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THOMPSON

Artist

Afrofuturist

Philosophy &  
Politics Grad

Producer

Restorative  
Justice  
Advocate



Feminist

Creative  
Mathematician

Guyanese-  
Jamaican  
Mancunian

Educator

Chair/  
Trustee

Anti-fragilist

# Keisha Thompson wins DARE Art Prize

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Manchester-based writer, performer, producer and maths educator **Keisha Thompson** has been announced as the fifth winner of the annual [DARE Art Prize](#). The award was presented to Keisha last night at a special ceremony held in [Kino](#), Opera North's restaurant on New Briggate in the heart of Leeds.

The £15,000 commission, part of the pioneering [DARE](#) partnership between the [University of Leeds](#) and Opera North, and in association with the [National Science and Media Museum](#) and [The Tetley](#), Leeds, challenges artists and scientists to collaborate on new approaches to the creative process.

Keisha's project **DeCipher** was chosen for its innovative and playful look at mathematics. It aims to place the subject at the heart of everyday life – literally 'deciphering' what many people perceive to be a difficult topic to underline its relevance and make it more accessible to everyone.

## Things That Are Small

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Are Small

Dad

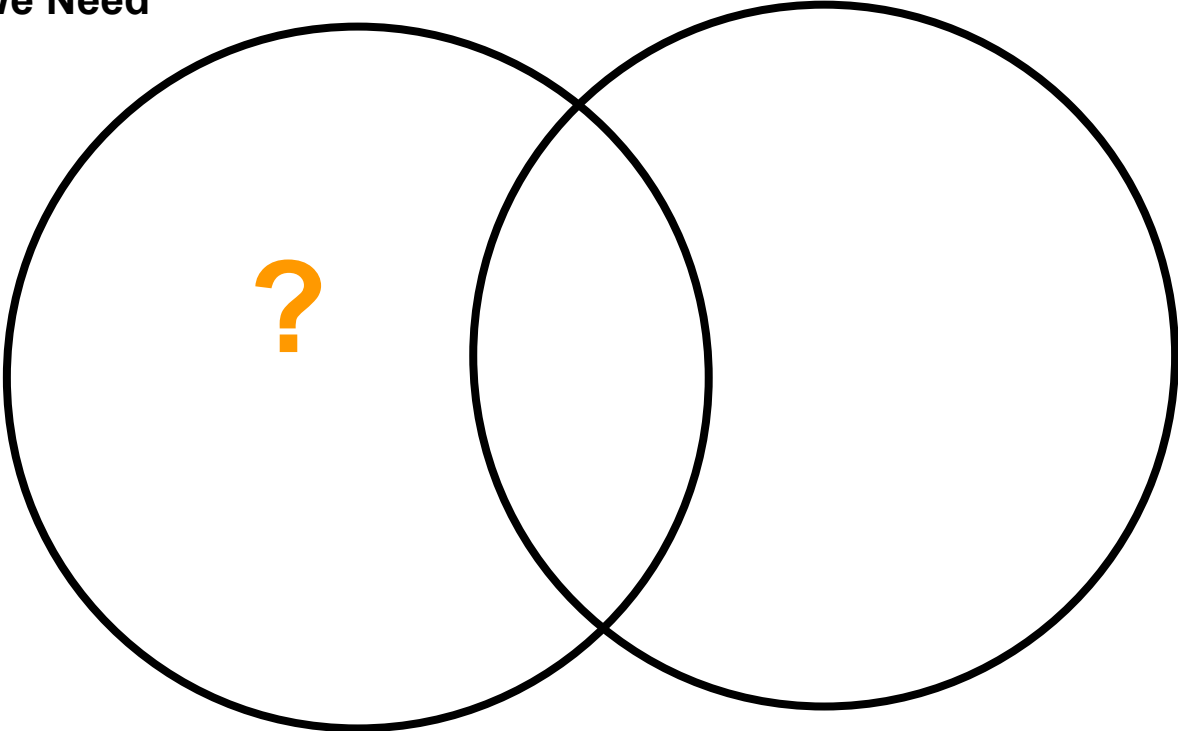
There are two types of small. The first is full of promise destined for growth. Then there is the second type. Dust. A broken fingernail. Insignificant shedding from bigger things. An asymptote to the curve. An aspiration to be nothing. He is a long-gone bruise to the head - a place where a book was thrown at it. A peephole in a throat that has learnt to swallow grit. A pinched palm where a handle turned out to be a blade. He is the size of tightened skin. I tried to turn his scars into badges. Asked him to relay with me. Meet me at the crossover line. Instead I found him sitting at the edge, folding his footsteps in on themselves. A scatter of unjoined dots.

