



**CITY NEIGHBOURHOODS
MADE BY EVERYONE,
FOR EVERYONE**

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**IN THE GRIP
OF AN IDEA**

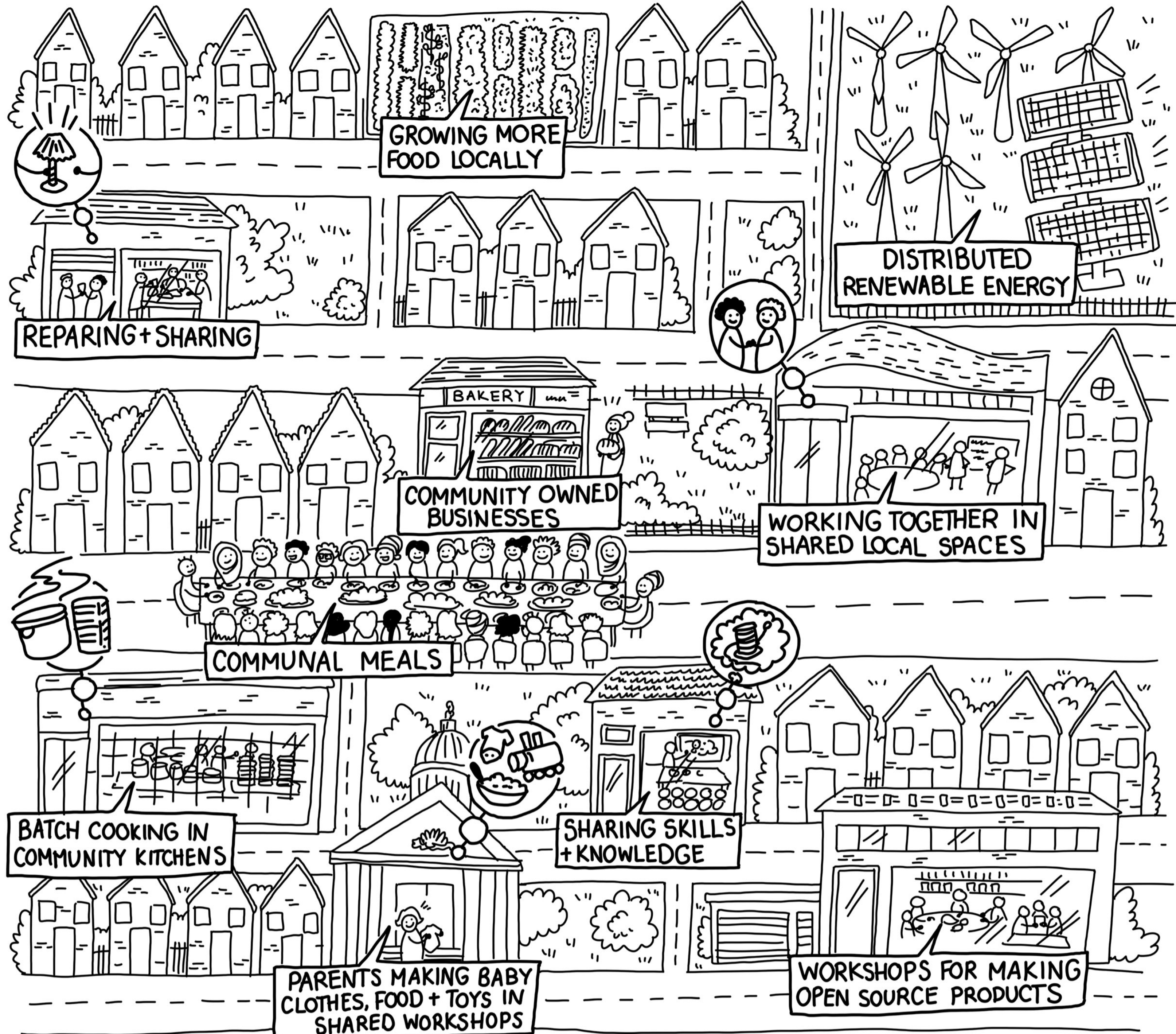


PEOPLE DOING
PRACTICAL THINGS
TOGETHER
MAKE THEIR
NEIGHBOURHOODS
BETTER ...
AND ALSO MAKE
EACH OTHER'S LIVES
BETTER



**CITIZENS BECOMING
HUGELY CREATE AND INSPIRING**





GROWING MORE
FOOD LOCALLY

DISTRIBUTED
RENEWABLE ENERGY

REPAIRING + SHARING

COMMUNITY OWNED
BUSINESSES

WORKING TOGETHER IN
SHARED LOCAL SPACES

COMMUNAL MEALS

BATCH COOKING IN
COMMUNITY KITCHENS

SHARING SKILLS
+ KNOWLEDGE

PARENTS MAKING BABY
CLOTHES, FOOD + TOYS IN
SHARED WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOPS FOR MAKING
OPEN SOURCE PRODUCTS

