Building social cohesion through inclusive, co-created participation

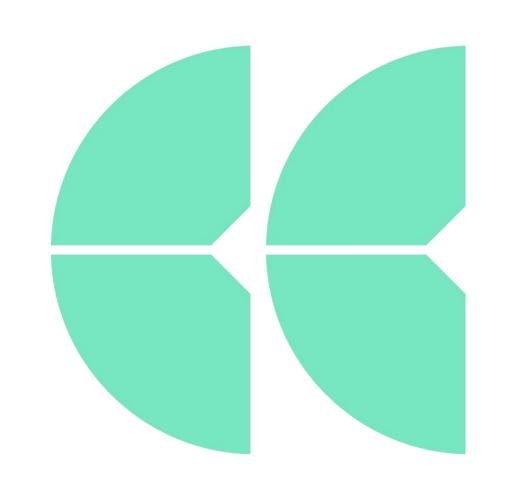
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What we will cover...

- Background/context
- Models, approaches and principles
- Communication, engagement and catalysing
- Activity, impact and outcomes
- Key challenges and lessons learnt
- Contact details for follow-up and Toolkit/learning materials





Barking and Dagenham

East London

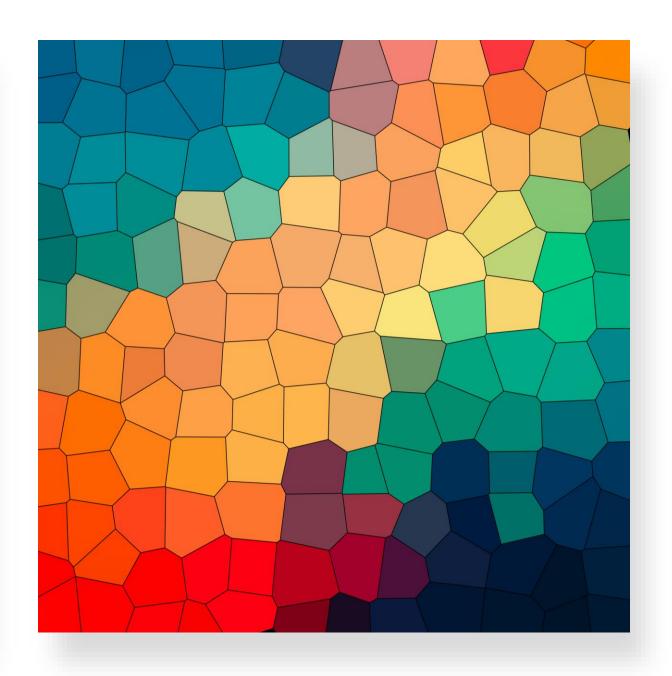
Metaphors for multicultural life



Melting pot



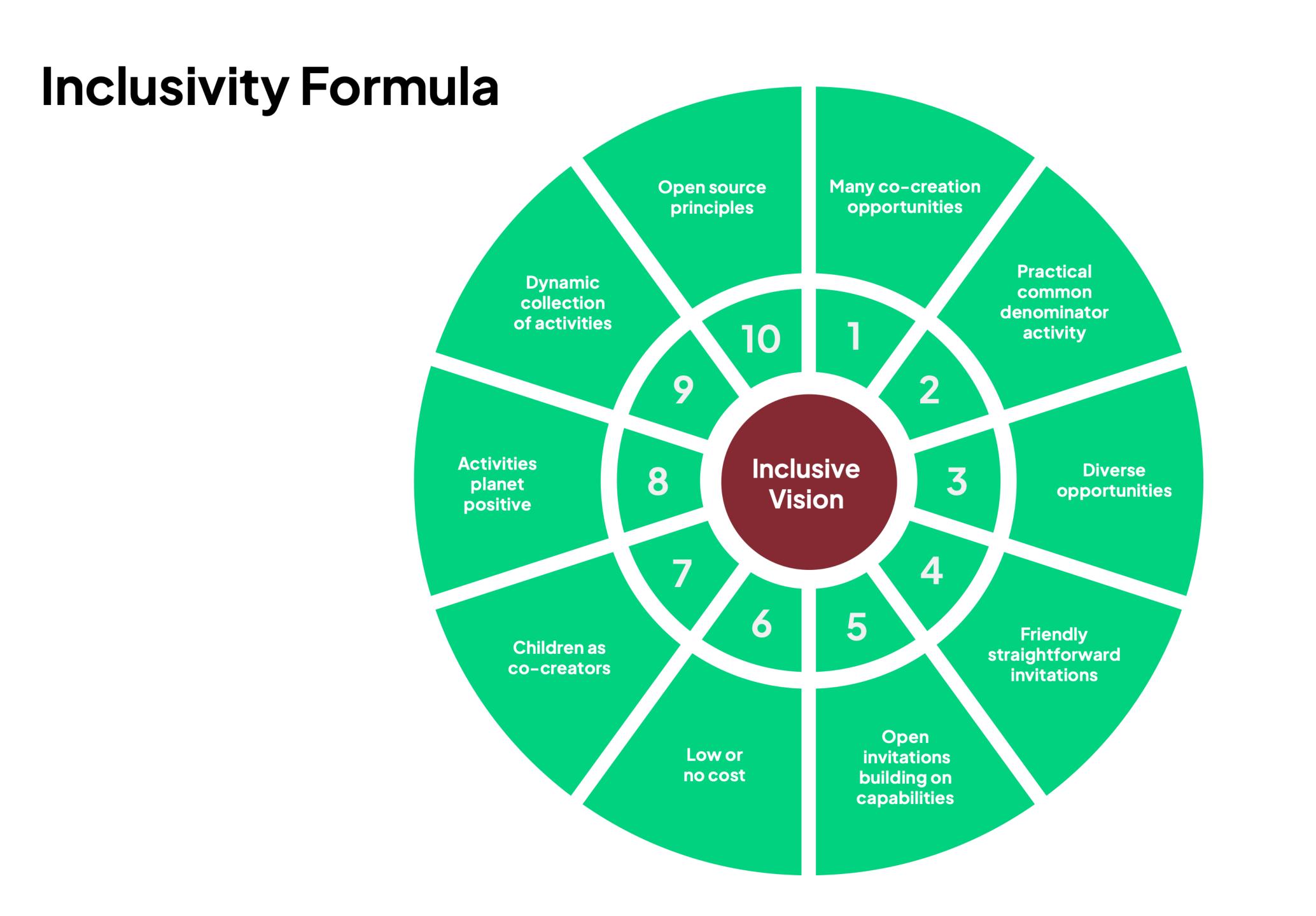
Salad bowl



Mosaic

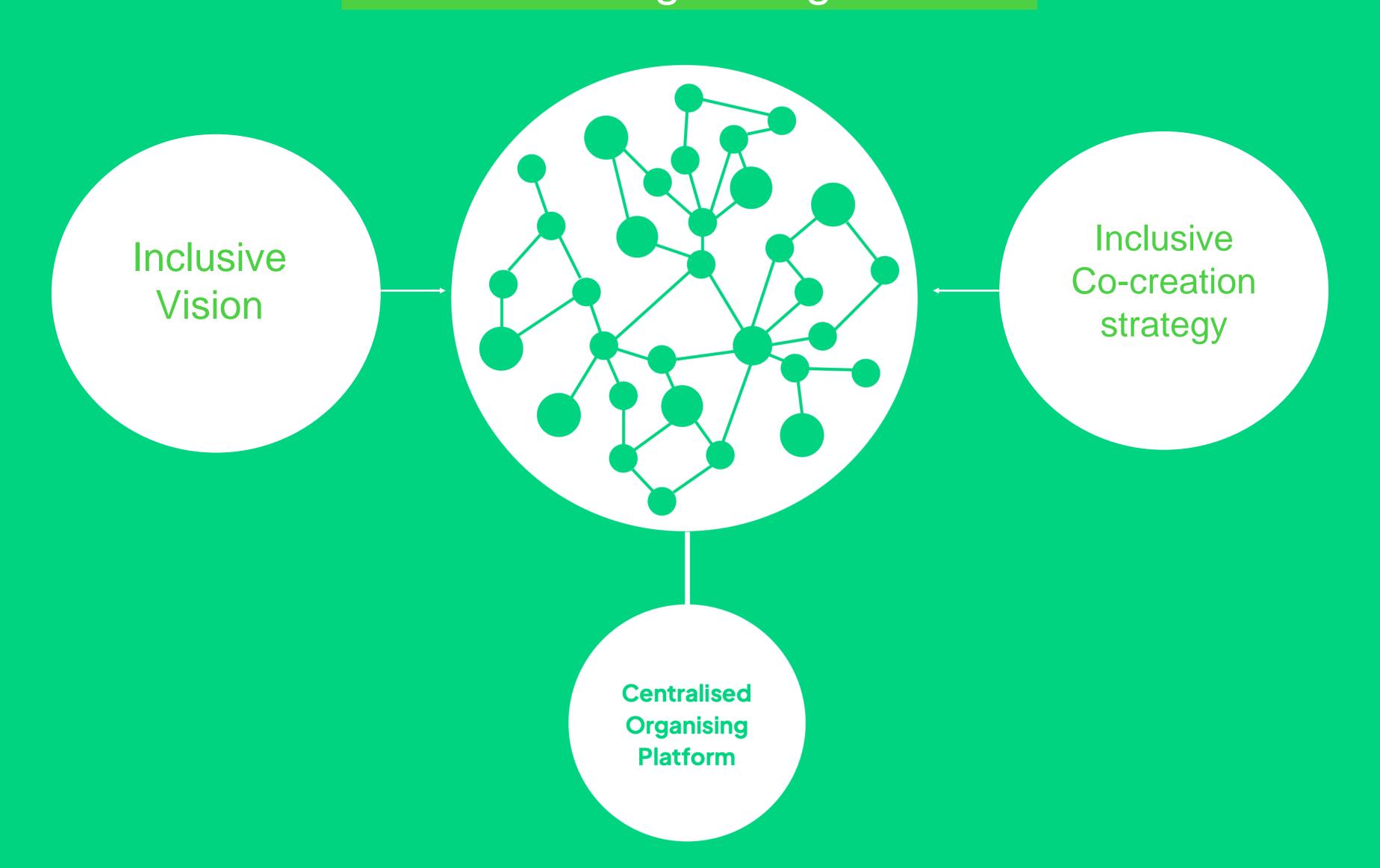


Shared lives





Model 2 Centralised Organising Platform



Centralised organising platform



The Participatory Ecosystem:

A collection of many and varied practical participatory projects and opportunities.

Makes it easier for many people to participate regularly in practical projects that fit with their everyday life – and talents

Made to Measure

PARTICIPATORY

A collection of many and varied practical 'participatory culture' projects and opportunities



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Co-production process

SUPPORT PLATFORM

A collection of co-ordinated shared infrastructure

Makes it easier to support, maintain and grow collections of projects.





warehouse

Operations & Logistics

A system of practical support.

Design principles of support platform

Makes it easier to start and grow ideas.
Works quickly.
Reduces and shares personal risk.
Proper co-production design.
More people involved as co-builders.
New ways for organisations to collaborate.
Support collections of projects.
More opportunities to grow confidence.

Design principles for inclusive Participatory Ecosystem

Low time and commitment.

No or low cost.

Simple and straightforward.

Many opportunities with wide variety.

Nearby and accessible.

Opportunities from beginner to expert.

Promote directly and effectively.

Introduce or accompany.

Tangible benefits to people.

Attracting talents not targeting needs.

Fostering inclusive culture.

100% open - no stigma.

Build projects with everyone.