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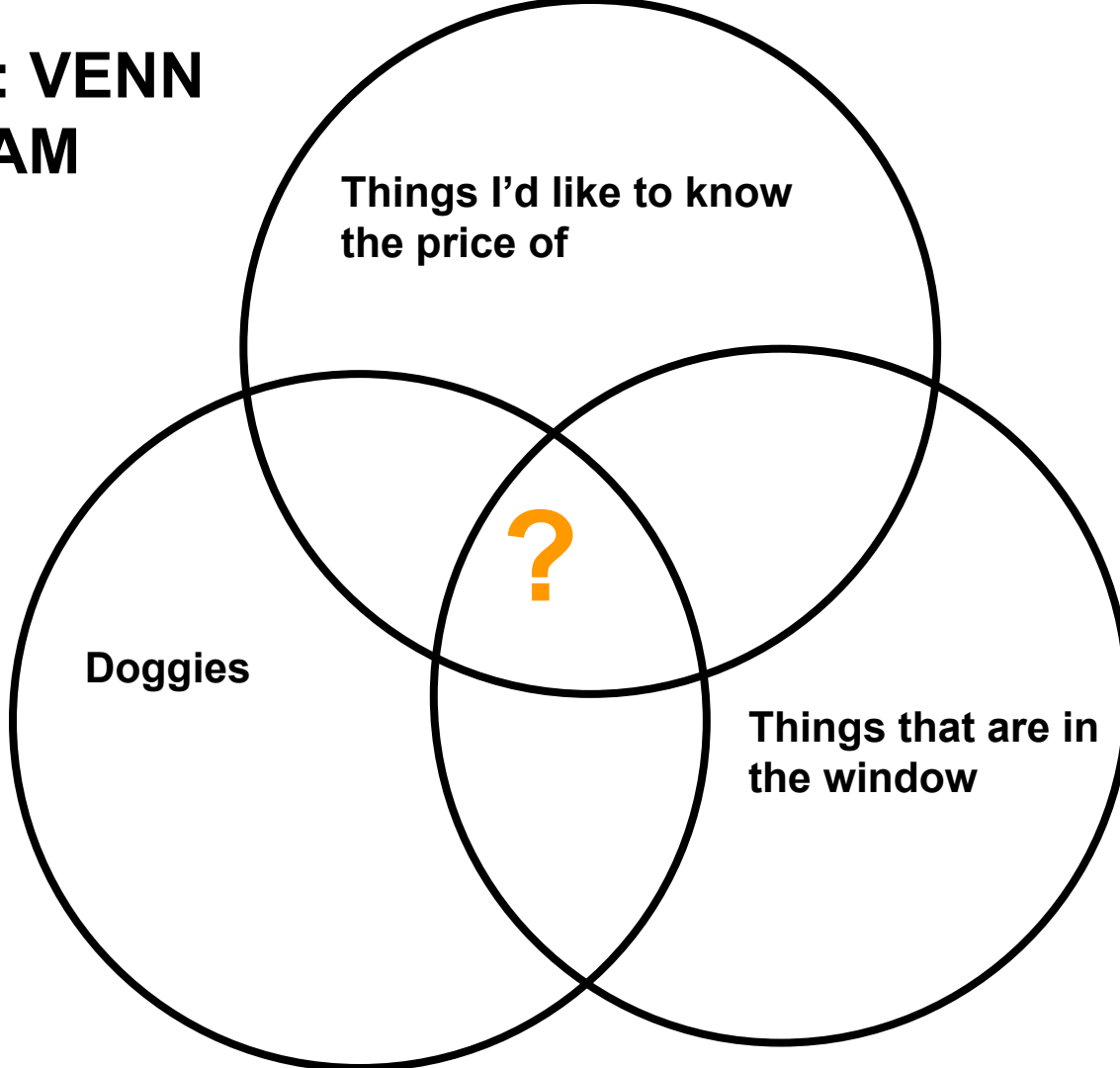
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Things