ROTTERDAM

**THE MAYORS
LIVING ROOM**



BERKLEY

HACKER MUMS



LONDON
OPEN
ORCHARD



**CITY GOVERNMENTS BECOMING
HUGELY CREATE AND INSPIRING**

BOLOGNA

**REGULATIONS FOR THE
URBAN COMMONS**



A close-up photograph of several pink roses. The roses are in various stages of bloom, with some showing vibrant pink petals and others appearing more delicate and lighter. The background is dark and out of focus, making the roses stand out prominently. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the petals.

PARIS

**GARDENERS OF
THE PARISIAN
PUBLIC SPACE**

DETROIT
PHILADELPHIA

AKRON
CHICAGO
MEMPHIS

RE-IMAGINING
THE CIVIC
COMMONS



GHENT

**LIVING STREETS
2015**



BARCELONA

SUPER BLOCKS



WORLDWIDE

**BLOOMBERG
MAYORS
CHALLENGE**

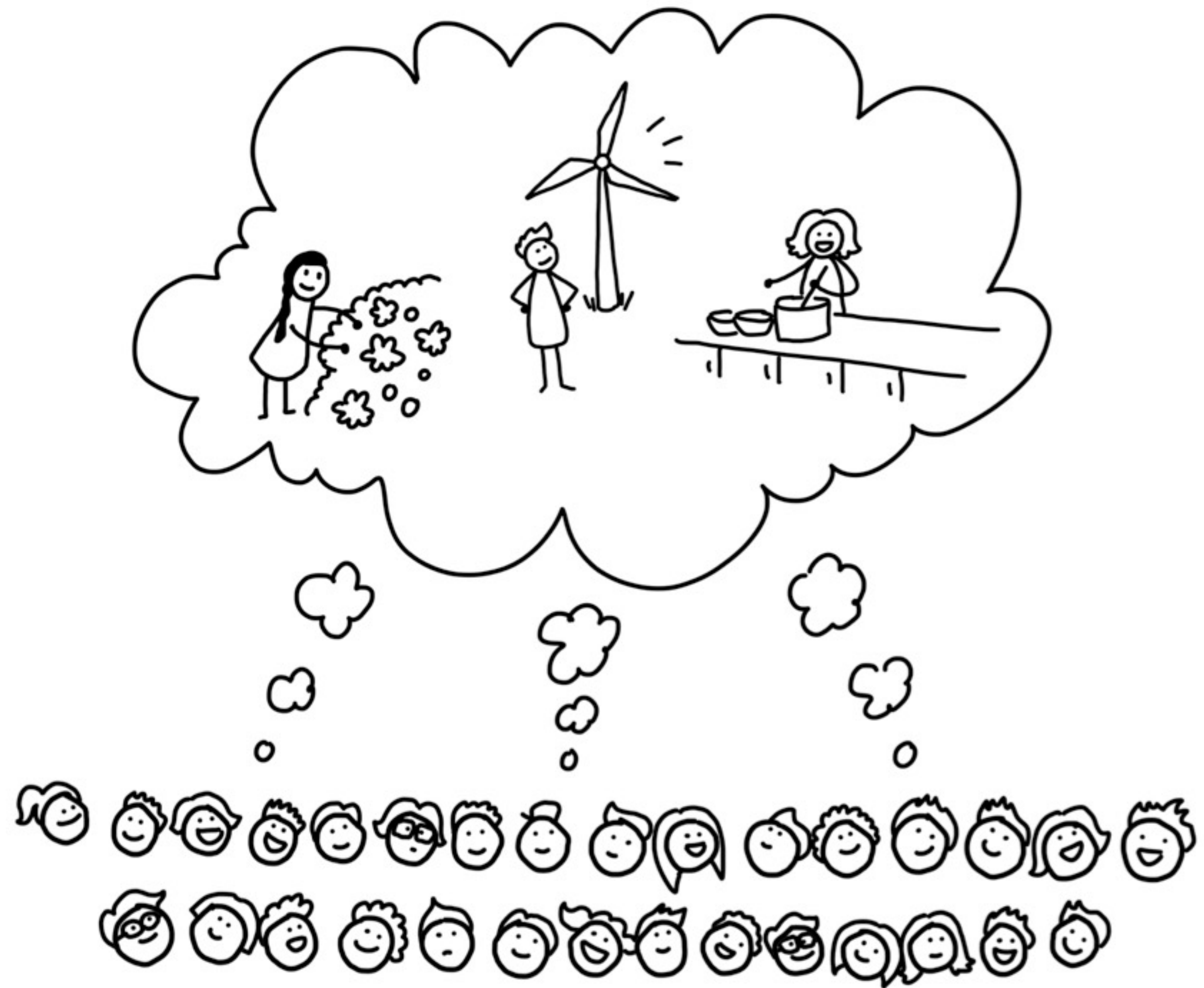


**“WHAT IF WE WERE ABLE TO BUILD THE
FOUNDATIONS OF A COOPERATIVE
WORLD**

- WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE?”

