

Understanding Your 'Why' Exercise

Your 'Why' or purpose is the reason you have formed your creative practice boiled down to a single sentence (or two). This exercise will help you to understand your purpose and communicate it to the world.

Start with WHAT you do

"We make X products or deliver Y services"

Next, ask "WHY is that important?"

How do you make a difference in the lives of your customers?

Ask the WHY question 5 times

Each time brainstorming and writing down your answers.

After a few whys, you'll find that you're getting down to the fundamental purpose of your creative practice or business

Review all the different answers searching for the answer that resonates most and generates some passion

Putting it into words

When you've got your purpose figured out, try and put it in words. Keep in mind, it doesn't need to be a description of your products and services. It needs to be a succinct description of the impact of those products and services, and it usually begins with 'we.' And it should speak to your highest aspirations, it doesn't need to be something you're delivering on 100 percent today.