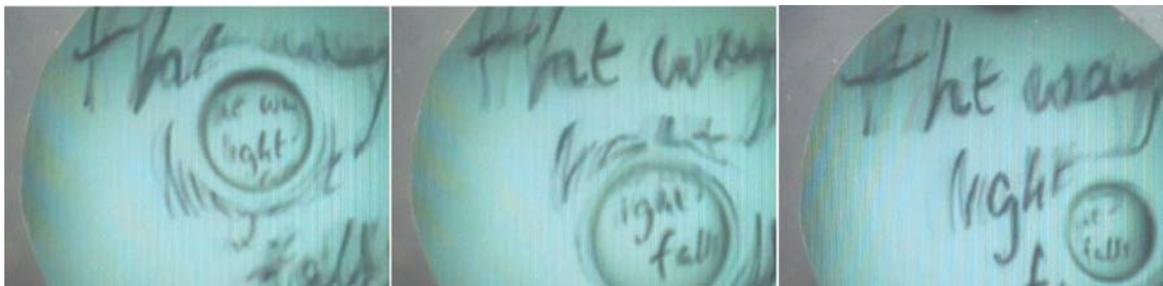


## Aquarium with Text

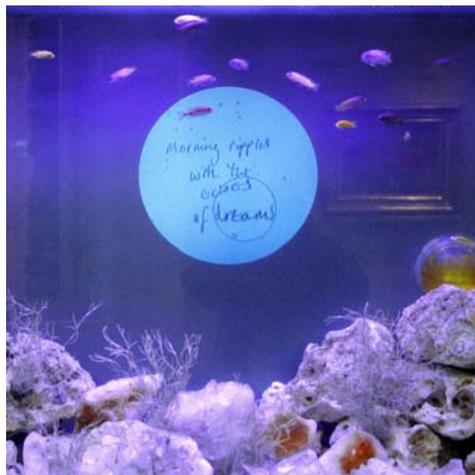
### Concept:

The 'art wall' in the new surgery houses a 240w x 90h x 45d (cm) aquarium – a large-scale contemplative and aesthetic re-invention of the much loved existing tank at Dean Lane.

This is the 'hearth' of the waiting area, its 'flame' being a real time display of bubbles which act as natural lenses to text, the texts can be changed, allowing for participation from the community in the form of poetry or prose. The monitor display is incorporated in the background image of the tank, and is connected to a camera receiving live images from a specially designed bubble apparatus.



The inclusion of text in the works for the new surgery was essential to the commissioning brief, and poetry workshops led by Mac Dunlop generated texts for the tank. The design of the 'bubble apparatus' was inspired by a desire to move beyond the inscribed 'surface' eg. written / carved / image 2D or 3D work. In terms of a 'permanent' public artwork, we have incorporated a potential for change and participatory activity as the surgery evolves.



## Aquarium texts generated in the poetry workshops:

*A breath held moment is frozen,  
we smile.*

Helen Sheppard

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*Running with eyes closed.*

Jayne Kerridge

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*Plenty of light  
and ample space.*

Jayne Kerridge

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*My brother and I  
share the same moon and sky  
which warms me  
beneath a blanket of stars.*

Barry James

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*Breathing pure air wafting  
in the shadow of the mountain.*

Barry James

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*Holding each one of you  
After you were Born  
Watching each step you took  
On the learning Path of Life*

Margaret Oram

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*The calm and gentle breeze  
Floats softly through the house  
The curtains softly float  
Leaving patterns on the wall*

Denise Smith

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*I close my eyes to dream of now.*