GAR ALPEROVITZ

EVERYTHING MUST BE GOING GREAT - RIGHT?



3 %

**OF PEOPLE INVOLVED WITH
A NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT IN UK**

60%

**OF PEOPLE SAY THEY
WANT TO BE INVOLVED**

WHY IS THERE SUCH A GAP?

IS THIS A PEOPLE PROBLEM?

OR IS THIS A STRUCTURE PROBLEM?

WE BELIEVE IT'S A STRUCTURE PROBLEM

**NEED TO REDESIGN PARTICIPATION
STRUCTURES AND MODELS**



**MAINSTREAMING
AND SCALING
PARTICIPATION**

MAKE IT

**ATTRACTIVE
ACCESSIBLE
CONVENIENT**

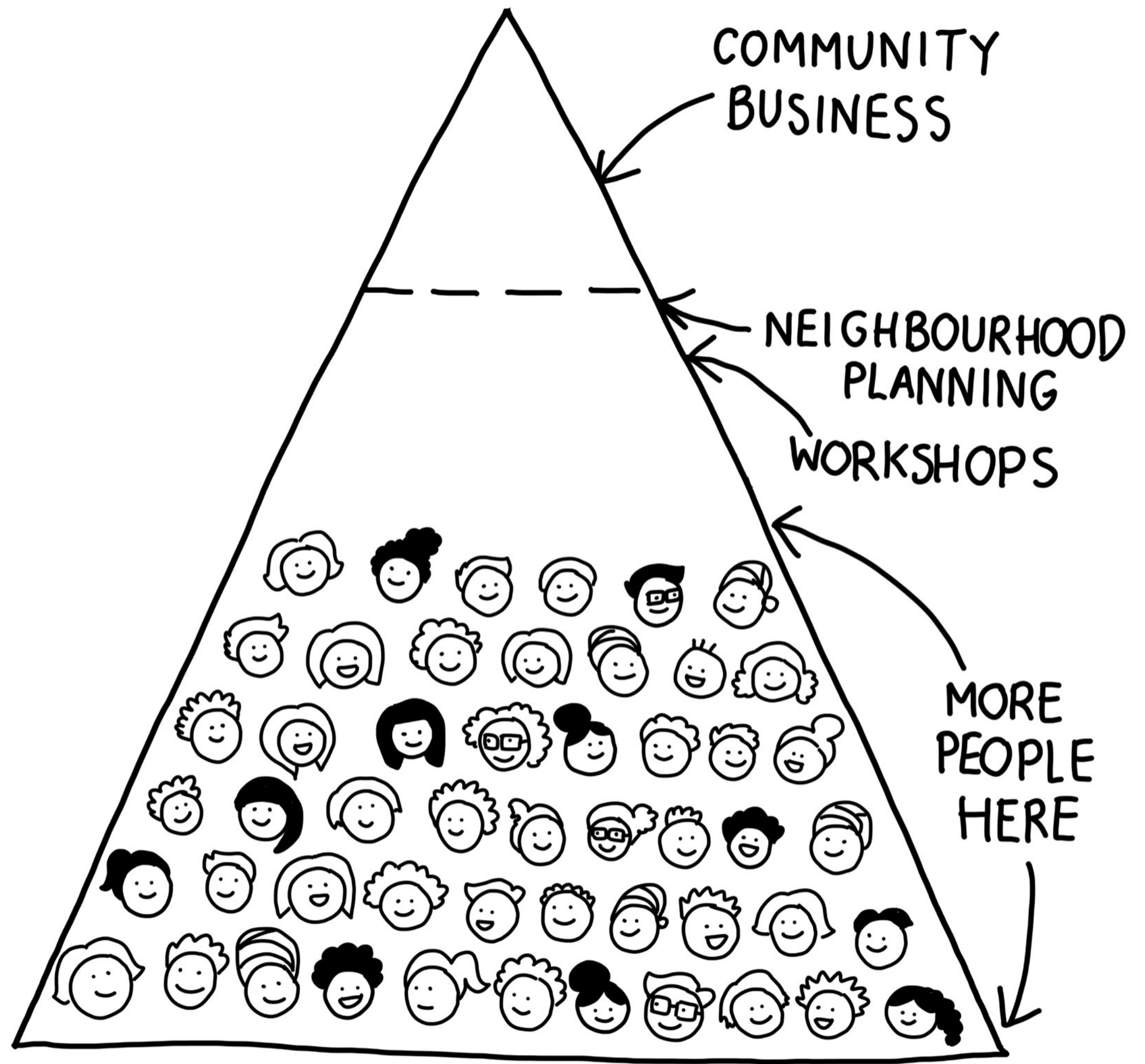


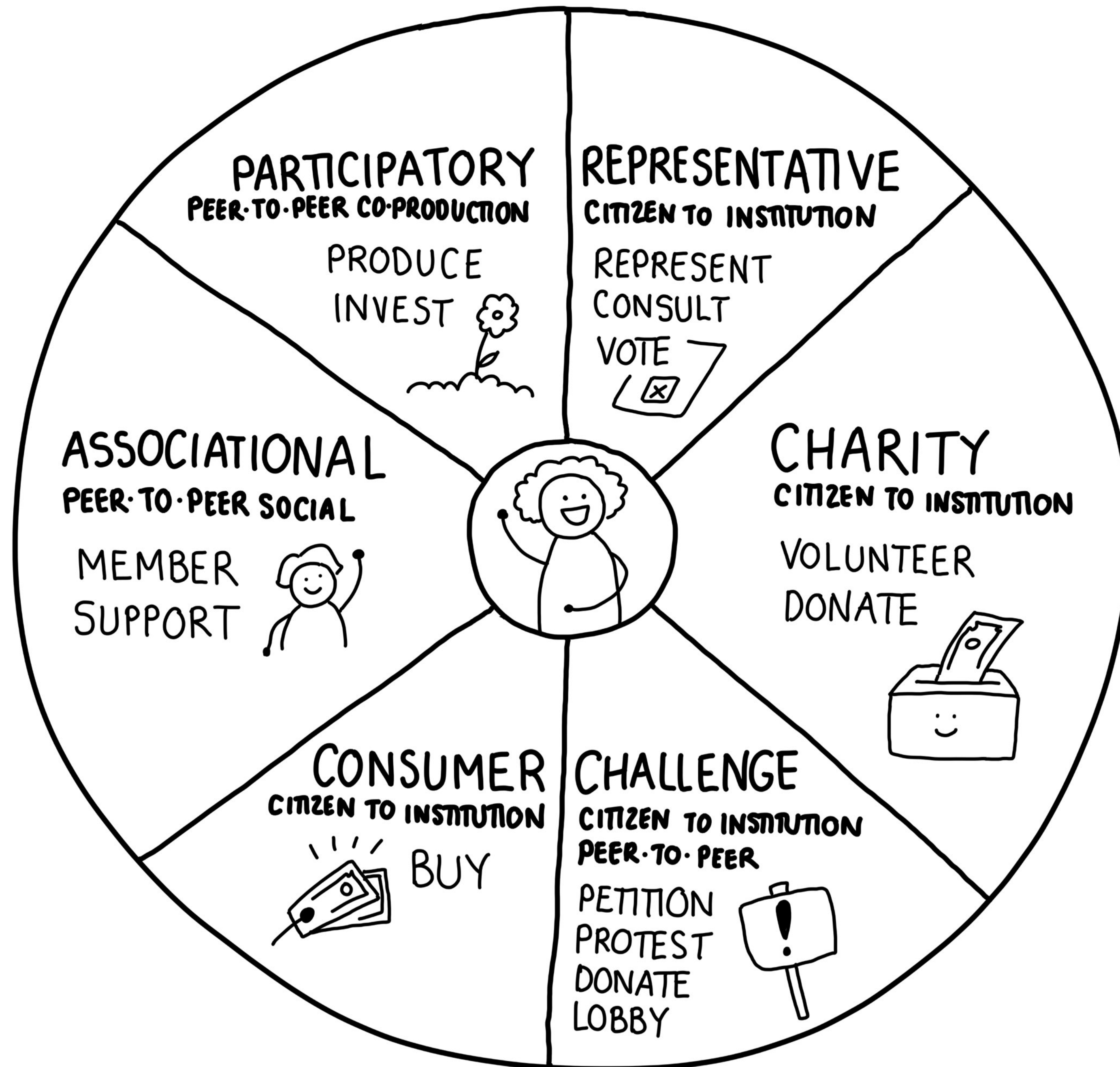
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**CITY
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TIME +
COMMITMENT
SCALE