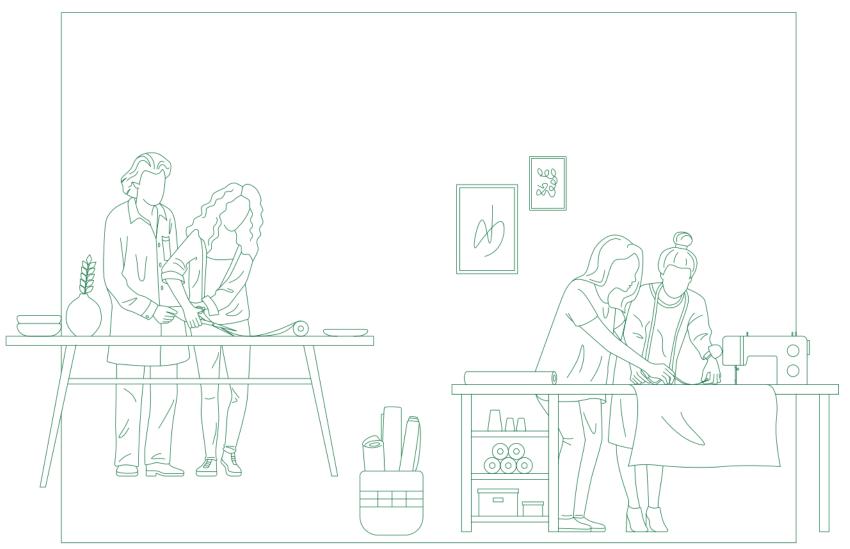
The Support Platform:

A collection of coordinated shared infrastructure, including operations and logistics, network of venues and assets and highly trained team.

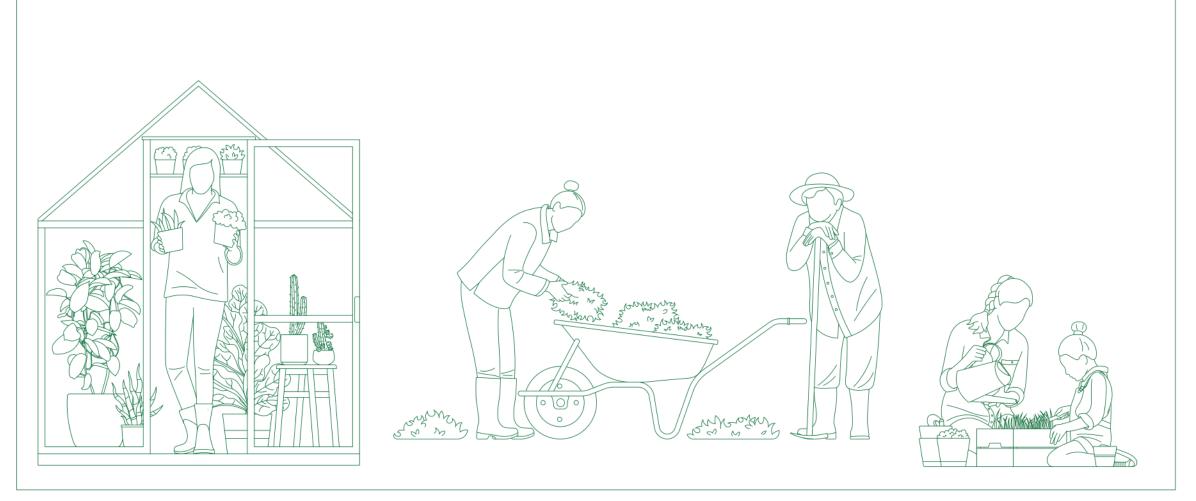
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Diverse spaces