Mac Dunlop

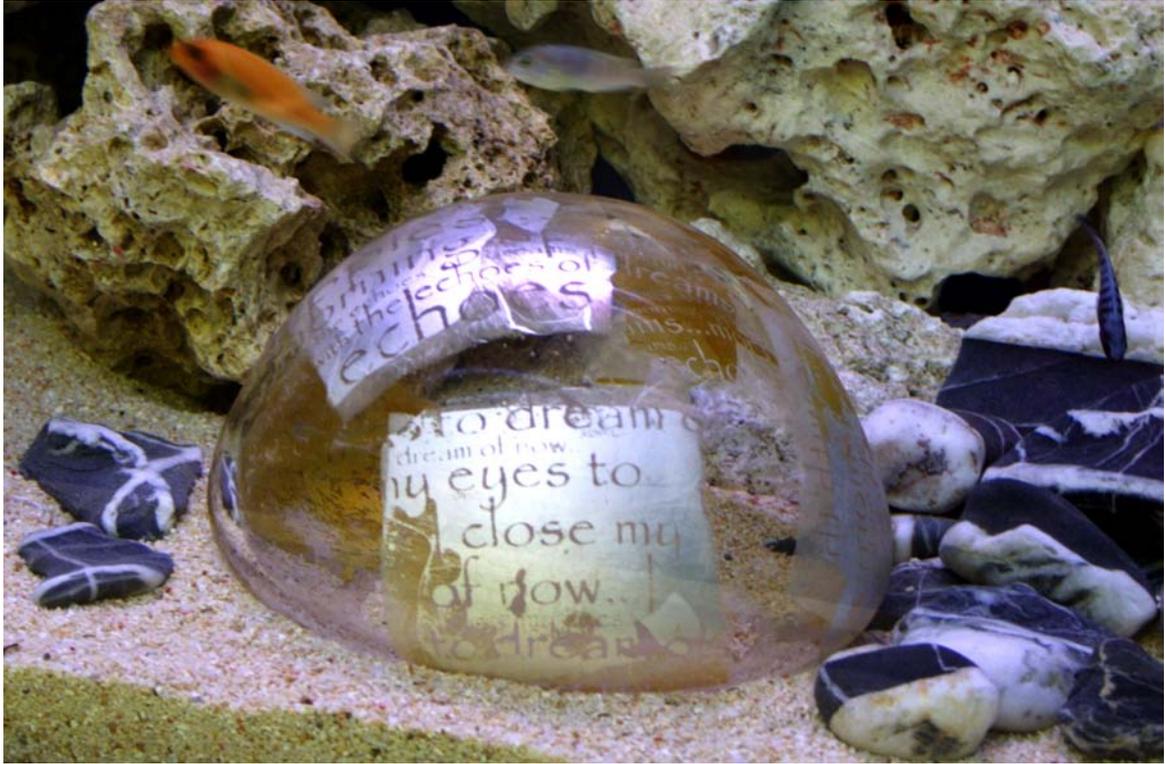
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*Morning ripples  
with the echoes of dreams.*

