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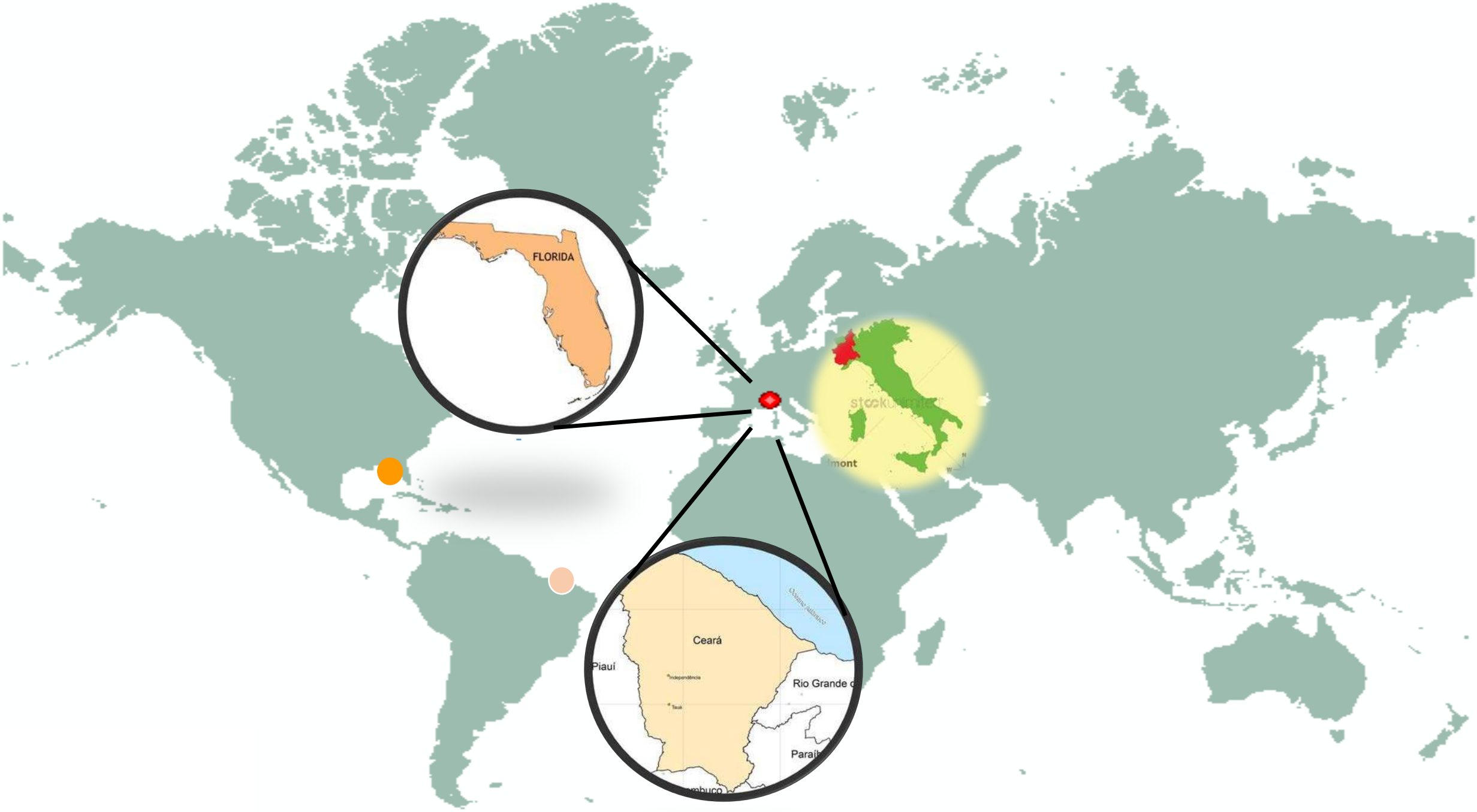
