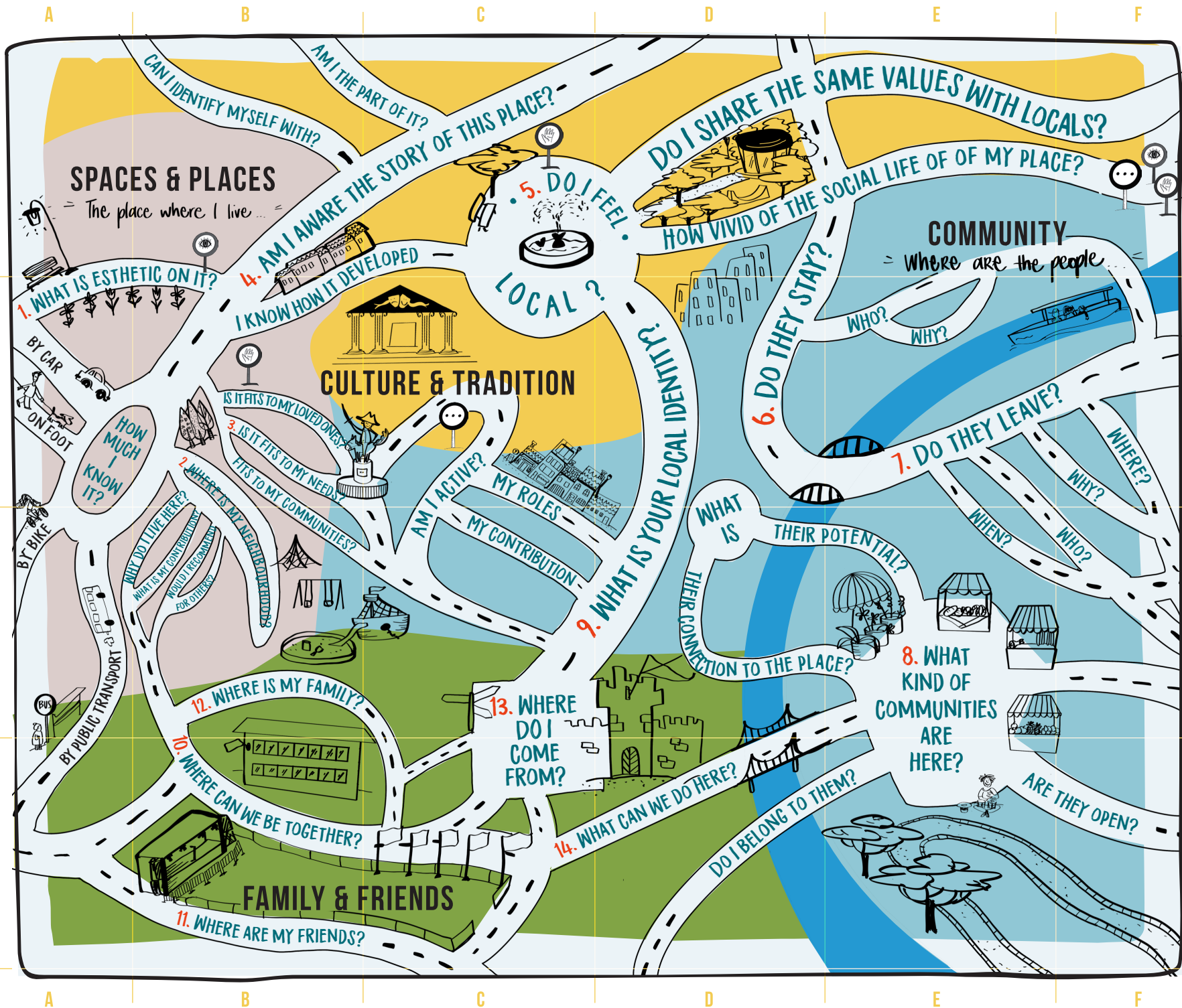


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AROUND BELONGING

is a complex tool created by youth work and community development experts in order to tackle the sense of belonging of individuals (particularly young people) about where they live.

