



BIG BOOK OF
BIRDS, BUGS,
A BRIDGE AND
BEYOND



The Canada Water Masterplan is a partnership between **British Land** and **AustralianSuper**, **Southwark Council** and the local community to create a new town centre for Southwark and London that complements the local area, making an active, positive, long-term contribution to local life. Over the next **10-15 years**, there will be new homes, spaces to work, places to shop and eat, green spaces, and things to do for everyone. It's **53-acres**, which is a huge area – about the size of **40 football pitches!**

So what can I visit right now?

Well, there is a brand new exciting leisure centre where you can swim or play sports, cool green spaces like Canada Dock or the Dock Office Gardens, and Corner Corner to eat some delicious food or listen to live music.

The activities in this booklet are designed by young people, for young people, and have been inspired by all of the wildlife at Canada Dock.

British Land have been working on this since 2015 and have partnered with many local organisations, like **Global Generation**, who have been supported in creating the Paper Garden and running fun and educational activities for local schools.

This is more than just buildings – it's about community. So if you live nearby or are just visiting, come check it out and see what's new at **Canada Water!**

Global Generation is a local charity growing people, plants, and community for a just world. This booklet has been designed by the **Generators**, young leaders aged 10-18 years. You can find us at the Paper Garden, find out how to join them in their missions to create positive change at:

www.globalgeneration.org.uk/get-involved/individuals

This activity book was created in July 2025 and reflects the plans and timelines as understood at that time.

BIRDS

WREN



We all take an equal part
in raising our young

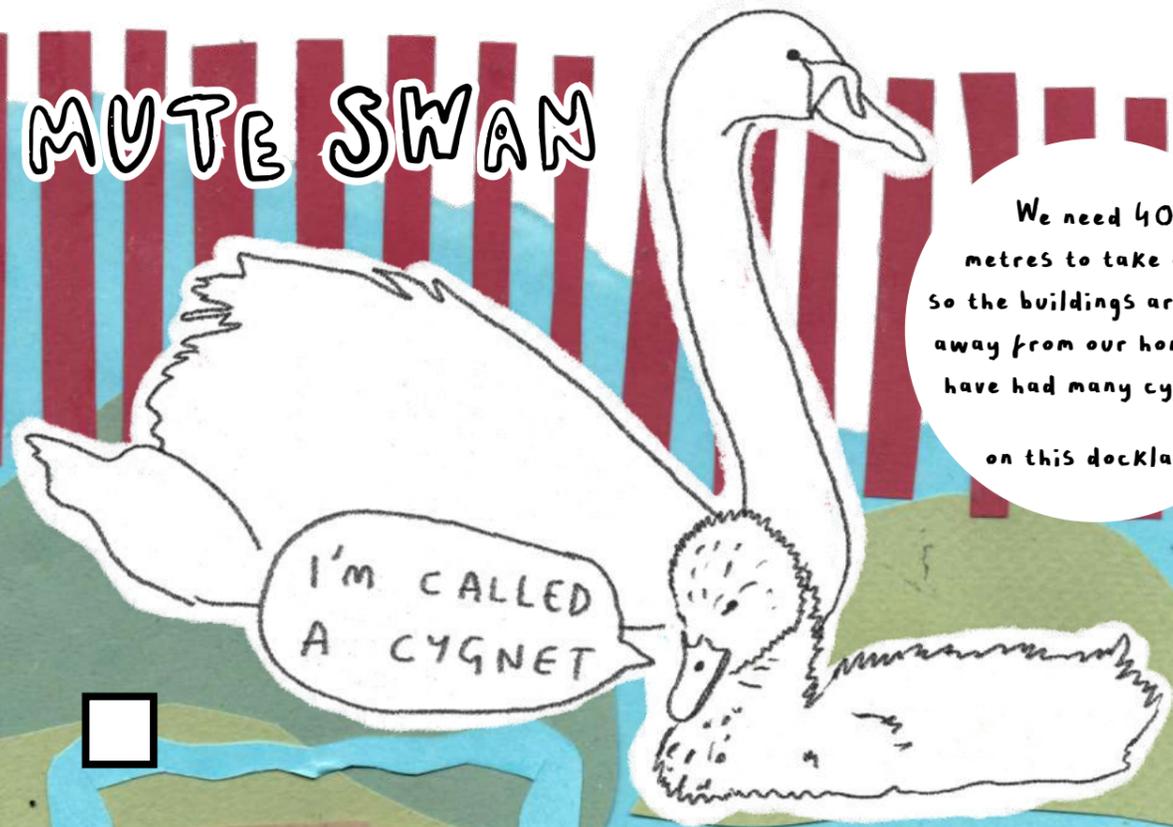
Listen out for the
POW POW POW
notes in amongst my
bird call

CORMORANT



look
how big my wings
are!