100





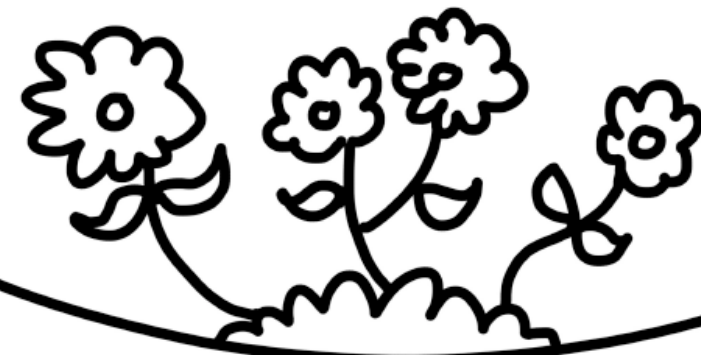
WE DESIGNED 2 DIFFERENT SYSTEMS THAT WORK TOGETHER

PARTICIPATION SYSTEM

MAKES IT EASIER FOR MANY PEOPLE
TO PARTICIPATE REGULARLY IN PRACTICAL
PROJECTS THAT FIT WITH THEIR EVERYDAY
LIFE.

SUPPORT SYSTEM

MAKES IT EASIER TO SUPPORT,
MAINTAIN OR GROW COLLECTIONS
OF PROJECTS



WHAT DO THE SYSTEMS CONSIST OF?

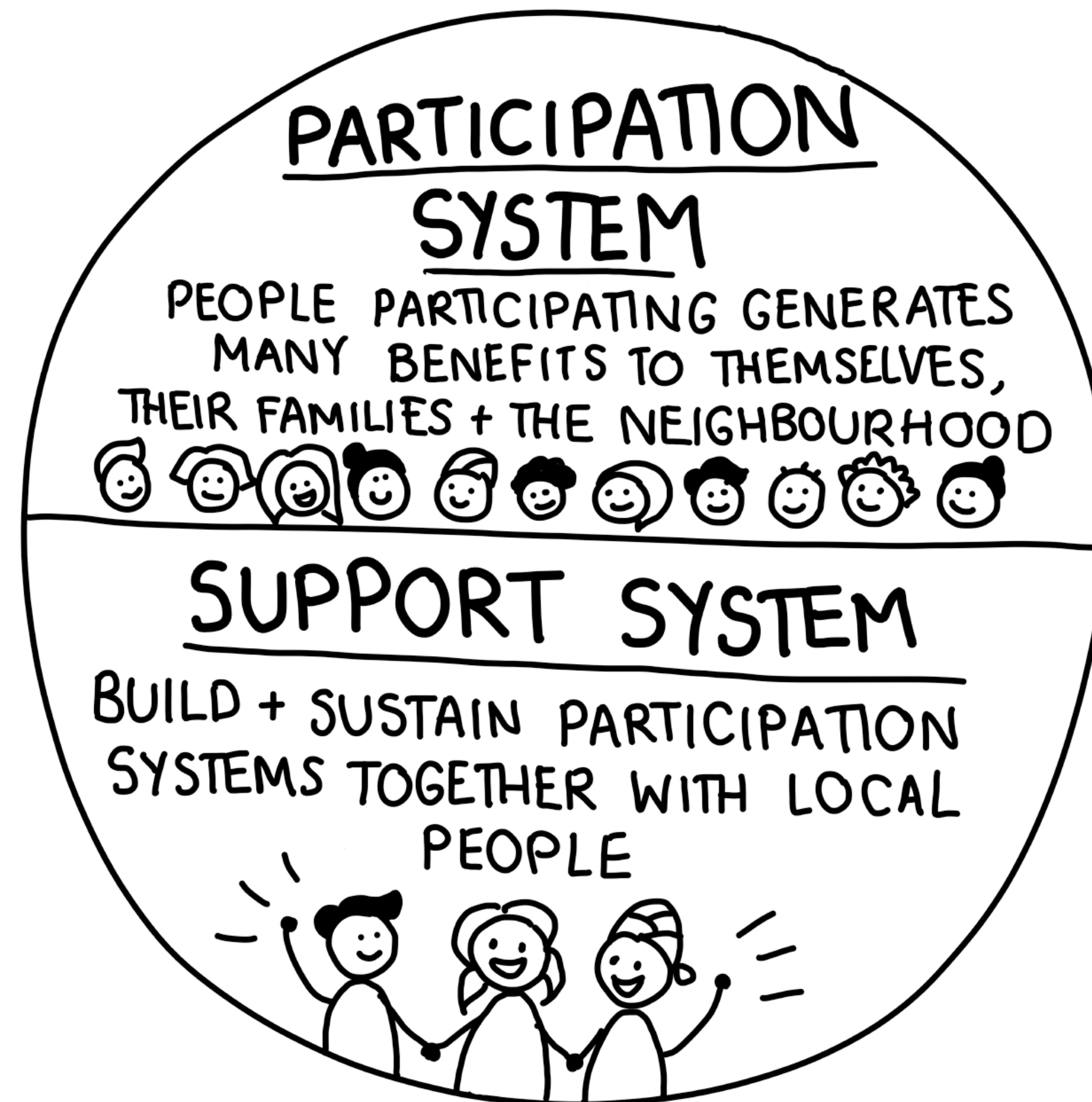
PARTICIPATION SYSTEM (ECOSYSTEM)