The tool contains three maps. Technically these are separate tools, you can use any of them according to your aims and your target group - which might be you yourself. Our advice would be, to follow our numbers and go step by step. The first map, the **MAP of YOU** would give you a chance to reflect on your personal experiences and sensations about the sense of belonging. The second map, the **MAP of YOUTH** perspective shifts from you, to the youth of your city, village, metropolis, neighbourhood - the size it's up to your reality.

The third map is a kind of freestyler map, what you can adapt, update according to your ideas, needs and creativity. In order to support the use of this tool, we provide you with some recommendations on how to use it.

Originally the tool was planned as a self-assess-

ment tool only, but when we made some headway we discovered other - for most youth workers probably a more preferred way of usage as well. As a self-assessment tool if you prefer to do it individually we would count on your experiences and would let you do follow your personal rhythm with the discovery of the tool. If you would use it in group work, we collected some of our discoveries that might be useful for the smoother adaptation.

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THIS TOOL ARE:

- › to give ideas on how to tackle the sense of belonging in youth work activities,
- › to promote reflection as a way/technique of awareness-raising
- › to foster a dialogue among young people and professionals about their connection to the place where they live

GENERAL INFORMATION

In this settlement, there are four neighbourhoods

which are the following:

- › Spaces and Places
- › Culture and Tradition
- › Family and Friends
- › Community

In each neighbourhood, you can find questions that help you explore your own sense of belonging. In the first map of the **Around belonging** we ask you to choose a settlement that you wish to work and stay with it during the whole process. When choosing it please keep your level of connection in focus.

We are certain that the activity functions the best in small groups not more than 4 people, but if you want to use the tool with bigger groups in each there should be a facilitator assigned with.

Before you start to use the tool within the group you should have an agreement on a common goal (only reflecting on one neighbourhood, or selection of questions from each, working with all neighbourhoods etc) and you should set a time frame as it requires more time if you reflect on more questions.

The core idea of this tool is to reflect and share so it also fosters a bit to get to know each other better. However, try not to lose your focus which is reflection.

Timeframe: in good company time is flying and this tool hasn't got a real timeframe, but according to our experiences, it works the best within a 90-100 minutes block where the reflection in plenary might be included as well. This timeframe might be enough for a group of four to go through one neighbourhood or discover at least 5-6 streets of different areas.

Possible timing of usage:

- › 10 min - discover the tool, understand the aims and objectives
- › 60-70 min - group work
- › 20 min - reflection and conclusion

TIPS

- › Always make notes for yourself :)
- › Be aware that some streets are connected with each other, so don't forget to reflect on the connected "streets"

- › Check the traffic signs and follow instructions
- › Could be useful to have a little figure, doll, bottom that you can use as an avatar of yourself or the group to see where you are on the map.
- › If the map as a visual element confuses you, you can find all the questions on the back of the map too - find what serves you the most!

If you see these traffic signs, please answer also for these questions:



How do I know it?



... and others?



Details, please!

SPACES & PLACES

THE PLACE WHERE I LIVE

01. What is esthetic on it?

How much I know it?

- › by car?
- › on foot?
- › by bike?
- › by public transport?

02. Where is my neighborhood?

- › Why do I live here?
- › What is my contribution?
- › Would I recommend for others?

03. Is it fits

- › to my needs?
- › to my loved ones?
- › to my communities?

CULTURE & TRADITION

04. Am I aware of the story of this place?

- › Can I identify myself with?
- › Am I the part of it?
- › I know how it developed

05. Do I feel local?

- › How vivid is the social life of my place?
- › Do I share the same values with locals?

NOTES

COMMUNITY

WHERE ARE THE PEOPLE ...

06. Do they stay?

- › Who?
- › Why?

07. Do they leave?

- › Where?
- › Why?
- › When?
- › Who?

08. What kind of communities are here?

- › What is their potential?
- › What is their connection to the place?
- › Are they open?
- › Do I belong to them?

09. What is your local identity?

- › Am I active?
- › My roles...
- › My contribution...

FAMILY & FRIENDS

10. Where can we be together?

11. Where are my friends?

12. Where is my family?

13. Where do I come from?

14. What can we do here?

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