MUTE SWAN



I'M CALLED
A CYGNET

We need 40
metres to take off,
so the buildings are built
away from our home. We
have had many cygnets
on this dockland

IF YOU WERE A SWAN, WHERE WOULD YOU BUILD
YOUR NEST?

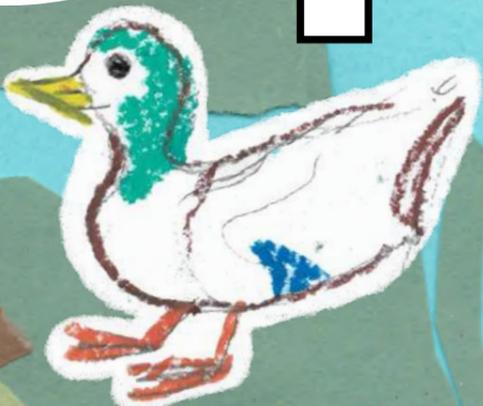
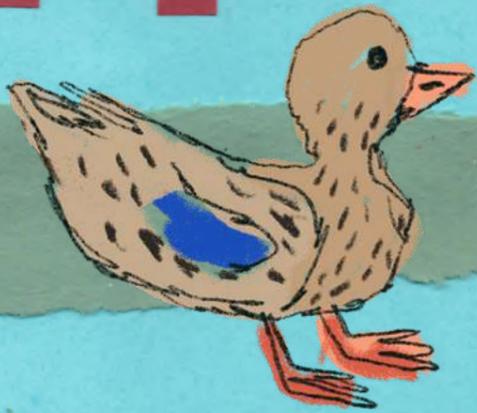
GREAT CRESTED GREBE



I no
longer nest off Canada
Dock, but I hope to return, I
carry my babies on my back!

Some birds of the same species look very different from each other

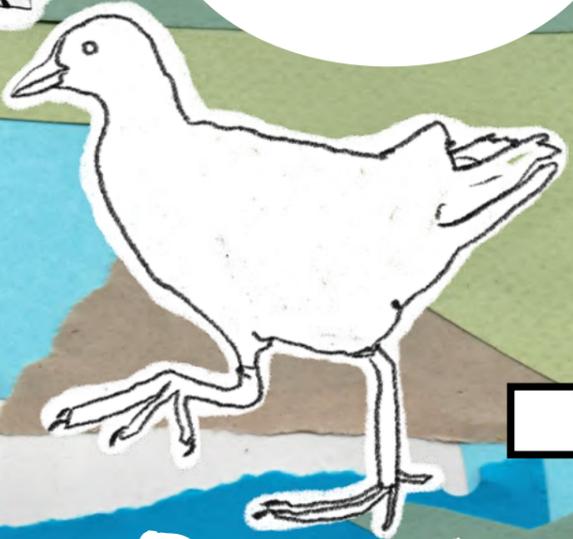
look out for me with the green head



MALLARD

and some that look very similar are different

remember me because my head is red like a chicken hen



COOT

MOREHEN

HOW TO DRAW A MALLARD

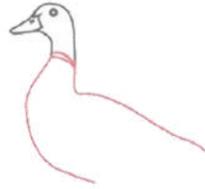
Step 1: First, draw the head



Step 2: Draw the face of Mallard



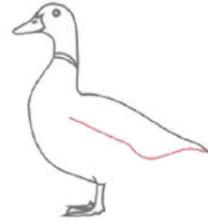
Step 3: Draw the body.



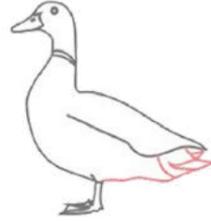
Step 4: Then, draw the leg.



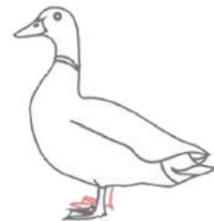
Step 5: Draw the wings.