Diverse activities/projects







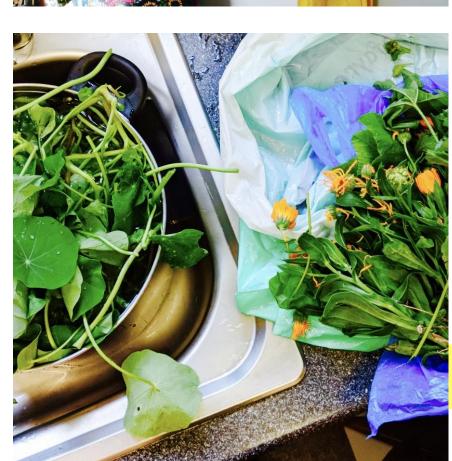












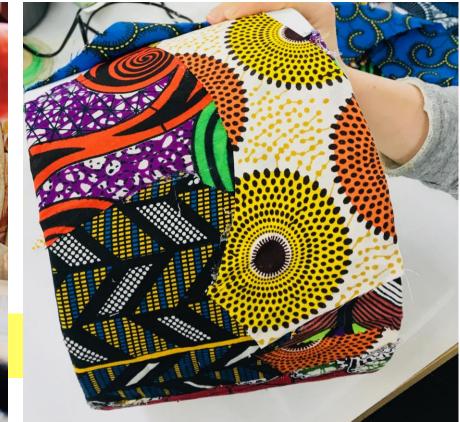






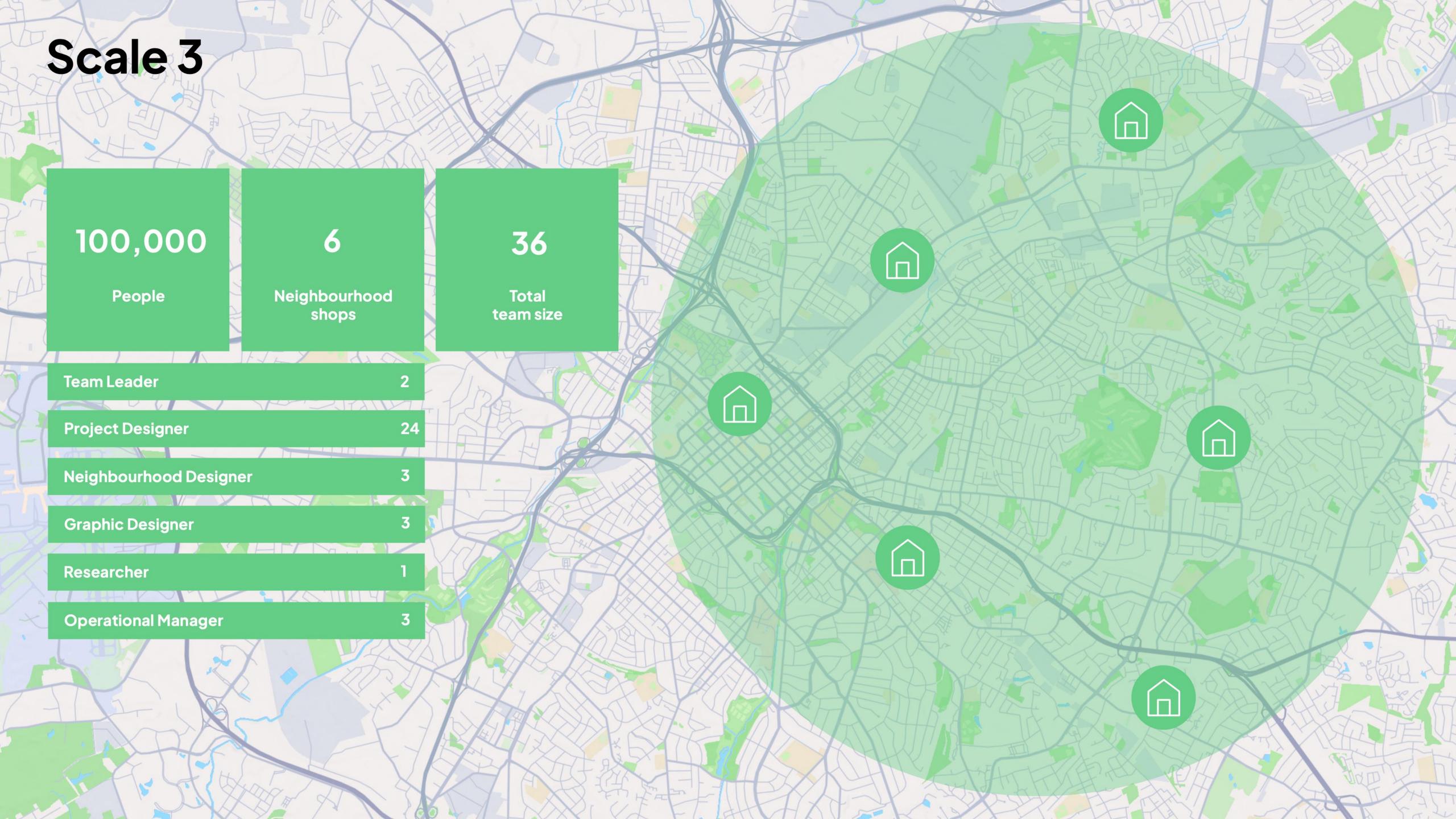












The newspapers

The newspapers contain all the information about Every One Every Day's programmes, which are tailored to highly localised geographical areas centred around each shop.

Shop fronts

Shop fronts are the physical Every
One Every Day brand presence
in the borough. They are bright,
clean spaces with large welcoming
windows adorned with the strap
line 'Neighbourhoods made by
everyone, for everyone".

In person communication

Any physical communications to engage residents and wider audiences in the form of posters, window vinyl, leaflets, information packs and reports to describe and depict in detail how and when residents can participate.

