

**ARCHITECTURE  
PLAYSHOP #4**

# Climate Change Challenge

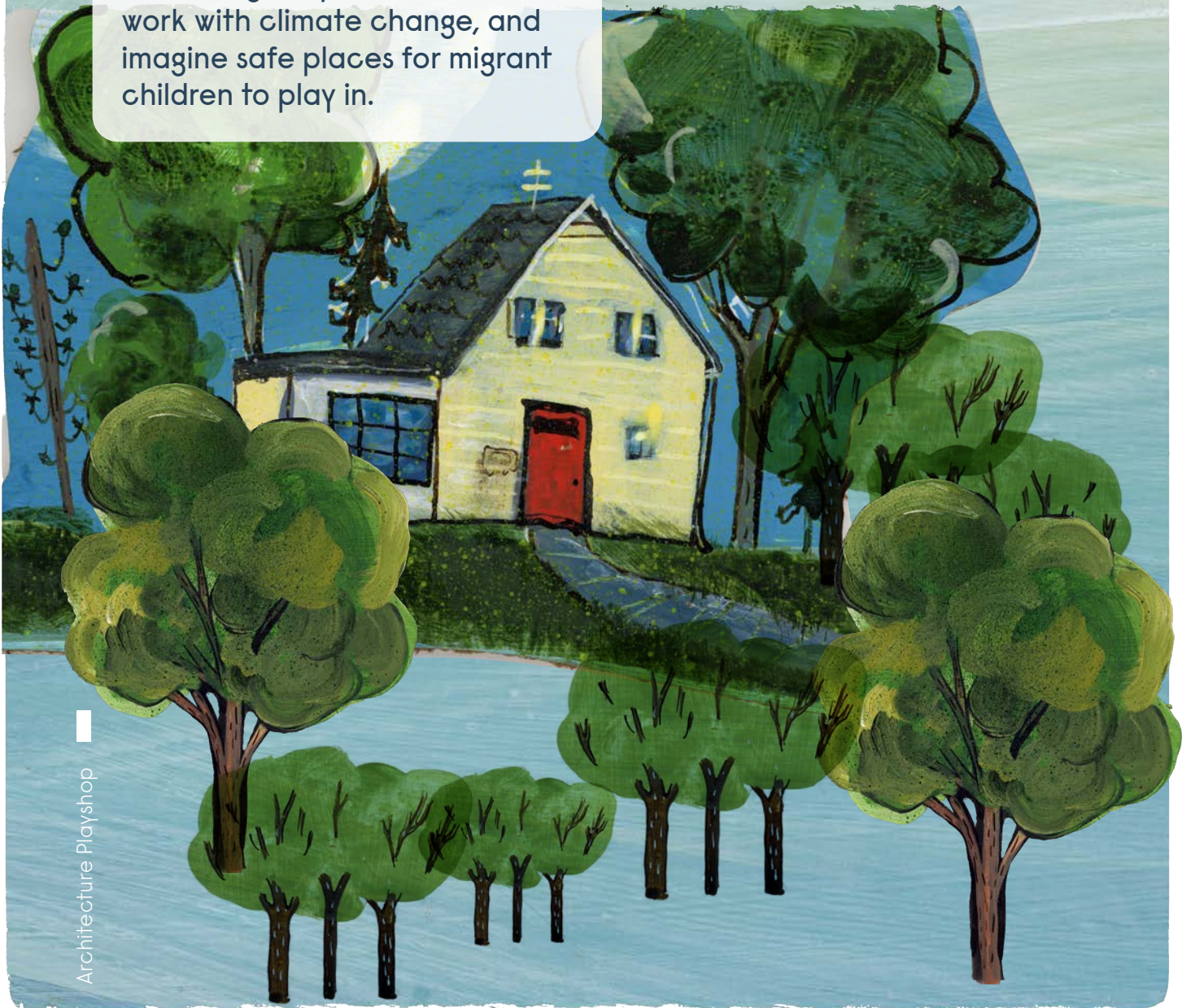
Safe Spaces for Climate Migrants





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In Session Four, we are going to talk about the ways climate change can force people out of their homes and communities. We will think about the kinds of housing they can build to work with climate change, and imagine safe places for migrant children to play in.







