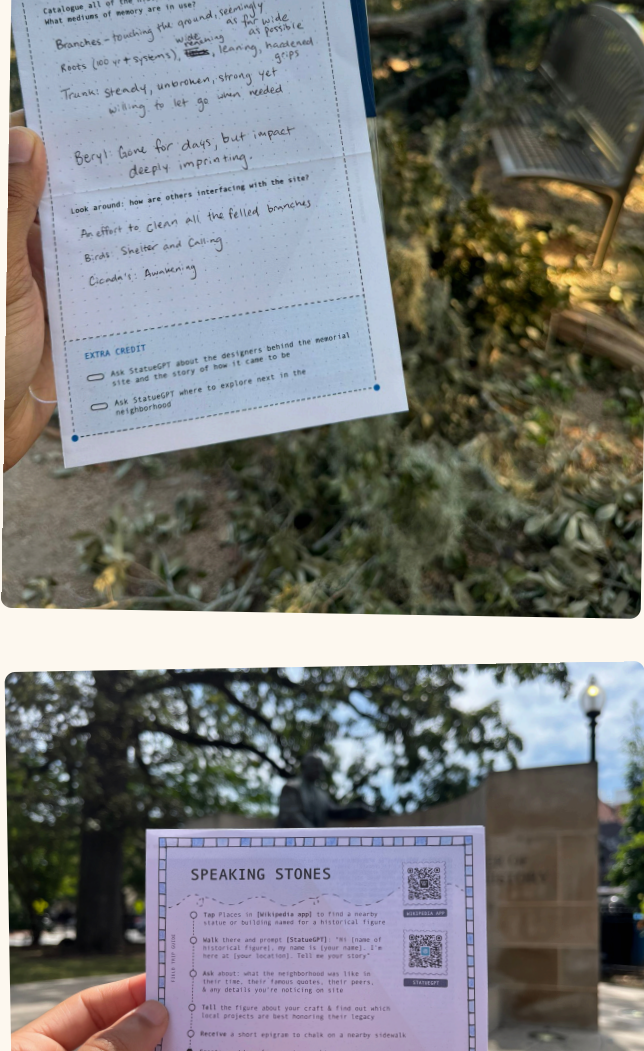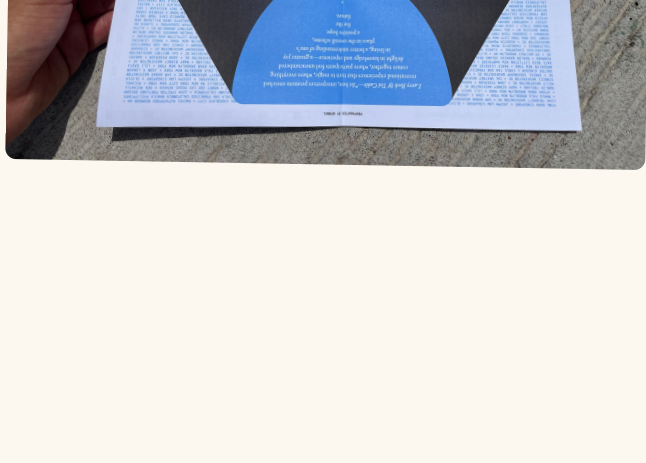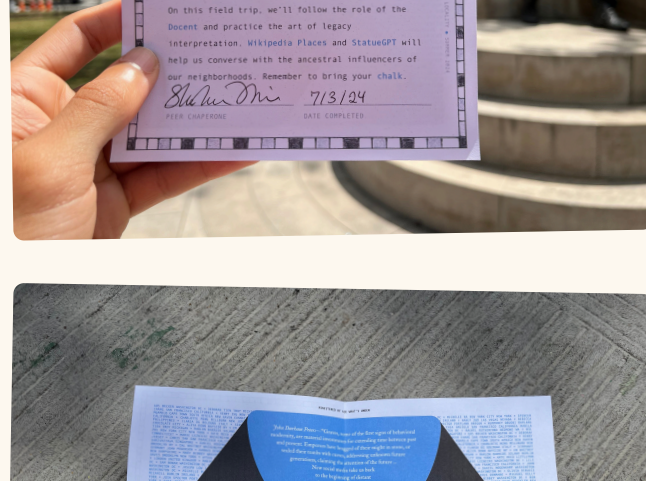
DOOM SCROLL BECOMES NEIGHBORHOOD STROLL.
Technology is often designed to keep us
hooked, isolating us from the world
outside—but it doesn't have to be that
way. Augmented Locality is a 5-week
educational experience where learners
explore how new software and hardware
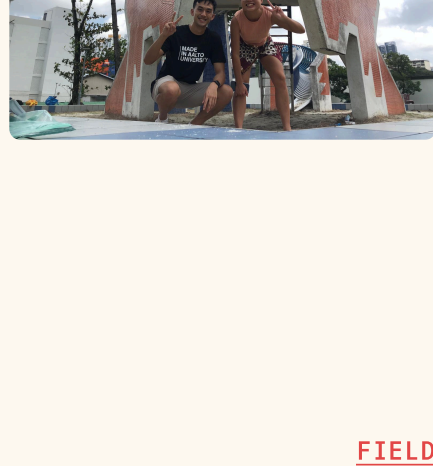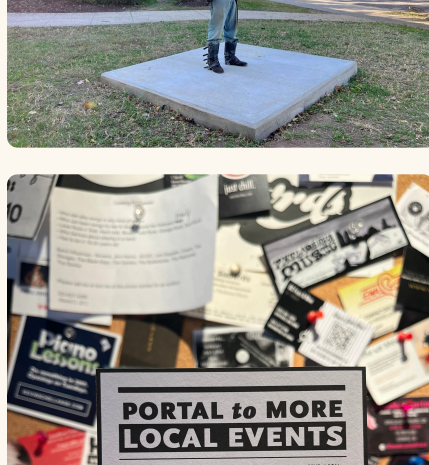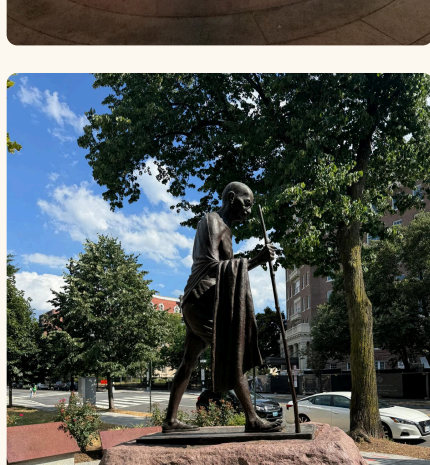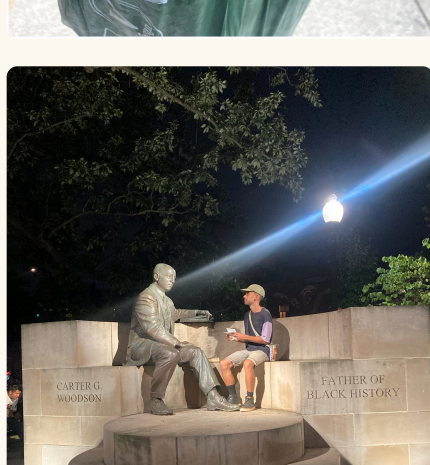can help us become better stewards of
our neighborhoods.