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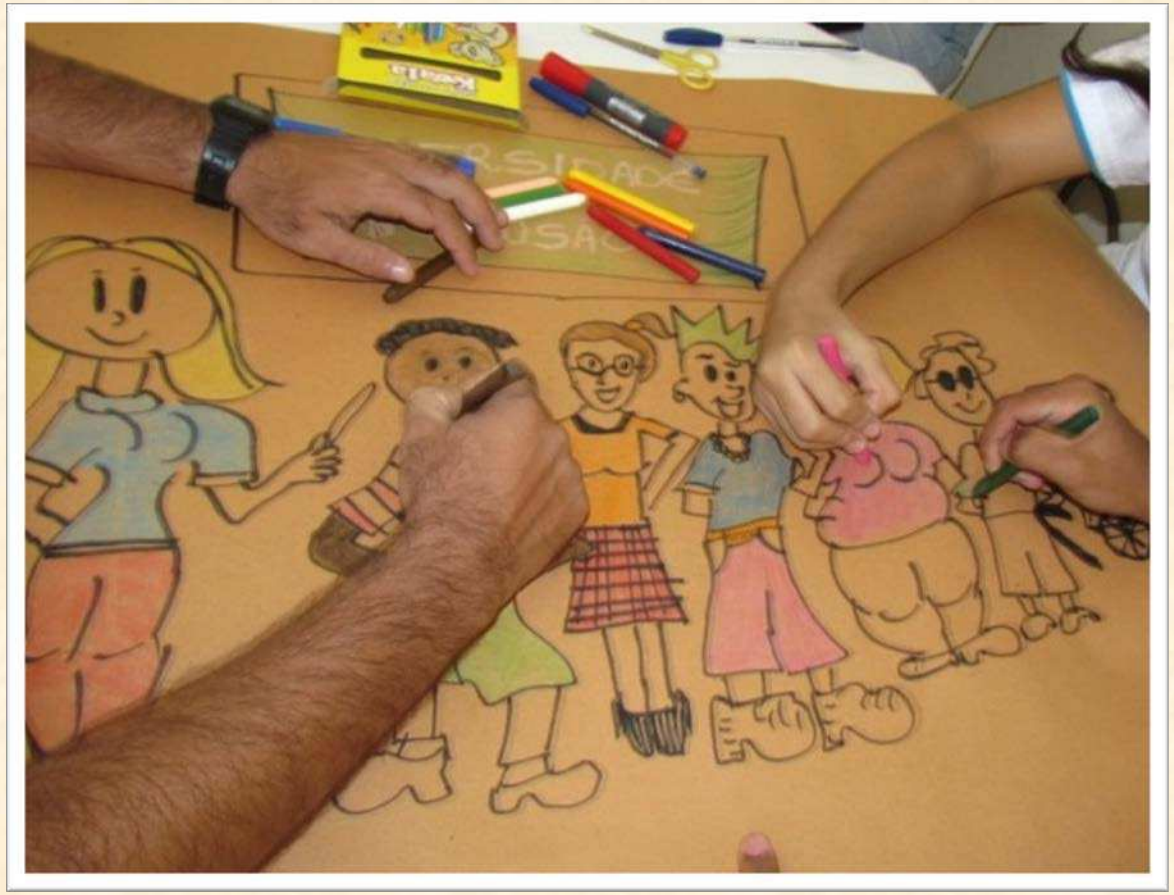
The World Café