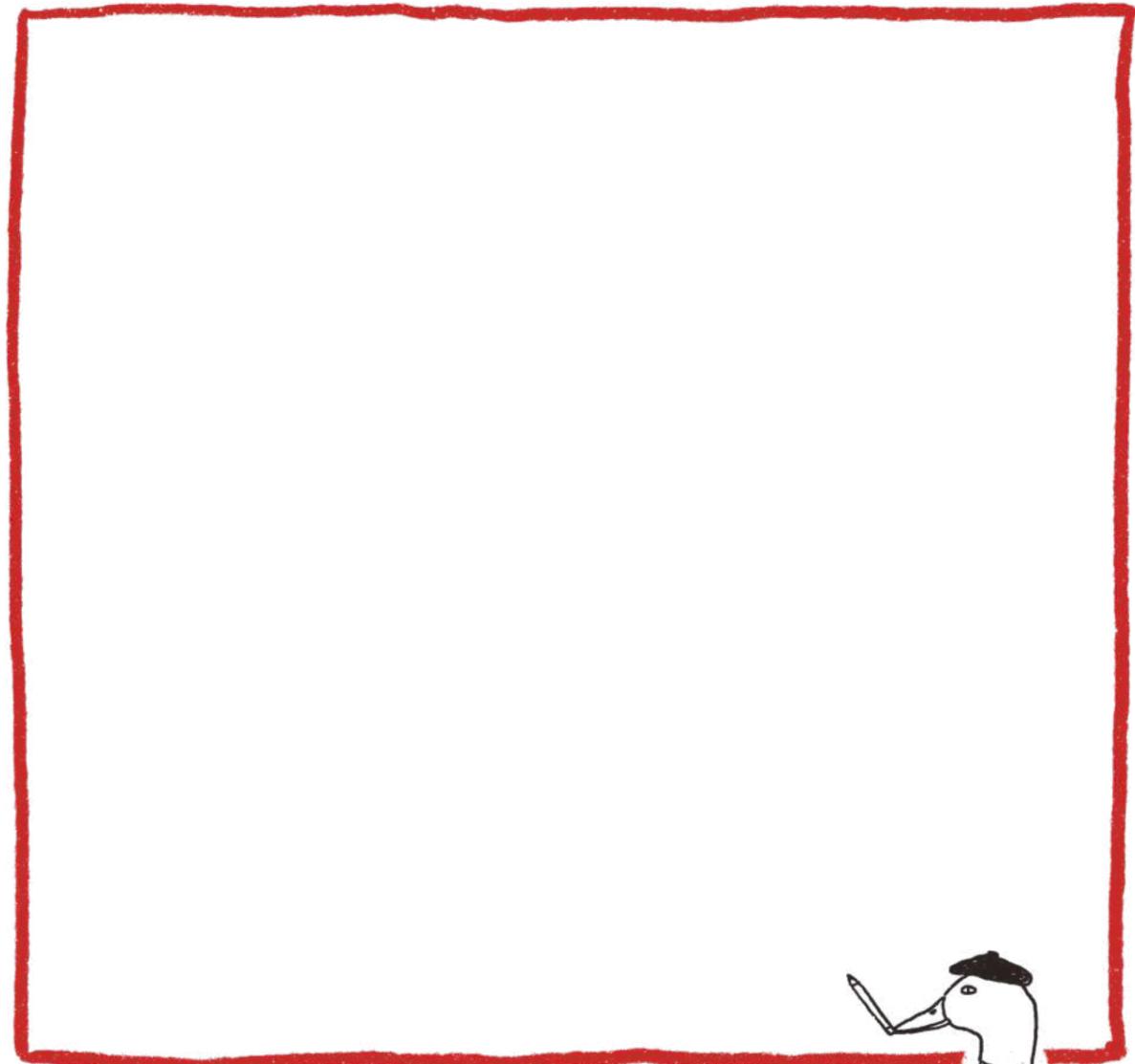
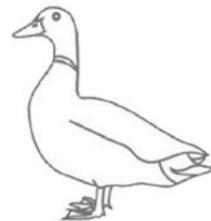
Step 6: Draw the tail.



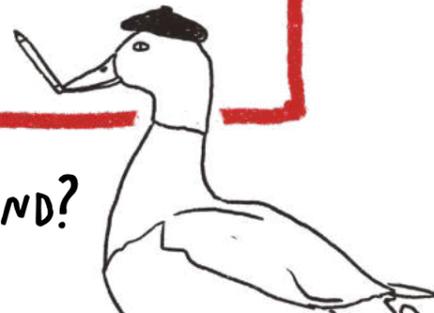
Step 7: Draw the other leg.



Your Mallard is now done!



CAN YOU DRAW MY FRIEND?



SUPPORT WILDLIFE IN YOUR LOCAL AREA!



swifts.