A COLLECTION OF MANY + VARIED
'PARTICIPATORY CULTURE' PROJECTS

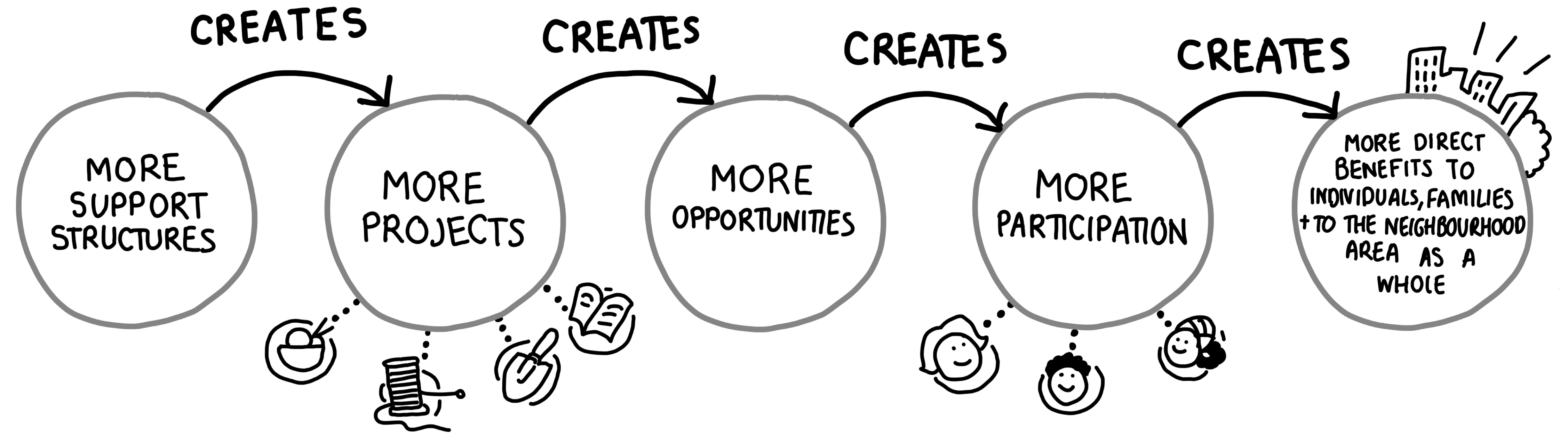
SUPPORT SYSTEM (PLATFORM)