New frames for design meetings

Focus on relationships through joint attention to communication process and on mutual learning toward whole systems design.



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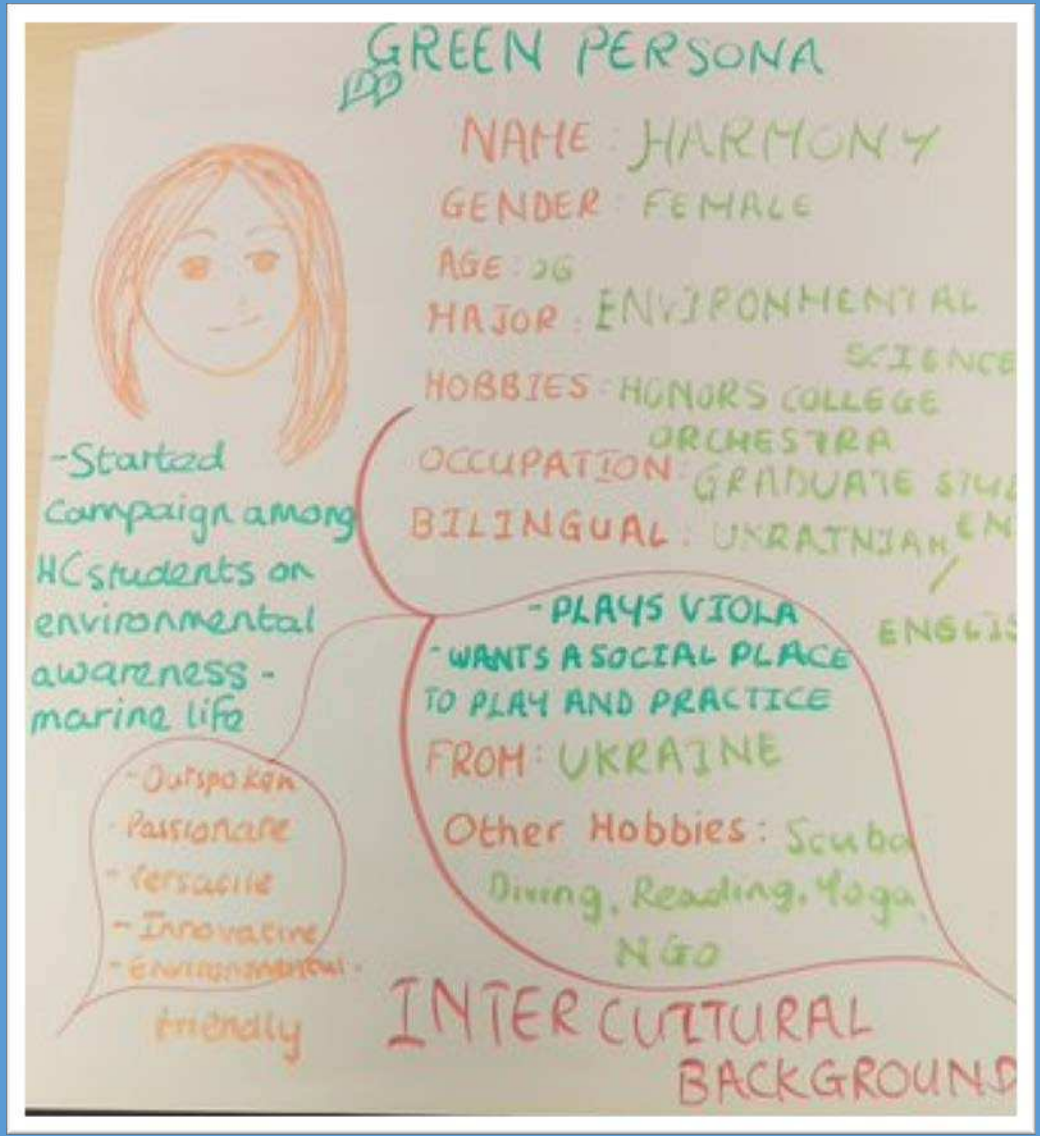
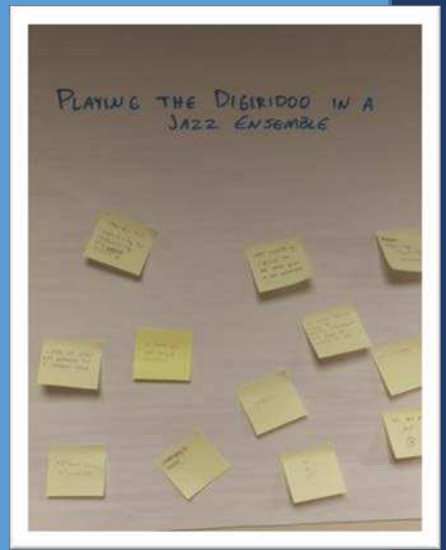
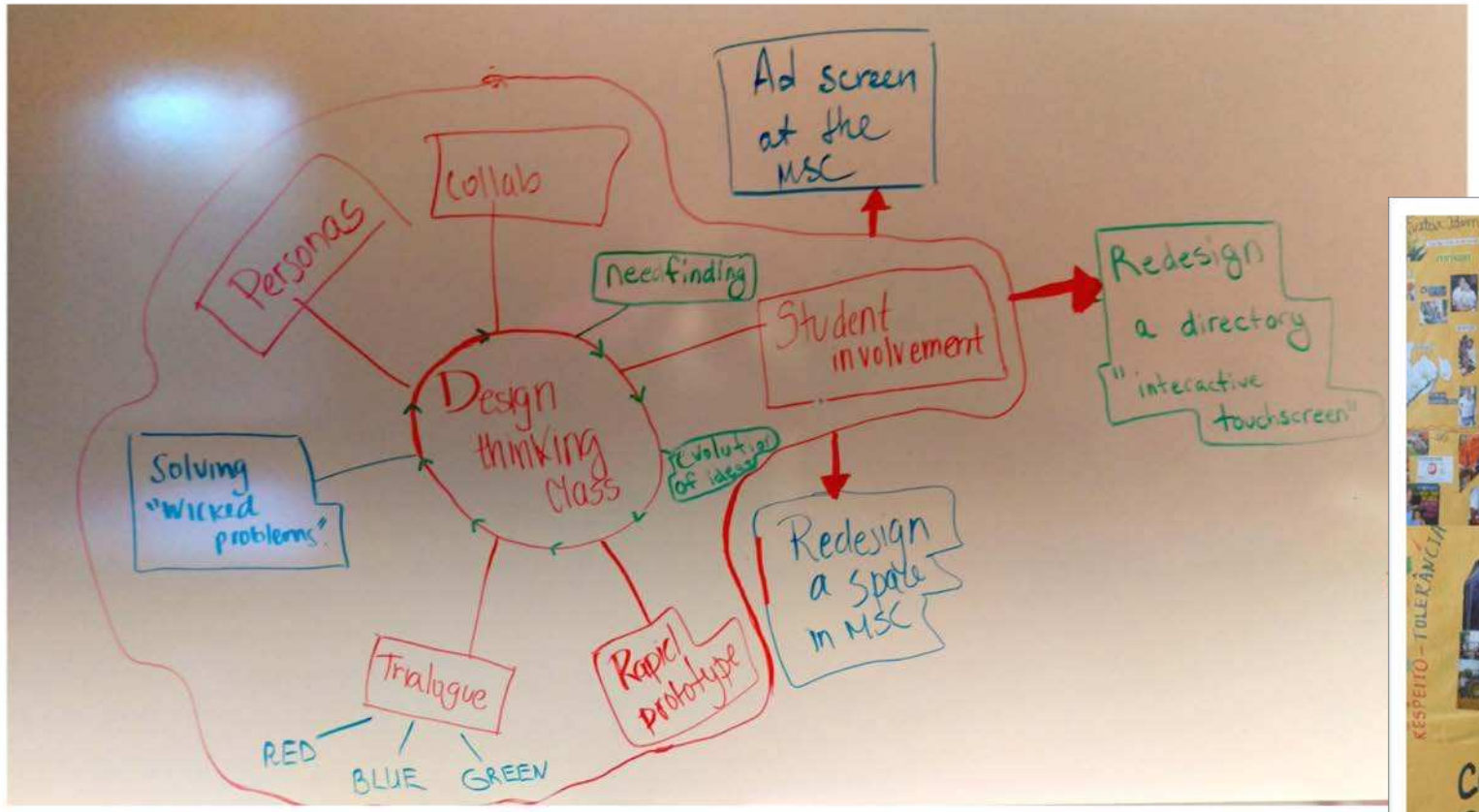