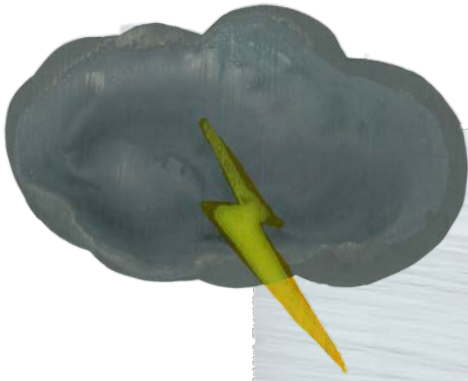


## MOVING HOUSE: FINDING SAFE SPACES TO LIVE IN

The way we live and build affects people all over the planet. When we rely on dirty energy, build with materials that don't last (that are **unsustainable**), and design cities and buildings poorly, we speed up the process of climate change. The extreme weather that climate change brings also causes people to move (**migrate**) to other places to find food, shelter, and work. These travellers are called **climate migrants**.







Often, they must live apart from their families and friends, and experience big changes in their daily lives. They may not be able to return to their regular jobs, schools or find safe places to rest and play.





## WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKPACK?

Imagine that you have to go on a last-minute trip, but you can only take what is most important to you. What do you need?

Show us what you would put in your backpack!

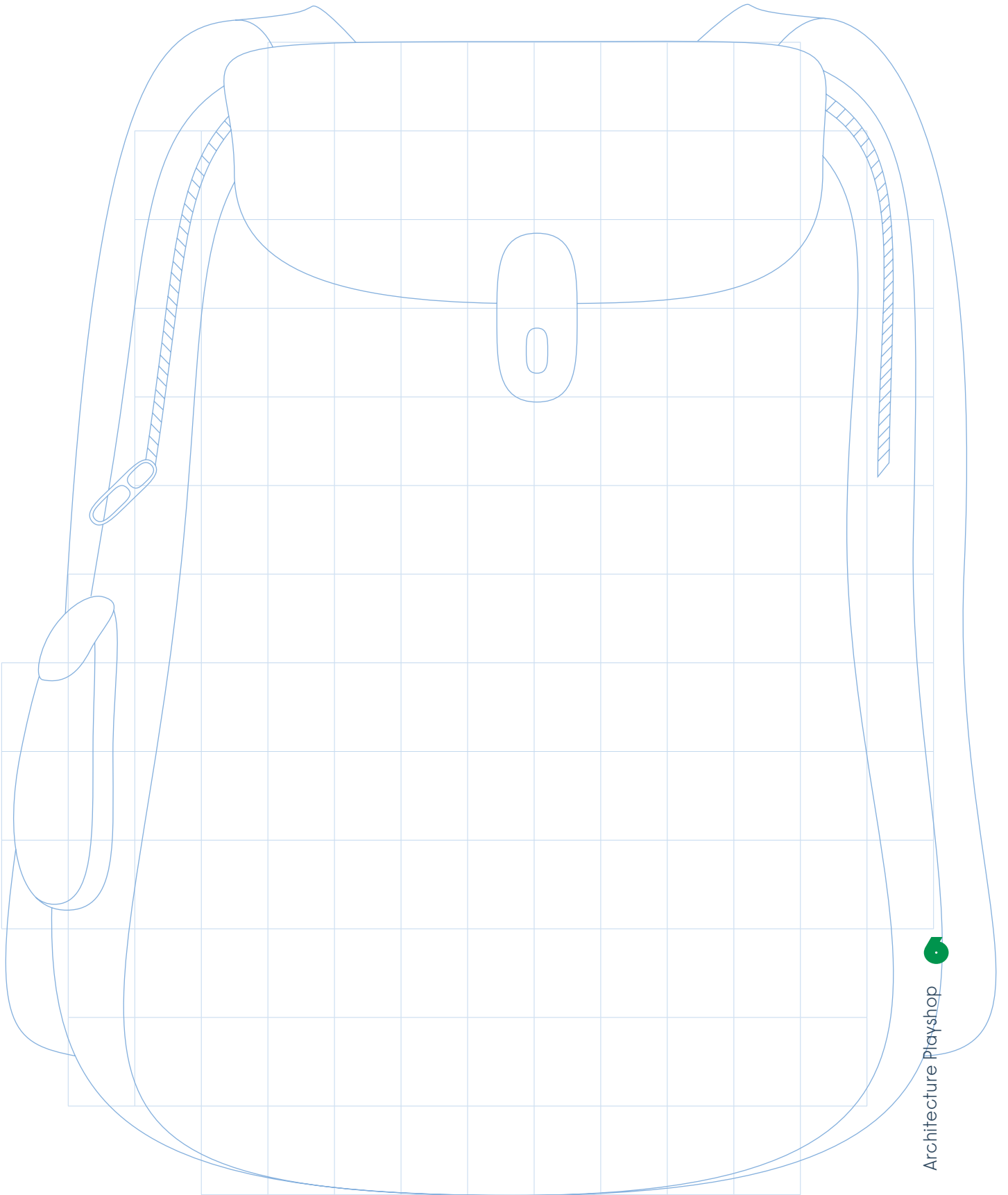
*what's in my bag*

Running shoes  
Toothbrush  
Favourite stuffed animal  
Flashlight  
A good book





# DRAW WHAT YOU WOULD PUT IN YOUR BACKPACK!







## JOURNEYS

Often **migrants** have to journey to countries that are very far away to feel safe. Sometimes they cross mountains, rivers or seas, and often don't have enough money to travel comfortably. When they get to a new country, they have a lot of work to do before they can help their new communities. They need food, jobs, access to doctors, and schools for their children. But first, and most importantly, they need safe spaces to live and play in.











## FINDING SAFE SPACES FOR CHILDREN TO LIVE IN, TO LEARN AND PLAY

When **climate migrants** must stop on their journeys to a new homeland, they often have to rest or live in places they would not choose (**temporary housing**). They may have difficulty finding safe housing. They may end up living in tiny buildings where they are all squished together, and in small communities outside cities that are far away from schools, jobs, grocery stores, and hospitals. Children may not be able to go to school or find safe places to play.





## How can architects help climate migrants?

They can build safe, temporary shelters for people on the move, and they can also help people build better homes to work with the weather that climate change brings.







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## HOW ARCHITECTS CAN HELP!

This is Yasmeen Lari;  
she's an architect.



Because of severe flooding many rural people in her country, Pakistan, have had to build new homes. To help them, she designed bamboo shelters that sit high above the water so that people are protected from future floods. Yasmeen teaches people who need new homes how to build them on their own using bamboo, jute, straw and earth, **local** and **sustainable** materials.