Online communications

Any online communications to engage residents and wider audiences in the form of social media posts, GIF's, Instagram stories and reels, blog posts and films.

Reports

A yearly report to communicate findings and developments in the participatory methodology. These are both printed and made available online.

Films

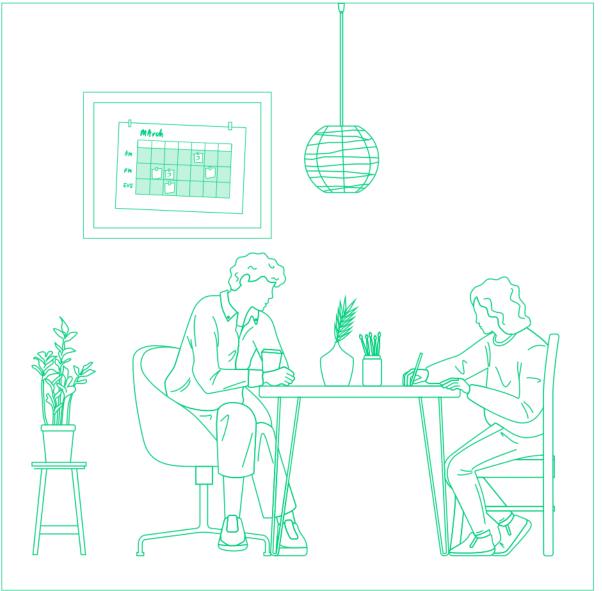
Several films have been produced to communicate with various audiences. Resident-facing videos simplify the message and invitation to engage with Every One Every Day spaces and have been used to promote specific events.

 Surface
 Co-design
 Co-create

 With residents and organisations
 With residents and organisations
 With team
 With everyone

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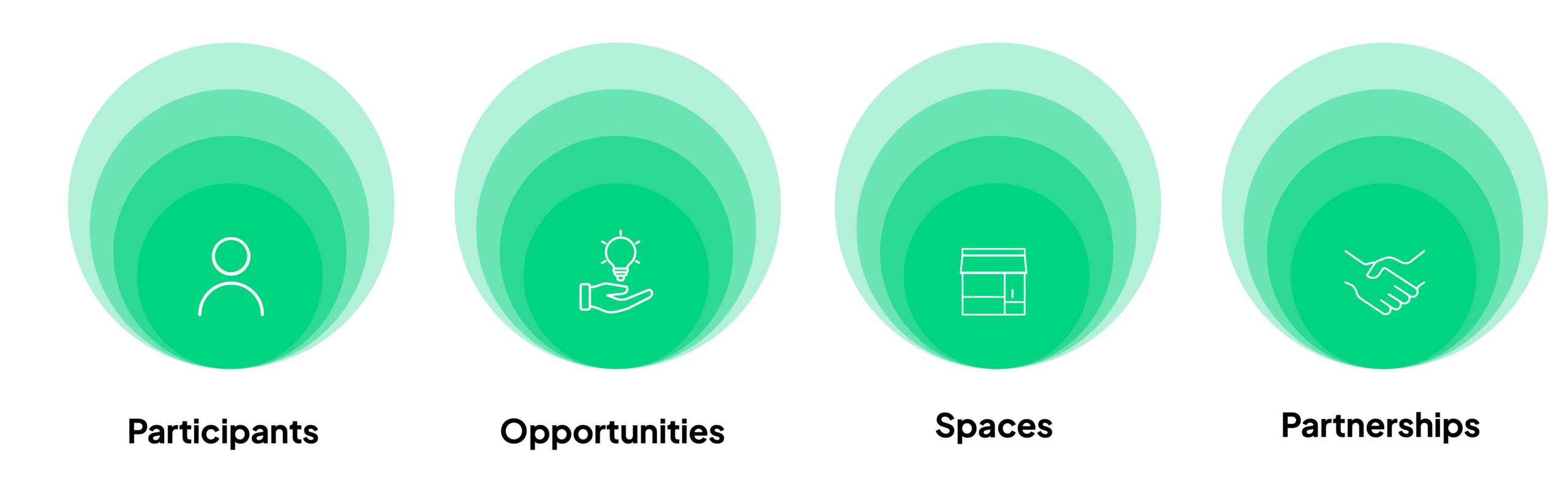