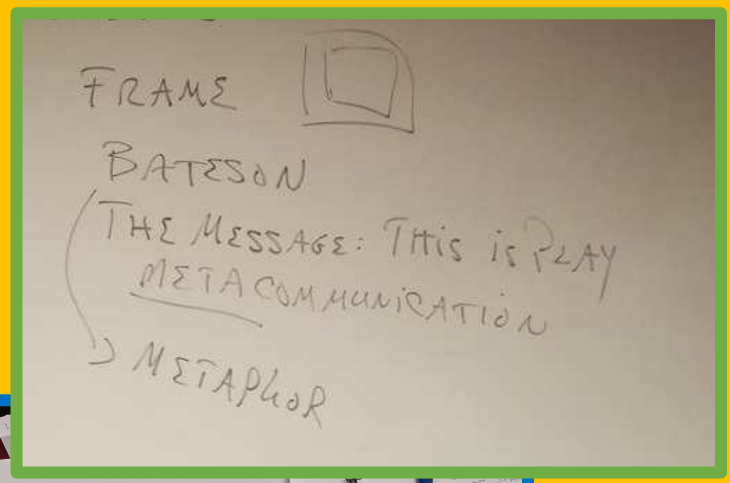


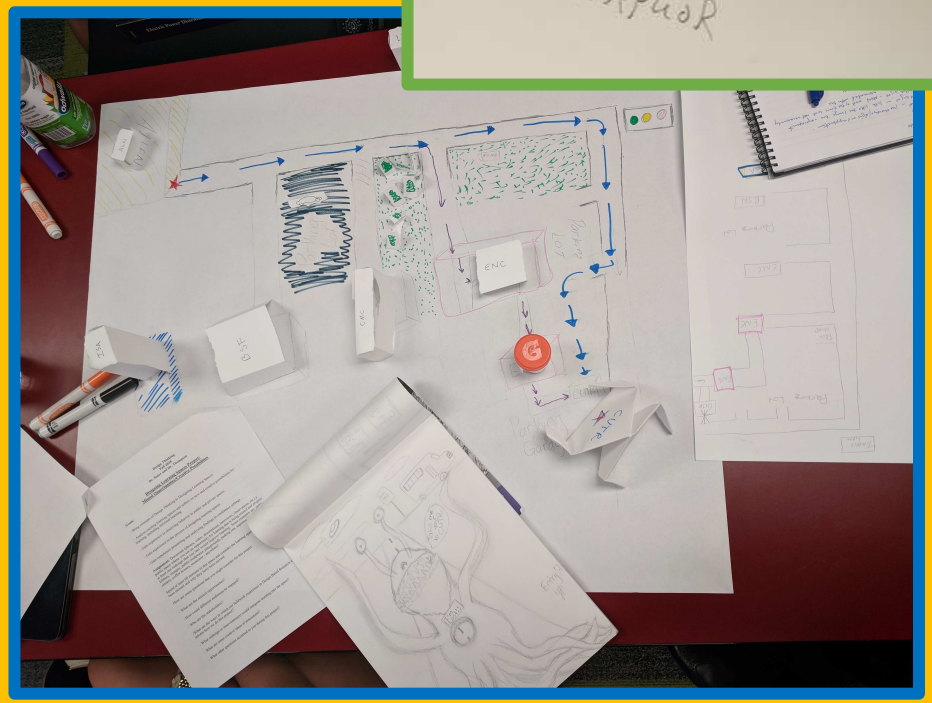
Ecological thought



parts and wholes

Orders of Learning & Multiple Levels of Communication



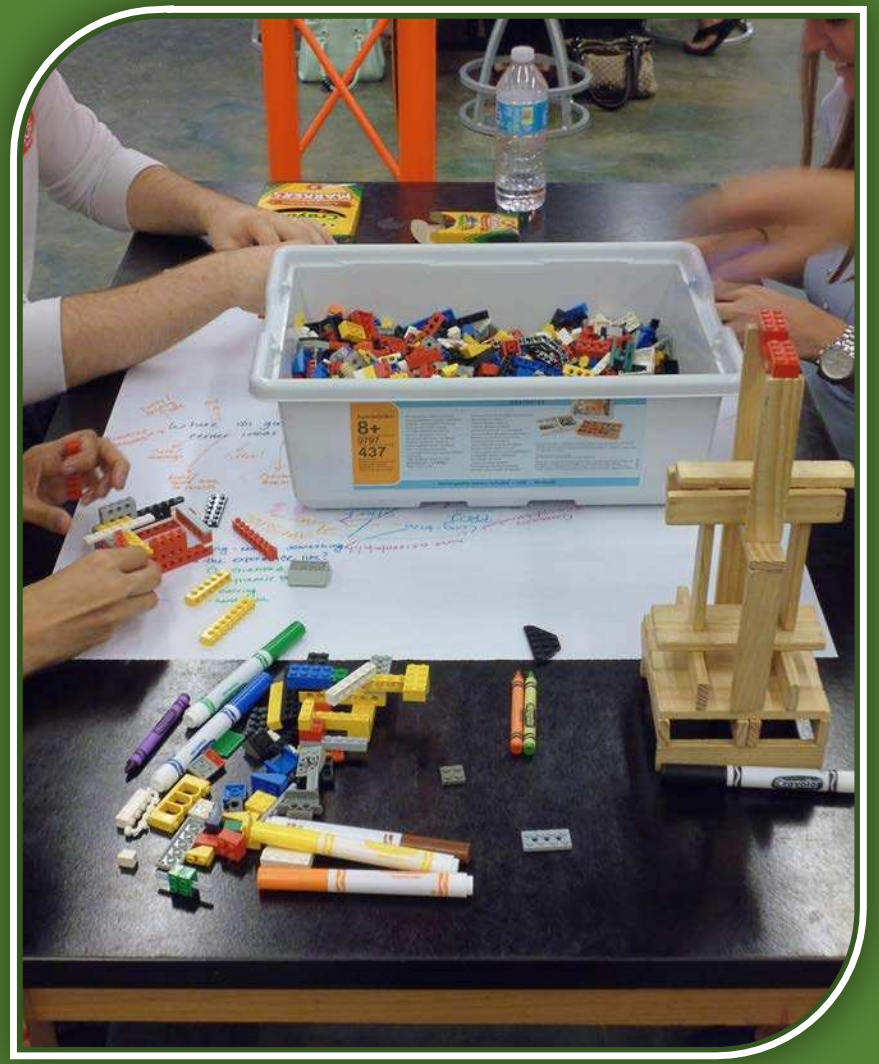


Reflection-in-interaction

Co-learning <–> integration of inquiry-action <–> design research <–> learning-by-doing