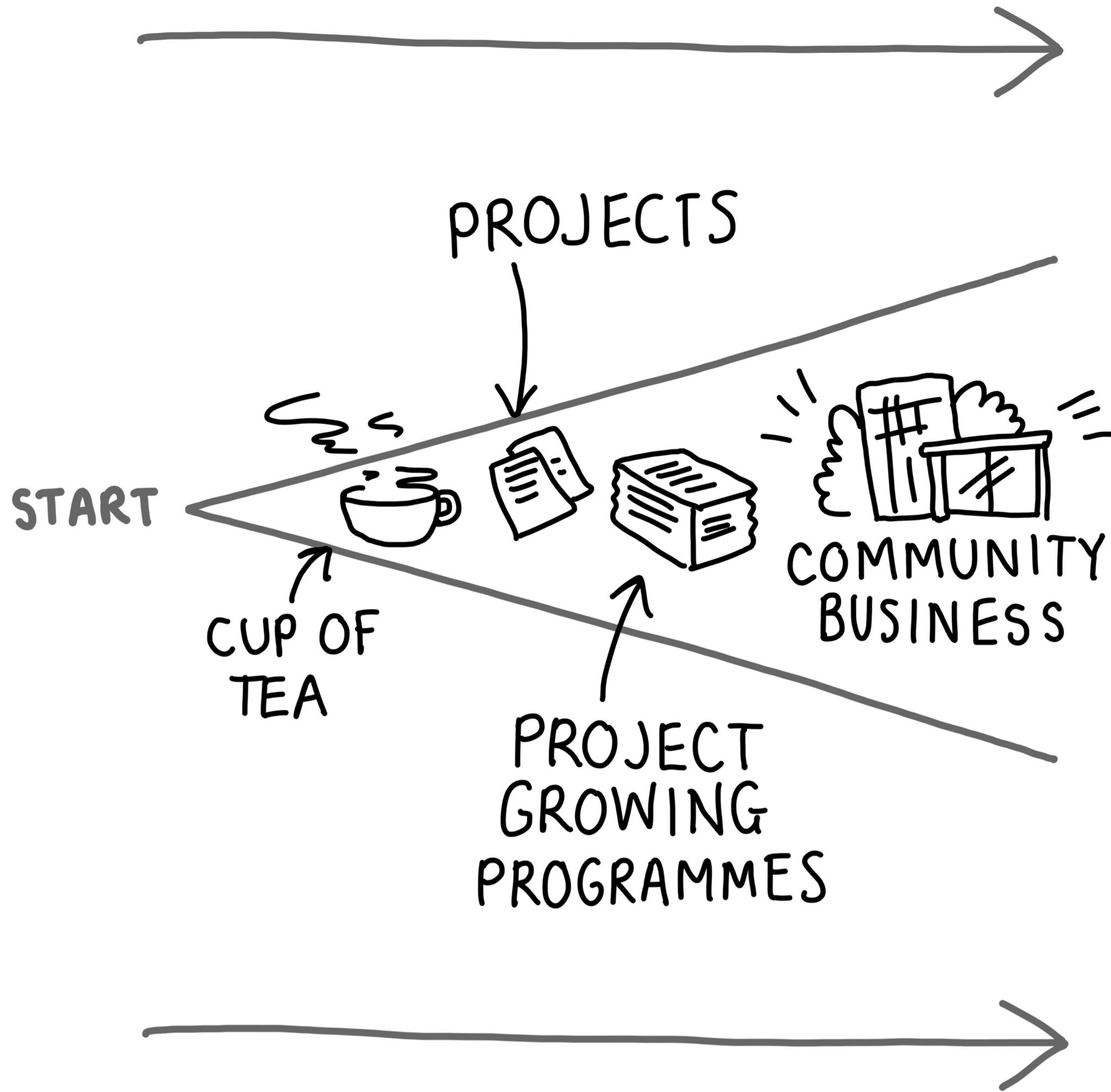
A COLLECTION OF MANY SUPPORT ELEMENTS
SHARED ACROSS ALL THE PROJECTS: PLATFORM,
DESIGN TEAM, FUNCTIONAL SPACES, PROJECT
IDEAS, ORGANISING, INSURANCE,
PROMOTIONS, DIGITAL,
METRICS, ETC

WHAT DO THE SYSTEMS ACHIEVE?



