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**celebrating creative education led by emerging
methodology and real world connection**

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**‘The UK design industry has grown since 2005,
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29% more than in 2005 and earnings have
increased by £3.4bn.’**

the Design Council

**“50% of new jobs in the UK economy
in 15 years time will be in the creative sector”**

Christopher Frayling, quoting
the UK treasury on
'Start the Week' Radio 4

“Singapore’s trade development body commissioned a report that showed that ‘investing in design represents a 26% better return than banking and a 20% improvement over investing in computing’”

(MacLeod et al,
Design as an Instrument of
Public Policy in Singapore
and South Korea, 2007)



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**There were 55,310 undergraduate design students
in the UK in 2010 and yet only 51% of practising
designers have a degree.**

Design Industry Insights 2010
the Design Council



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**There is a perceived disconnection between
our world leading creative industries and the
educational institutions that feed them.**

**Maybe this is why David Cameron
can get away with saying...**

“We are determined that this [over-reliance on the financial industries] should change. That means supporting growing industries ... And all the knowledge-based businesses including the creative industries.”

David Cameron,
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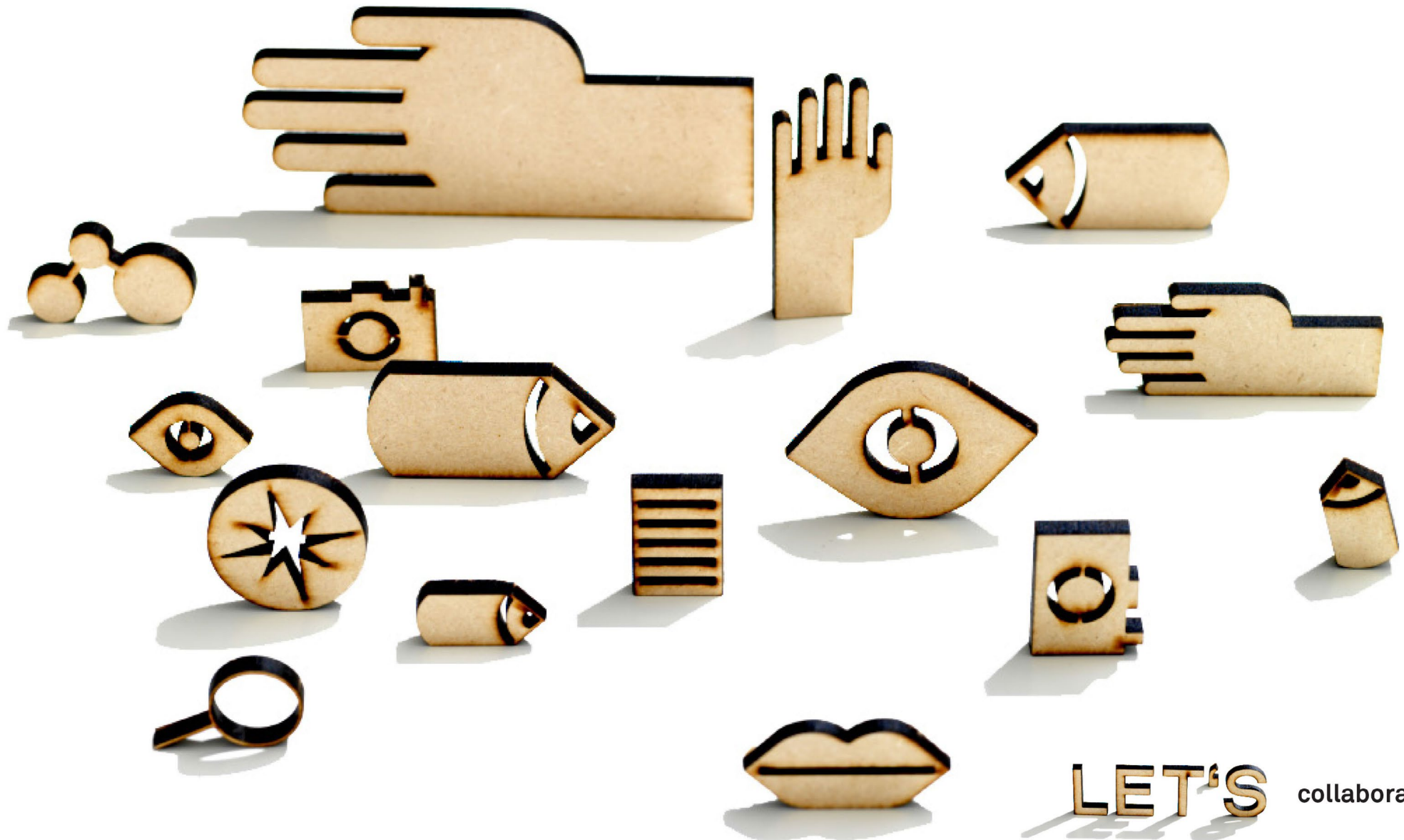
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**It is time to tell the story of how our subjects
connect with and contribute to the development
of the economy and the improvement
of our society.**



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‘Learning with industry’



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**Maybe by working together we could create a
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