Mac Dunlop

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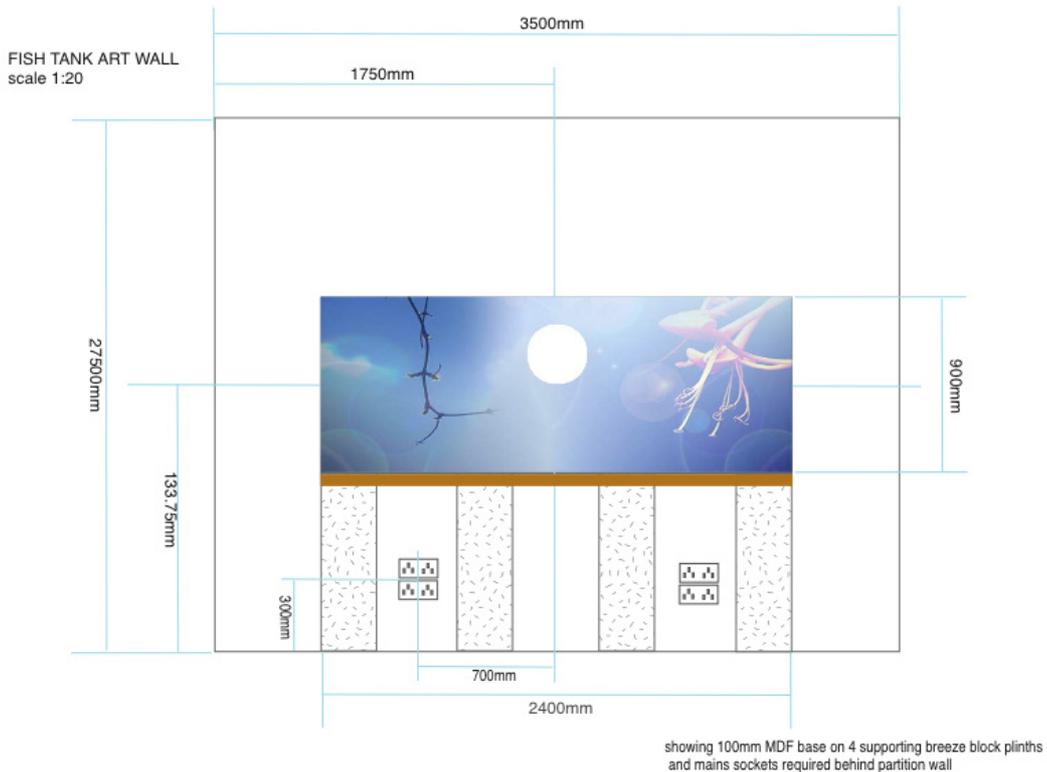
The 'aquascape' or environment within which the fish live incorporates a bed of quartz, citrine and amethyst crystal, interspersed with commissioned bespoke blown glass. These glass spheres sit on a bed of natural crushed coral and tufa rock resonating with the water filter & background display of poetry bubbles.





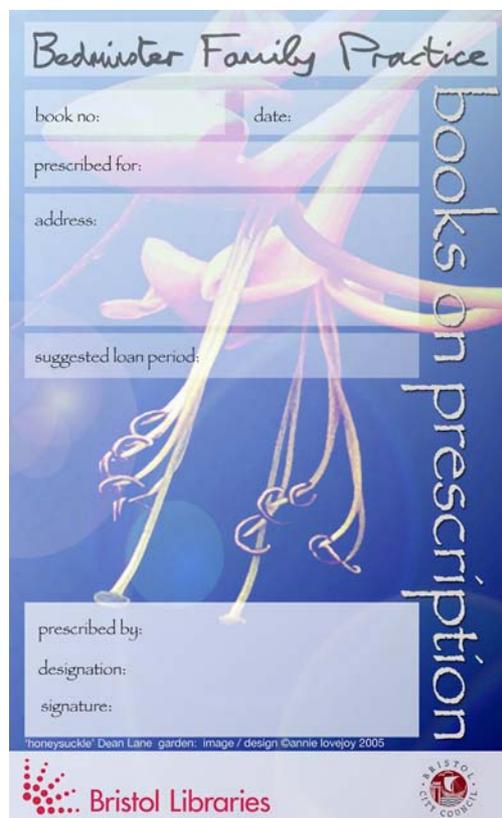
Citrine: yellow / copper coloured, is a natural quartz crystal which has an extraordinary & beautiful translucence when immersed in water. Citrine is a therapeutic crystal, which is self-cleansing; its healing properties induce comfort, reassurance & optimism.