That We Need  
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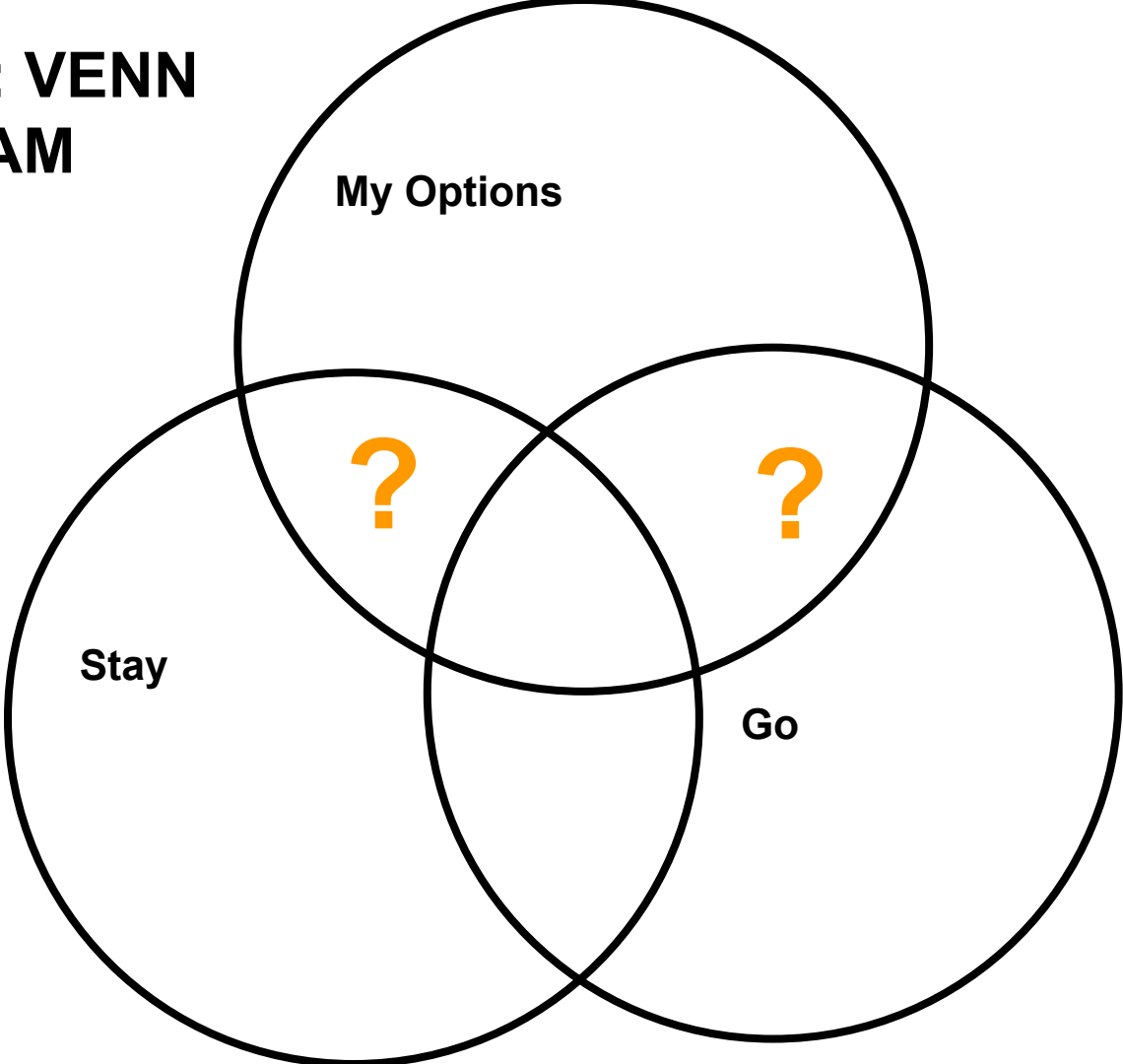
Heroes