Inside the kit: **5 field trip guides** that
lead you on adventures to local
memorials, archives, community bulletin
boards, habitats, and sanctuaries.
Field trippers practice the art of
close observation and learn about the
infrastructure that makes their city
come to life.

BLUE, YELLOW, ORANGE, GREEN, PURPLE. Each Augmented Locality trip is paired with a
piece of software and a custom-made tool that helps participants complete a
creative exercise. Our field trip guides can be used in any city or town. They've
touched down in over 21 neighborhoods around the world including Washington, DC;
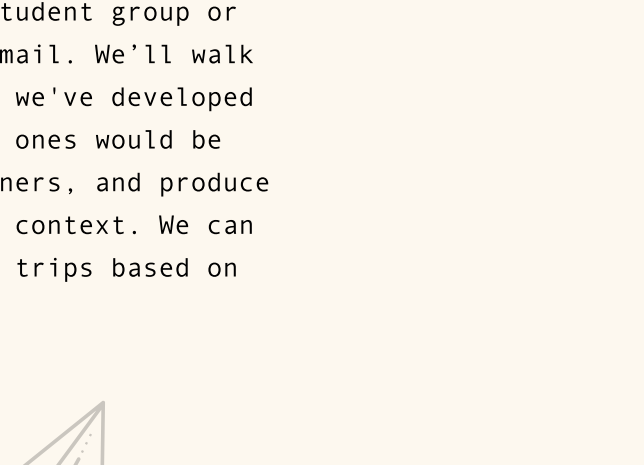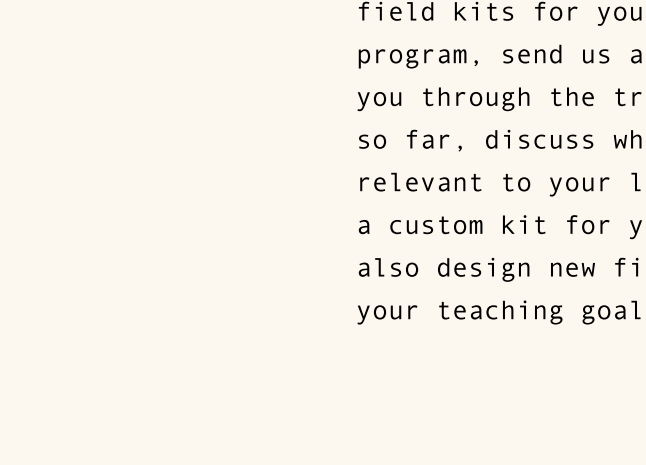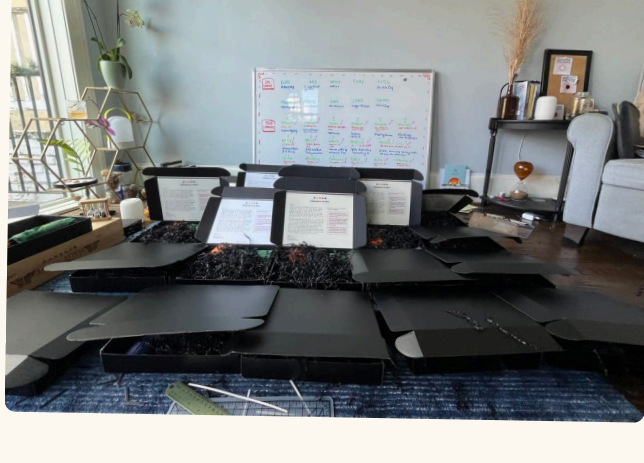Littleton, NH; Dublin, Ireland; Singapore; New York City and more.