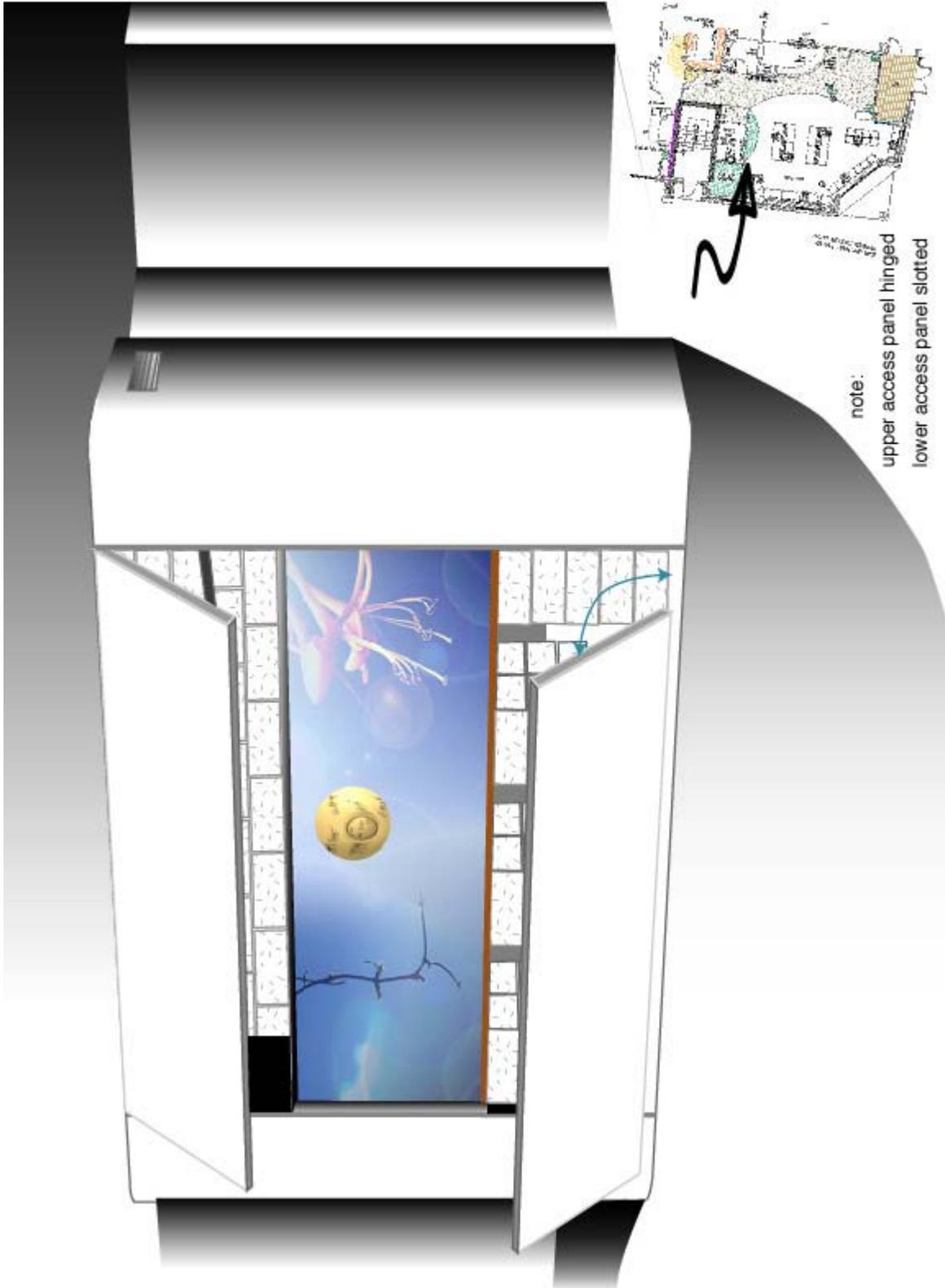
The aquarium is stocked with approx 40 varying species of Cichlids from Lake Malawi.



The background image is of honeysuckle from the garden of the former surgery at Dean Lane, and is predominantly blue in colour - appropriate to the tank lighting & fish habitat.

The same garden honeysuckle image is used for prescription pads in an innovative collaboration between Bristol Libraries and Bedminster Family Practice "Books on prescription"





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