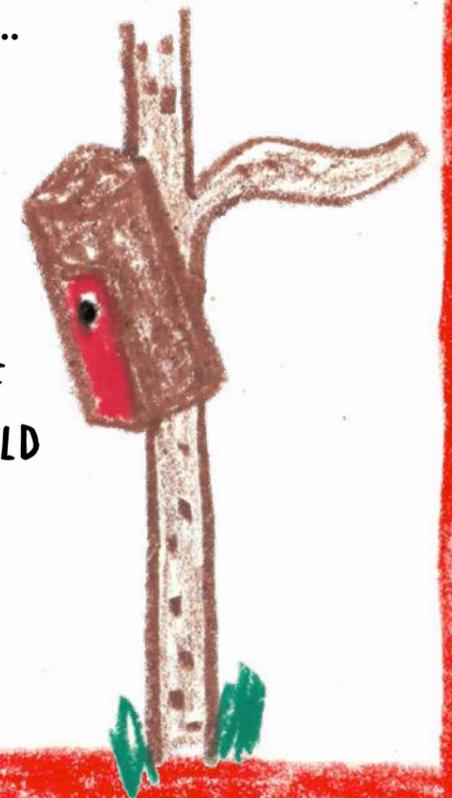
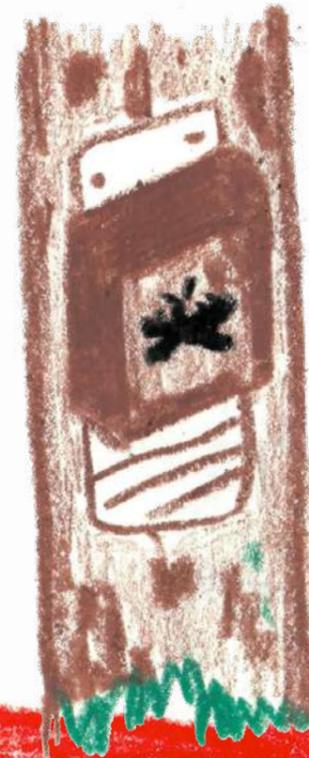
Our Swifts need a home

Our Local Swifts come,
Soaring through the sky,
Waiting for a rest.

Our Local Swifts need a home,
You know when they're here.

Finally, Our Local Swifts, soaring through the sky.

THE DOCKLAND HAS BOXES FOR BATS, GREAT TITS,
BLUES TITS, ROBINS...



CAN YOU THINK OF
ANYWHERE YOU COULD
ADD BIRD AND BAT
BOXES?

WATER PLANTS

Some plants are "Native", some are not, the planting is full of plants from across the world, just as London sees people making their homes here from other parts of the world. This makes London, and the docklands, a very special place. The plants have been chosen as part of a local biodiverse landscape, spreading across the peninsula.

KINGCUPS

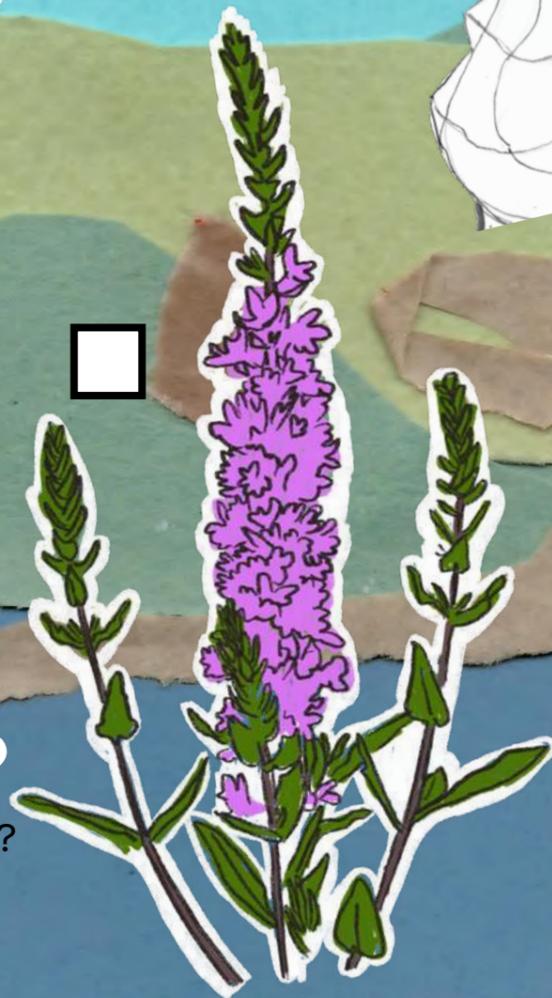
also know as Marsh Marigold and Mollyblobs!