SIMPLE CAUSE AND EFFECT







**BUILDING
STRUCTURES AND
ECOSYSTEMS FOR
MASS
PARTICIPATION**

**NOT JUST SCALING
PROJECTS
PROGRAMMES
CONSULTATIONS**

EVERY ONE EVERY DAY

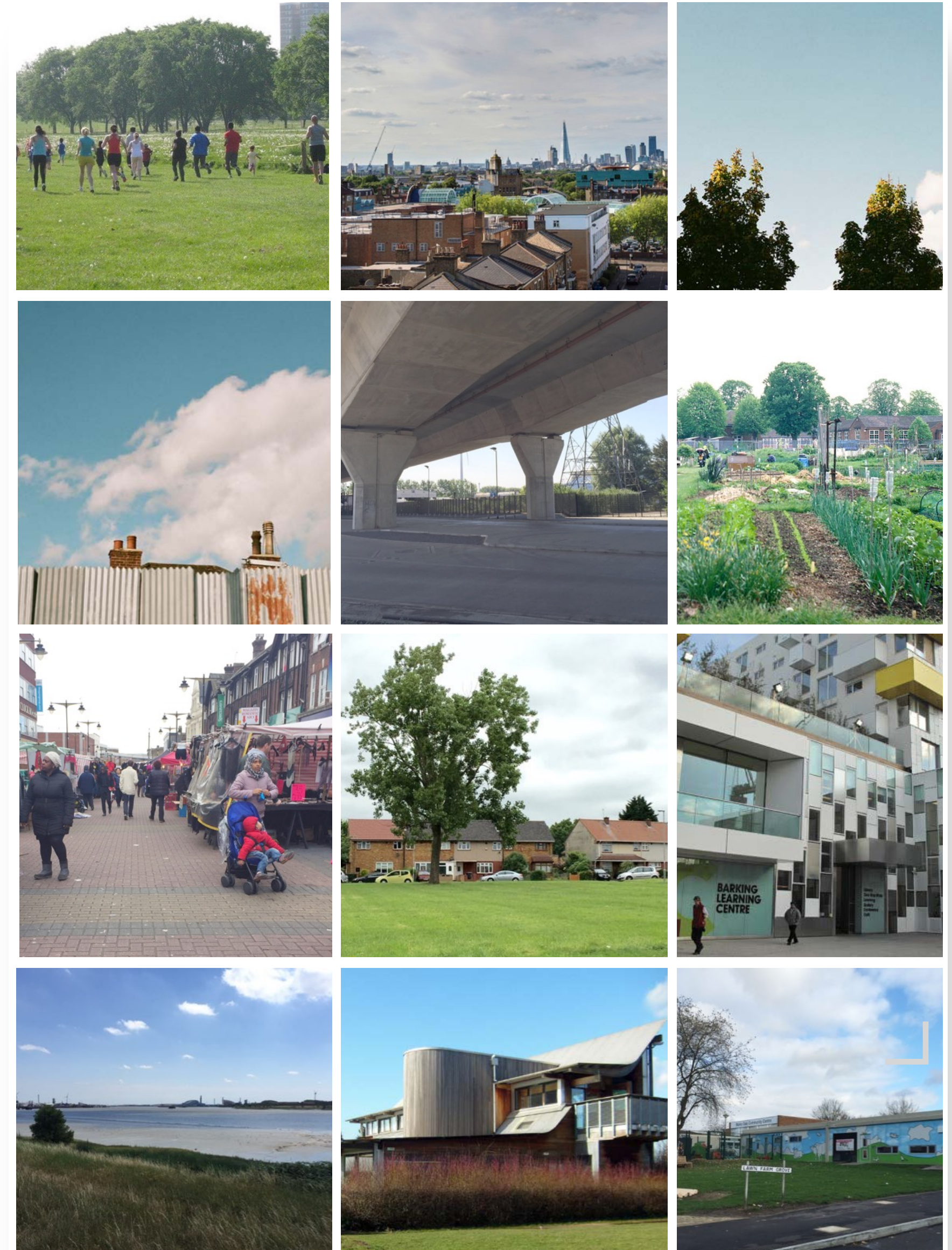
**DEMONSTRATION
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

200,000 PEOPLE

2017

£7.5M

5 YEARS



1 DECEMBER 1948

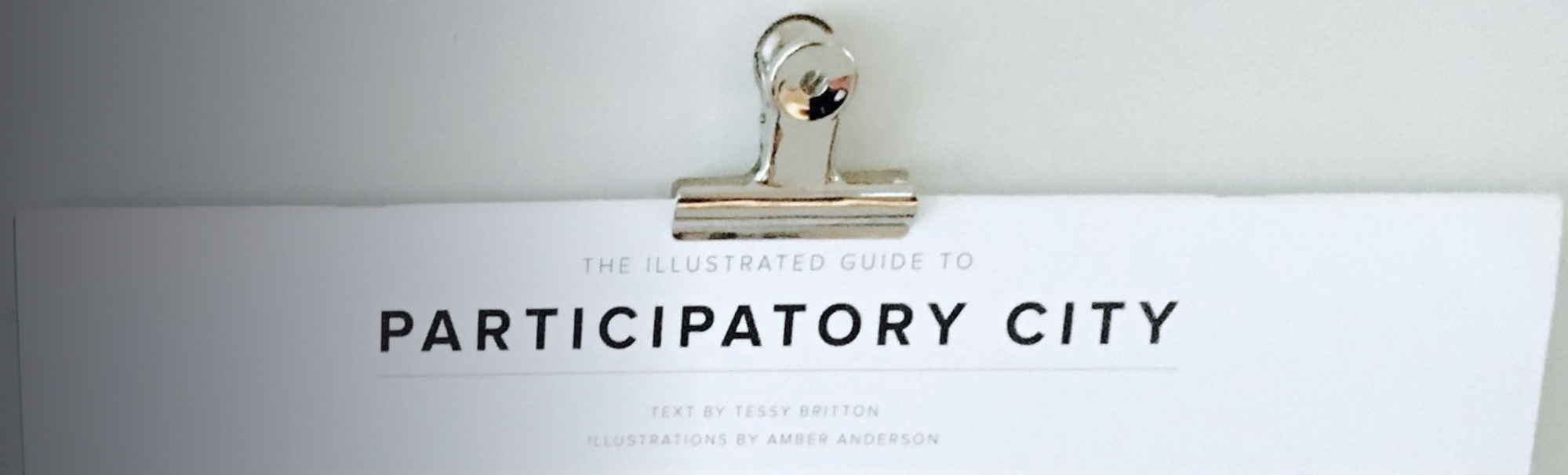
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**PRESIDENT OF
COSTA RICA**



THE ILLUSTRATED GUIDE TO PARTICIPATORY CITY

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THANK YOU

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