Shared practices rooted in design and systems thinking

Embracing new ways of learning to learn and to teach...



Communication process as parallel focus for design

More than 3,000 people consulted in 2 months

Peace Cafés, Aug.-Sept., 2010

Mutual learning and languaging

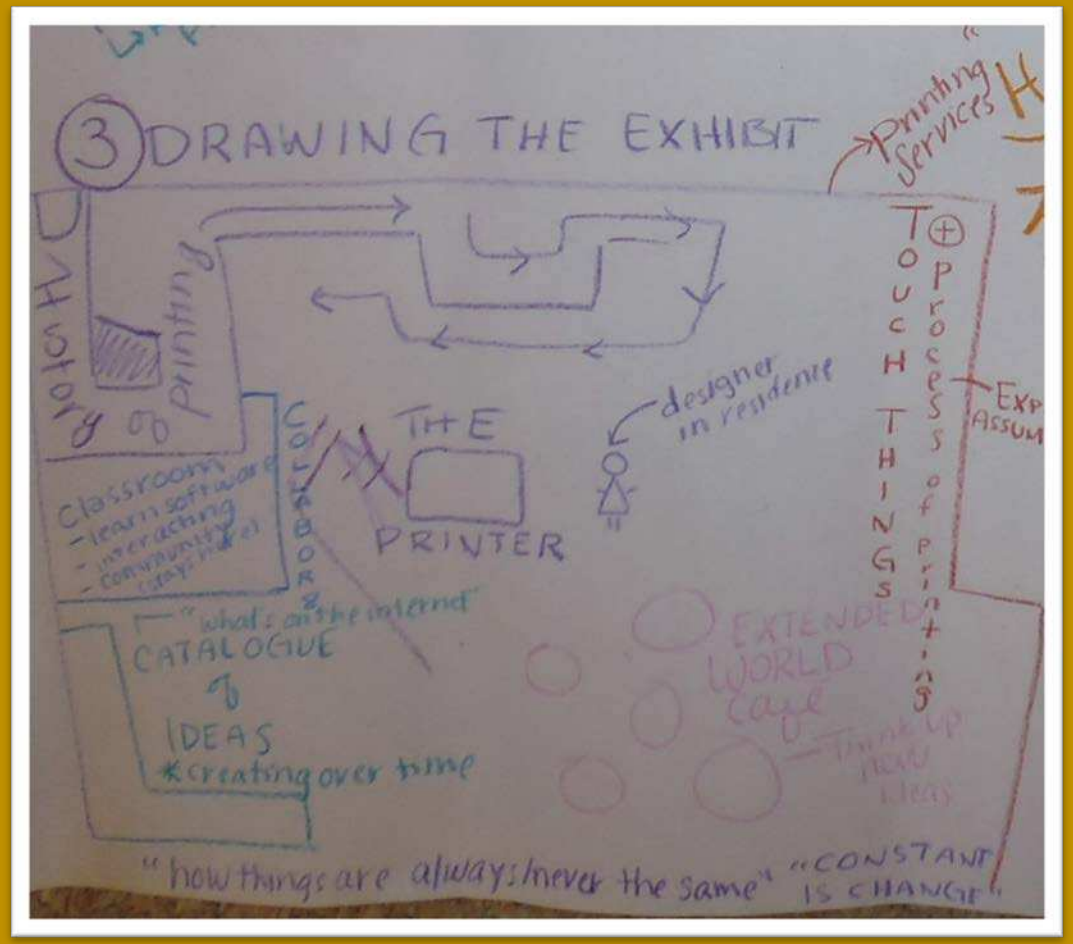
What is Peace?