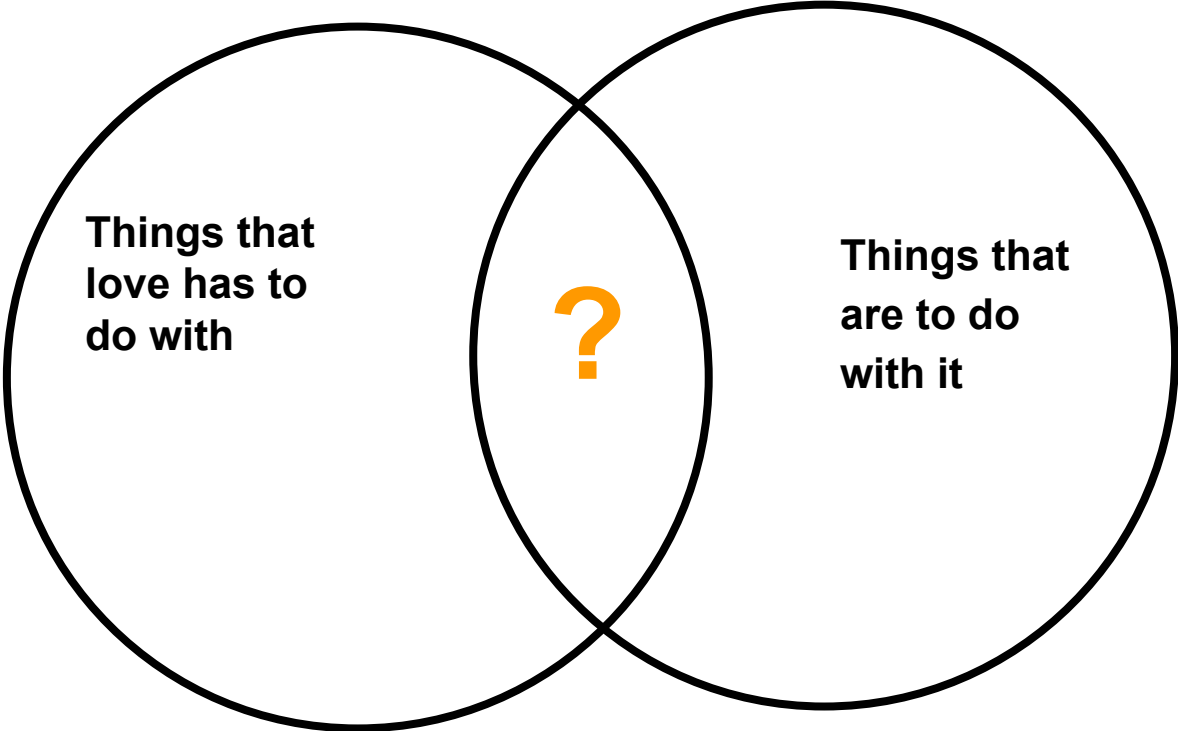
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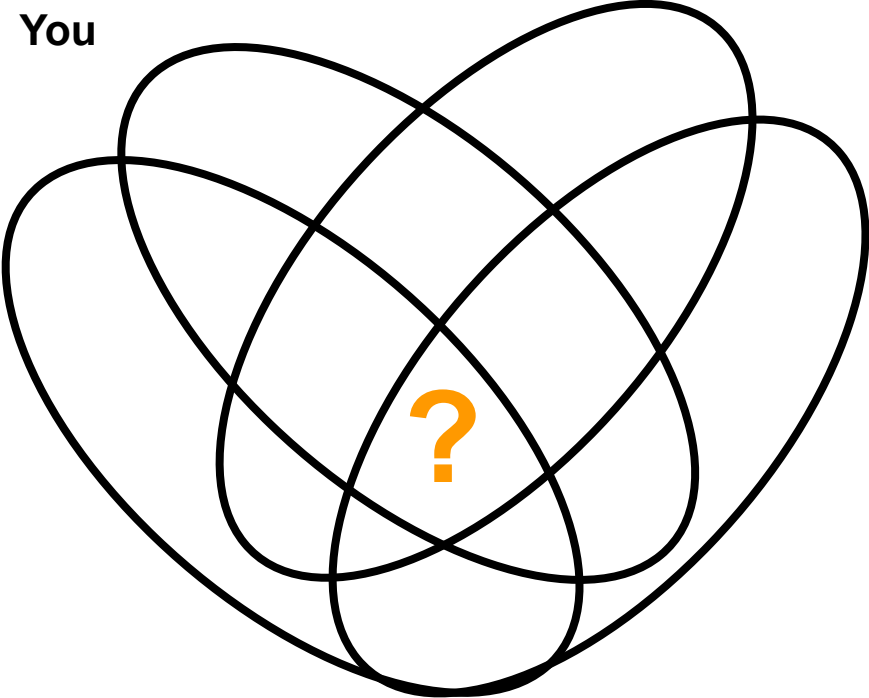
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Things that are the first