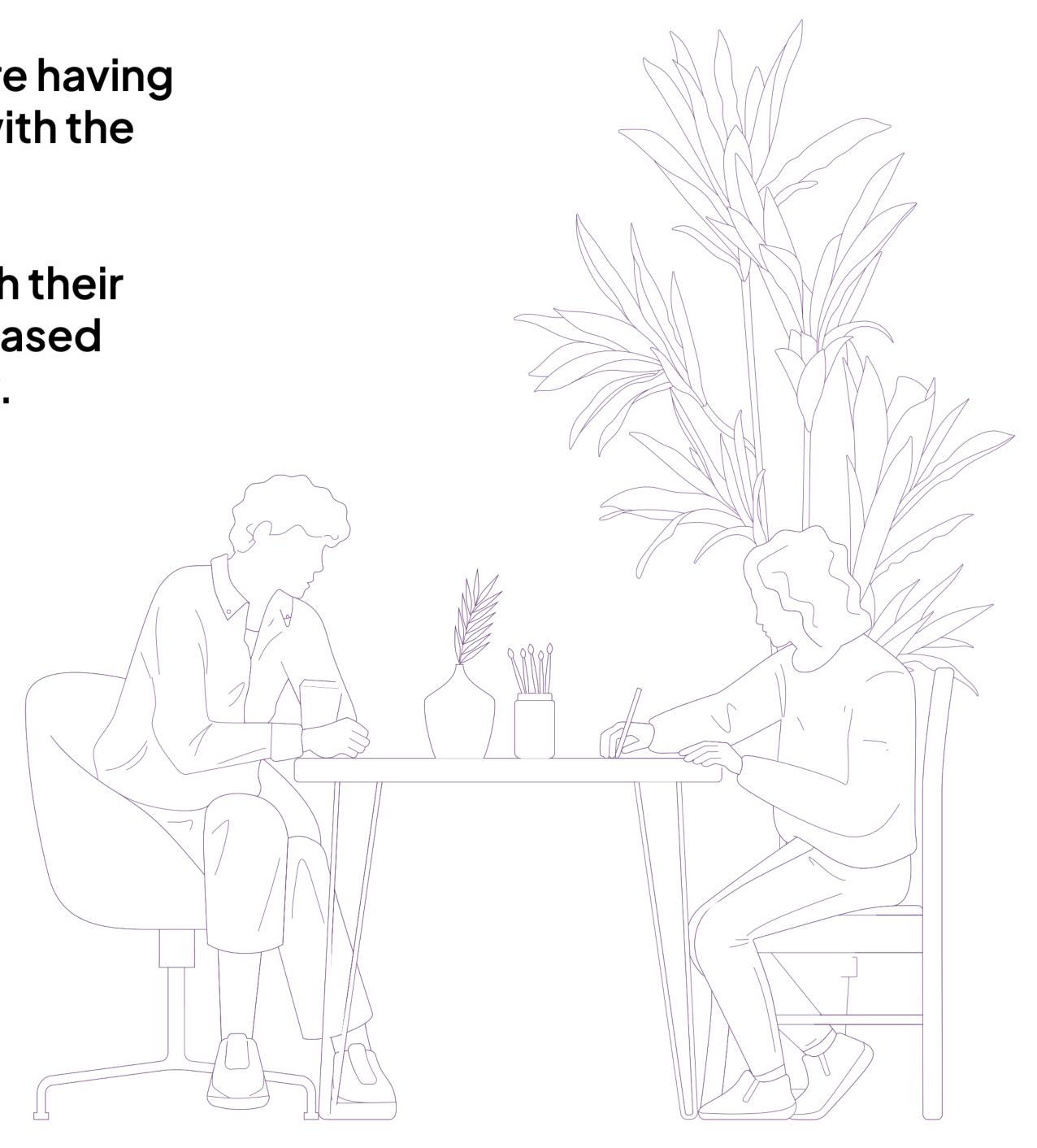


Grow the vision

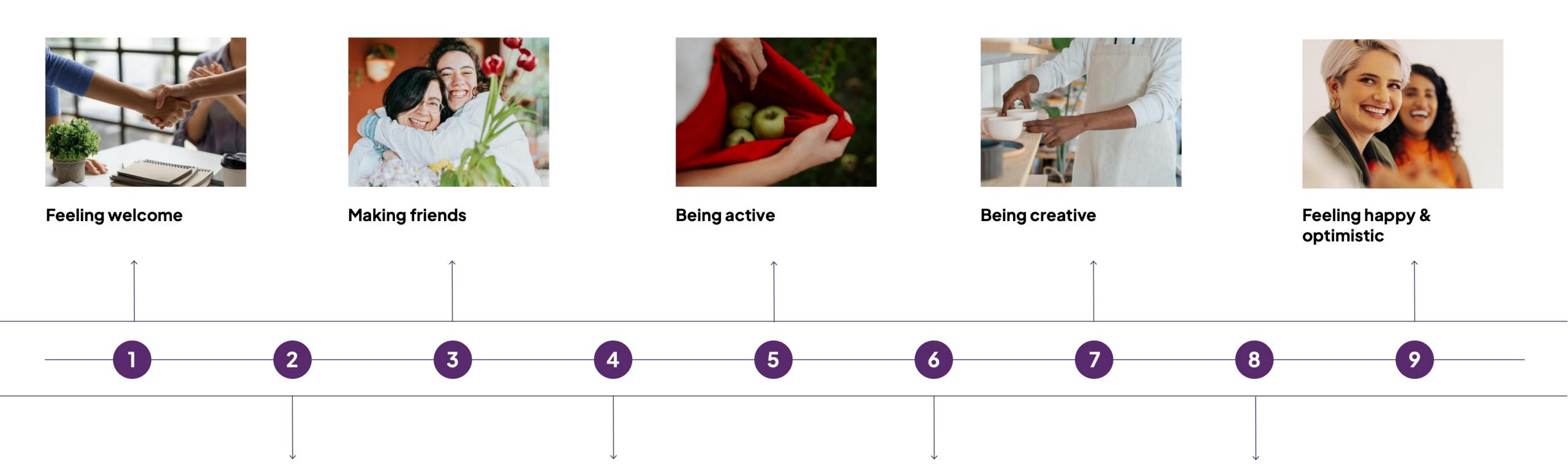


Participants described the difficulties they were having in their lives in the course of their interactions with the neighbourhood shop teams on a daily basis.

Engaging with the project connected them with their neighbours, stimulated new thinking, and increased their confidence and sense of personal agency.



Participants shared journey





Feeling included & accepted



Building trust



Learning & feeling excited



Growing in confidence & capability



Scaling up, Borough wide Everything takes more time

Section 1:
The Inclusivity
Formula





we.
build.
bridges.



Section 2: Inclusive Co-Creation Section 3:
The
Centralised
Organising
Platform

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Research publications available to download at participatorycity.org

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