ffotogallery workbook

time machine

you need:
- pencils/pens
- camera (if possible)
- your imagination

you have:
- images of the work
- information on the work

let’s do this!

Cardiff International Festival of Photography
Gwyl Ryngwladol Ffotograffiaeth Caerdydd

-Diffusion
about...

Martins photographed 20 power plants in Portugal during 2010-2011. These power plants were mainly built during the 1950s and 1970s, which was a time of hopeful prospects of economic growth and social change. The Time Machine records objects and spaces whose grand designs show the ambitions they were built for.

The photographs seem to show a place suspended in time, where technology is new and there is hope for the future. The Time Machine speaks not just about the generation of power but also of dreams and technological utopias.
tell me...

HOW DOES IT MAKE YOU FEEL? What emotions do you have when you look at these images?

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT LOOKS LIKE? Does it remind you of anything?

WHERE WOULD MARTINS’ TIME MACHINE TAKE YOU? Do you think it has a destination programmed into it? Would it take you anywhere?

IS IT REAL? Do you think it exists? If it’s real, who controls it?
show me...

If you had a time machine, what would it look like? Use this space to display your time machine. Why not do a drawing or take a photograph or two? You could even draw on the photograph... The world is your oyster!
**think about it...**

What colour is it? What is it made out of? How big is it? Is it angular or smooth in shape? Jot down a description of what it looks/feels/sounds like.

**tell me...**

WHERE WILL YOUR TIME MACHINE TAKE YOU? Backwards? Forwards? Side-ways to a parallel world?

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE? People or places? What would your time machine show you?

WHERE WOULD YOU KEEP IT? Could you hide it under your bed or would you want the world to see? Does it need to be a physical thing or in your mind?

WOULD YOU LET OTHERS USE IT? Would you share your time machine with other people or would you keep it a secret that only you had?

HOW WOULD IT WORK? What powers your time machine? Does it need a power source?