You

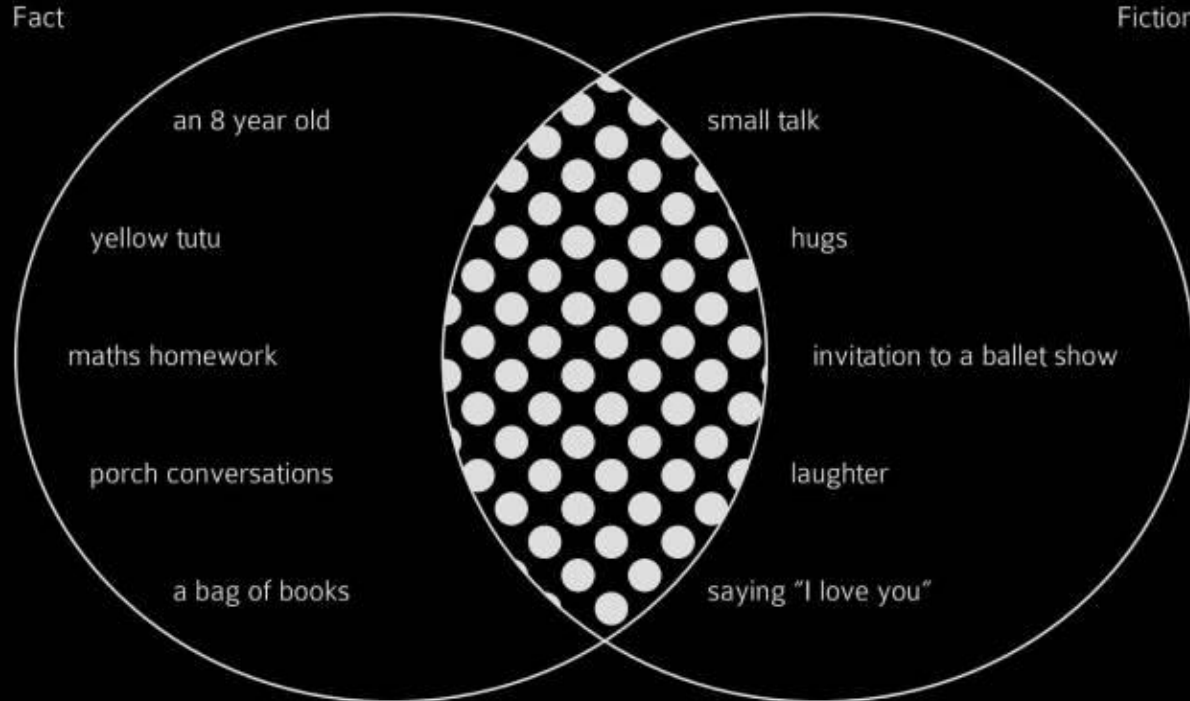
Things that are the last

Things that are my  
everything



Fact

Fiction



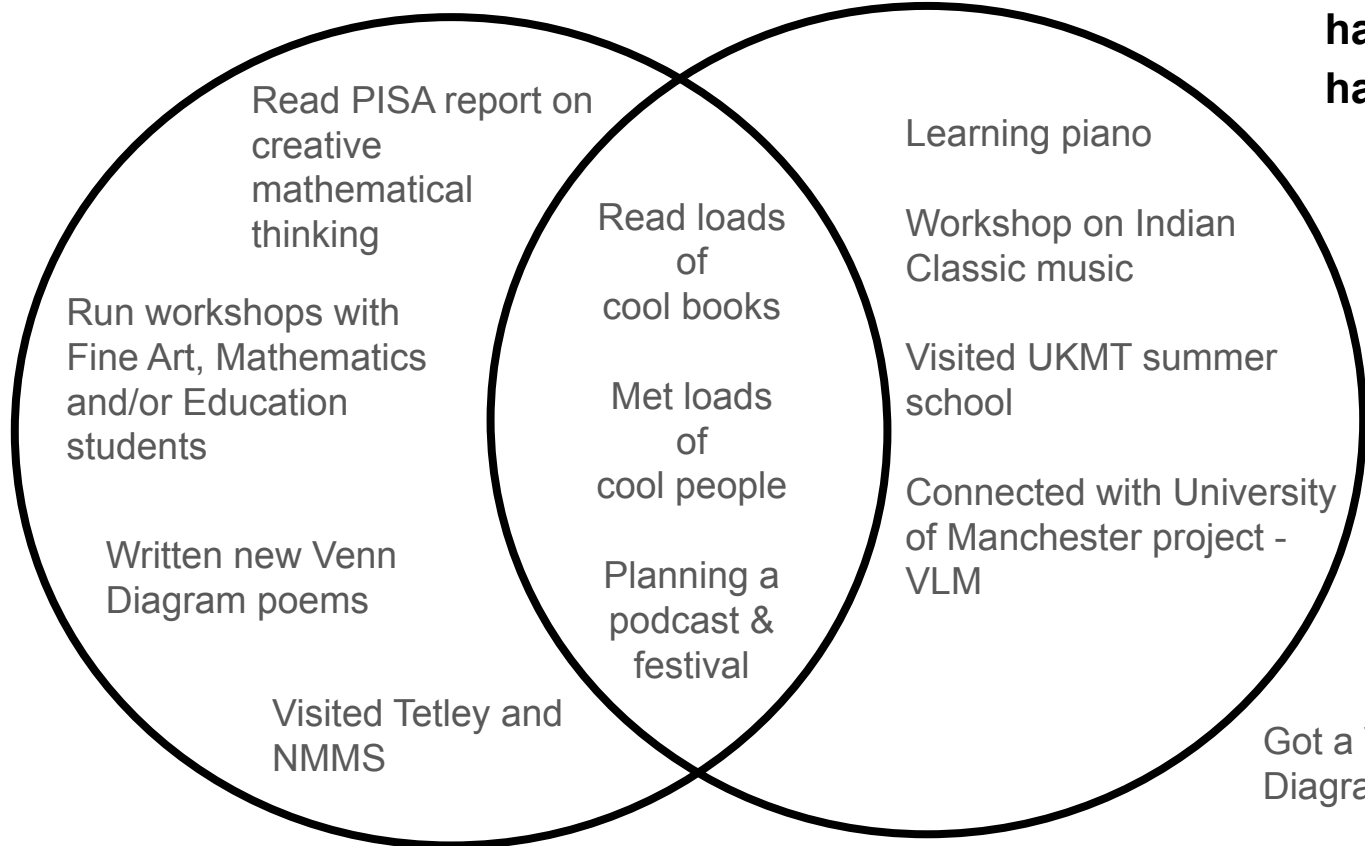
A man of jars and labels annoyed by the transparency of breath and the abstraction of love - he will never see his daughter dancing an algorithm

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# REGIONS OF PROGRESS

**Things that  
were  
planned**

**Things that  
have  
happened**



Perfected the pronunciation of "Euler"

Stalked Michael Gove

Got a Venn Diagram tattoo

# YOUR TURN: VENN DIAGRAM SONG