ADVENTURE UNFOLDS. Field trip
permission slips are a "misleadingly
analog" 4-sided experience.

● **Side A:** Intro, an orientation to the
  trip, the tools you'll be using, and
  the Essential Worker you'll learn more
  about along the way.

● **Side B: Guide,** step-by-step
  instructions for completing the trip—
  with creative invitations that invite
  you to see the neighborhood through new
  eyes and "QR stamps" that connect you
  to the tool of the week.

● **Side C: Field Notes,** a space for
  recording observations—prompted by
  questions that draw attention to the
  surroundings and encourage
  participation in the social field.

● **Side D: Citation Sands,** thought-
  provoking quotes for learners to ponder
  before & after exploring—curated from
  our research archives.

FIELD-TESTED FIELD KITS. Augmented
Locality is all about learning from the
field, in the field. Each trip helps
explorers deepen their sense of place
and connect with the oft-neglected
people who animate their neighborhoods.
The field kit cultivates the art of
attention with exercises like using AI
to talk to memorial statues and
identify local wildlife, installing
neighborhood history exhibits, and
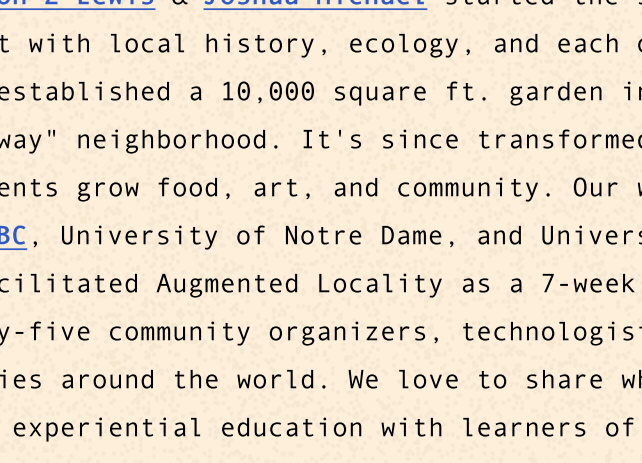creating NFC portals where neighbors
can discover nearby events.

BETTER TOGETHER. The Augmented Locality field kit is designed for pairs, cohorts,
and student groups (7th grade and up). Field trips work best when completed in
community. In our experience, they last about 1–2 hours but your mileage may vary.
As the trips unfold, learners gather hands-on insights about their locale + food
for thought to inspire ongoing projects.

MAIL-A-BOX. If you'd like to request
field kits for your student group or
program, send us an email. We'll walk
you through the trips we've developed
so far, discuss which ones would be
relevant to your learners, and produce
a custom kit for your context. We can
also design new field trips based on
your teaching goals.

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SEE WHAT'S UNDER is a DC-based curriculum design studio, living the paradox of
digital location. **Karen Z Lewis** & **Joshua Michael** started the studio in order to
help neighbors connect with their history, ecology, and each other. After studying
together at Yale, we established a 30,000 square ft. garden in the heart of DC's
historic "Black Broadway" neighborhood. It's since transformed into a learning
landscape where residents grow food, art, and community. Our work has been featured
by **Washington Post, NBC,** University of Notre Dame, and University of Maryland. See
What's Under first facilitated Augmented Locality as a 7-week program during the
summer of 2024. Thirty-five community organizers, technologists, and artists
participated from cities around the world. We love to share what we've learned
about placemaking and experiential education with learners of all ages. ✦

SEE WHAT'S UNDER
Permission slips for
educational field trips