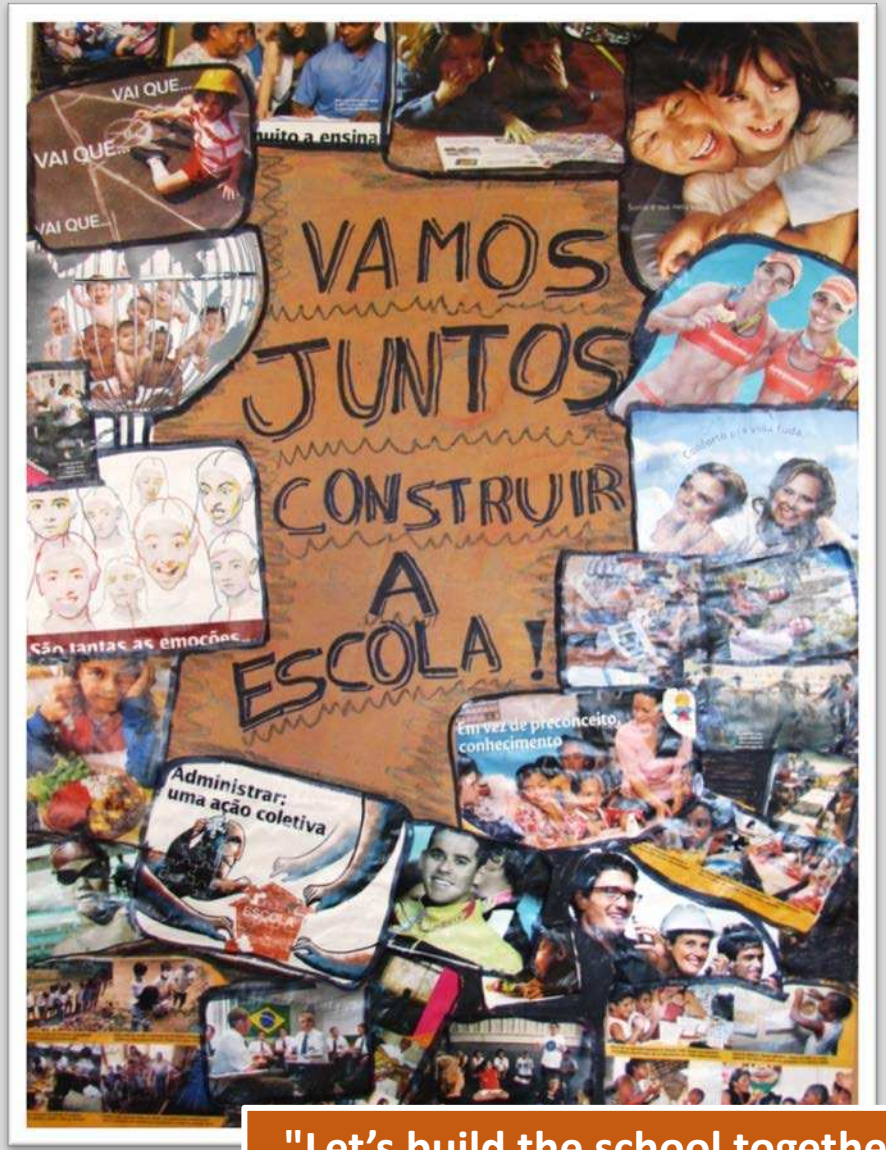
What is Peace made of?