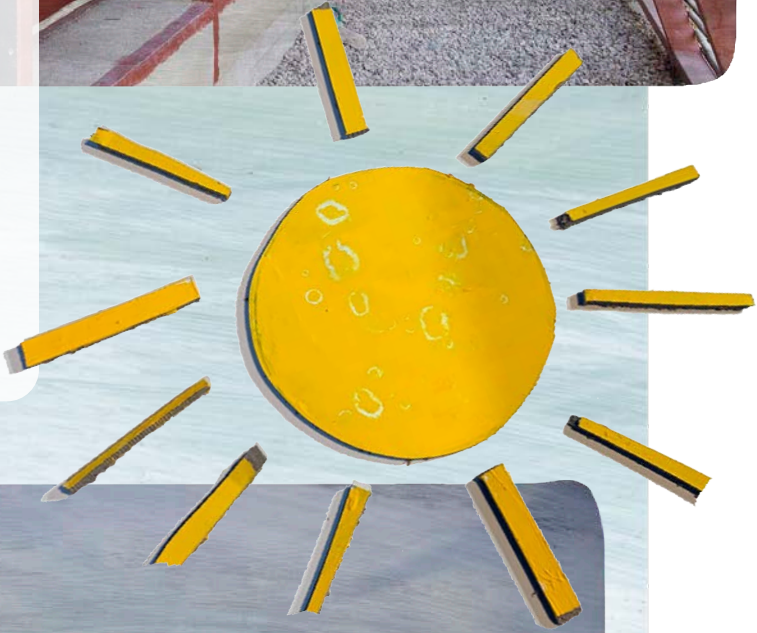




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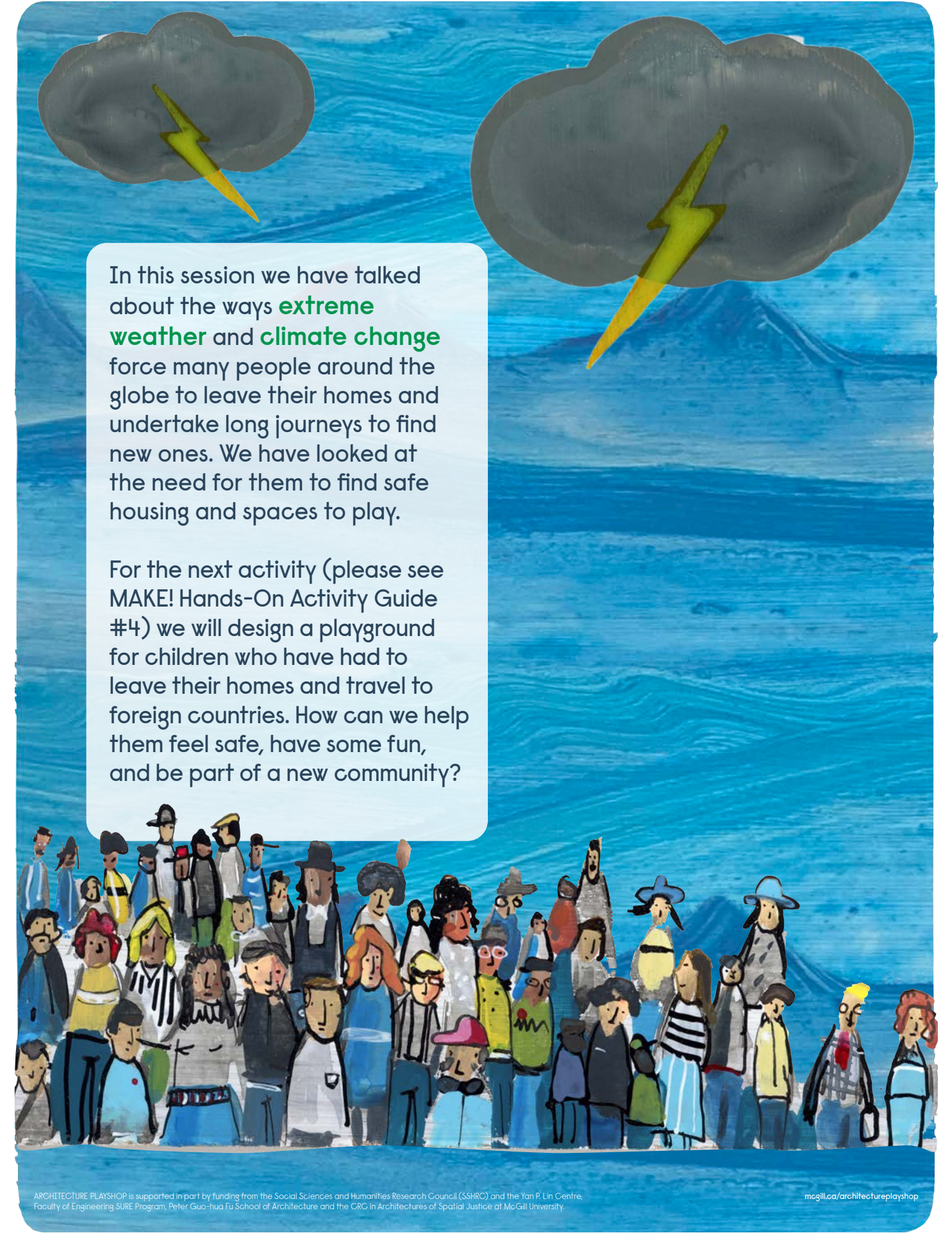
In another place, at the border between the countries Thailand and Burma, the Min Tu Won school was built by architects, teachers and students from the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok for children who had to leave home. Together they created a unique and inspiring place for children to learn and play in, full of light and open to nature.



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In this session we have talked about the ways **extreme weather** and **climate change** force many people around the globe to leave their homes and undertake long journeys to find new ones. We have looked at the need for them to find safe housing and spaces to play.

For the next activity (please see MAKE! Hands-On Activity Guide #4) we will design a playground for children who have had to leave their homes and travel to foreign countries. How can we help them feel safe, have some fun, and be part of a new community?