What does Peace “produce”?

Observing frames

From vision to image





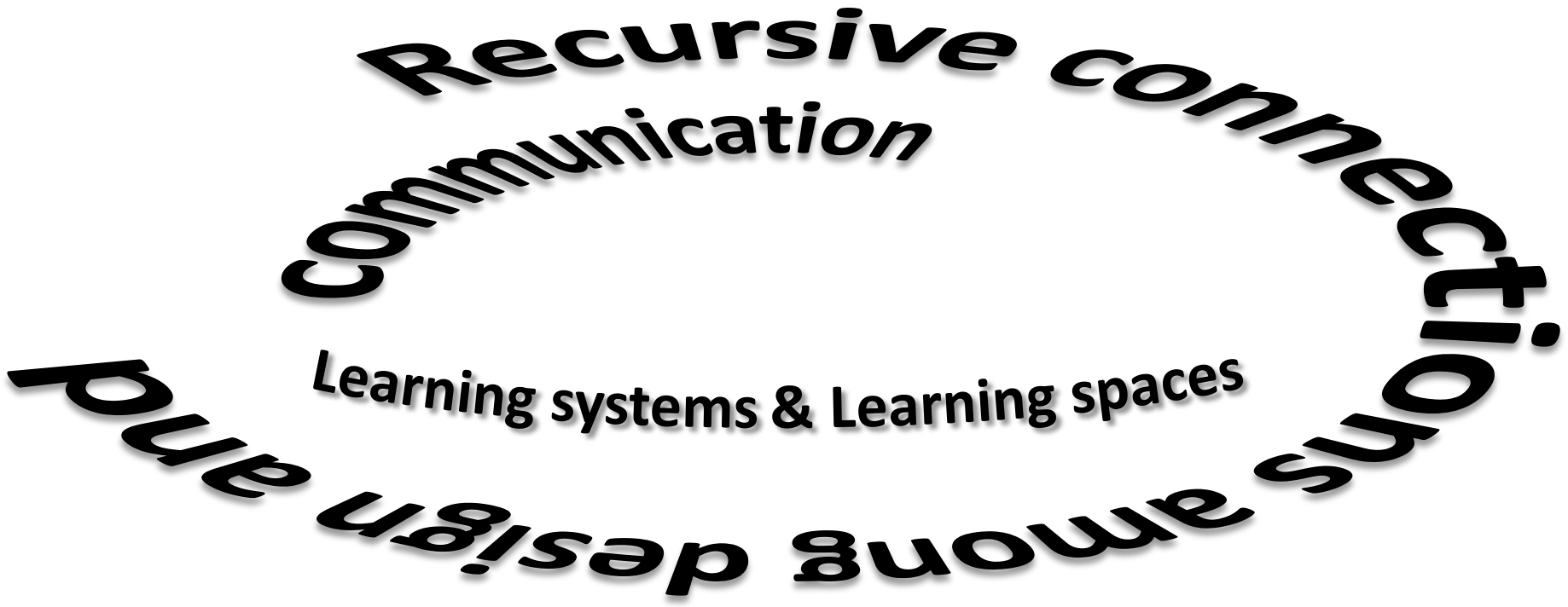
"Let's build the school together!"

From vision to image

Hundreds of words and terms “captured” in the very first Cafés helped build the generative words and thematics explored in the succeeding Cafés.

Mutual learning and languaging

The Face of Peace

Many faces, colors, and homes...

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