I'm a great source of nectar

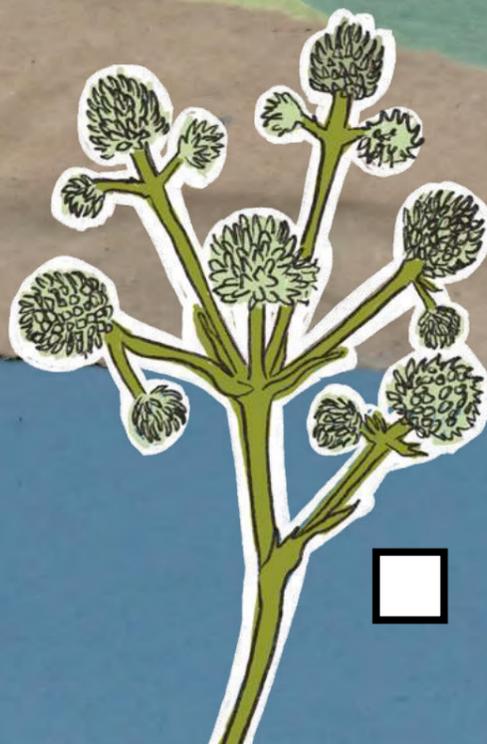
PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE

WHO AM I A GREAT SOURCE OF NECTAR FOR?



LEECH

I eat living, dead and decaying matter, and helping create balance in the water ecosystem



RATTLESLAKE MASTER

FLOWERING RUSH



Native to Palestine, endangered due to habitat loss. Sedges, reeds, and rushes will provide egg laying sites for moths/dragon and damselflies, and submerged leaves are great for newts to lay their eggs.



WATER CRESS

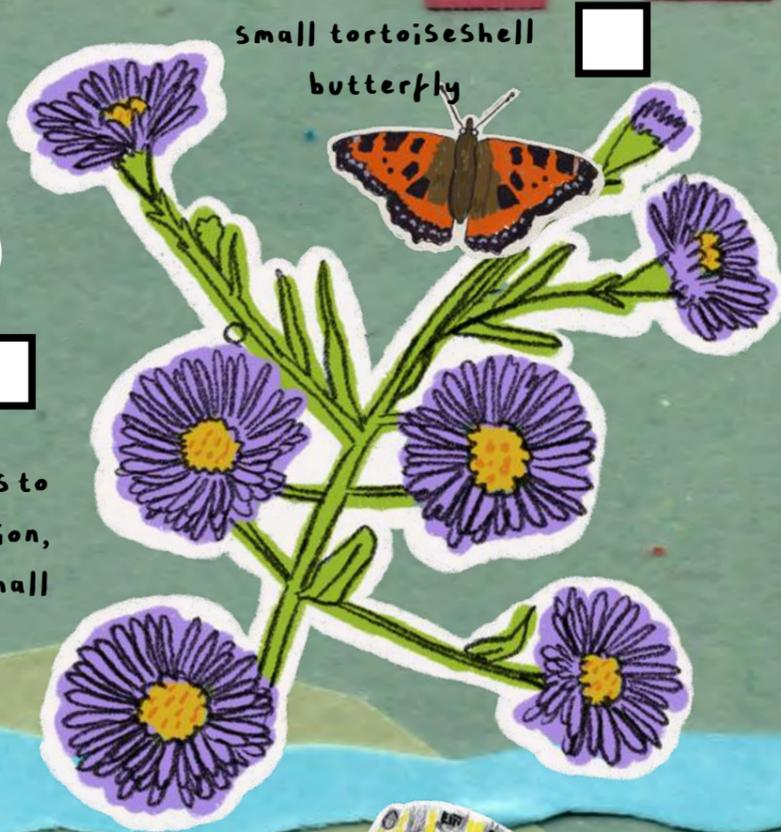
You can find me in the Paper Garden pond as well, and I'm delicious!

STEP PLANTING

MICHAELMAS DAISY



I flower in autumn, helping creatures to build up energy stores for hibernation, such as queen bumblebees and Small Tortoiseshell butterfly.



Small tortoiseshell butterfly



bumble bee



YARROW GOLD PLATE

Look at my flowers forming a beautiful golden plate!



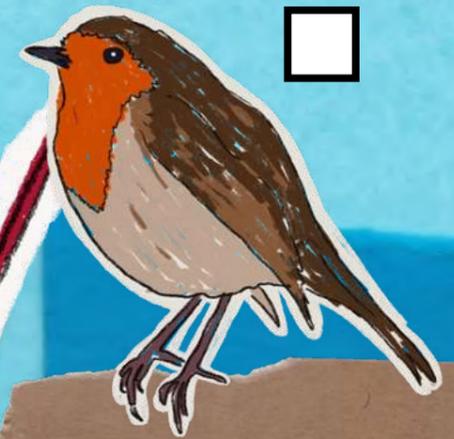
PAPER BUSH

I'm used to make the traditional Japanese Paper: Washi

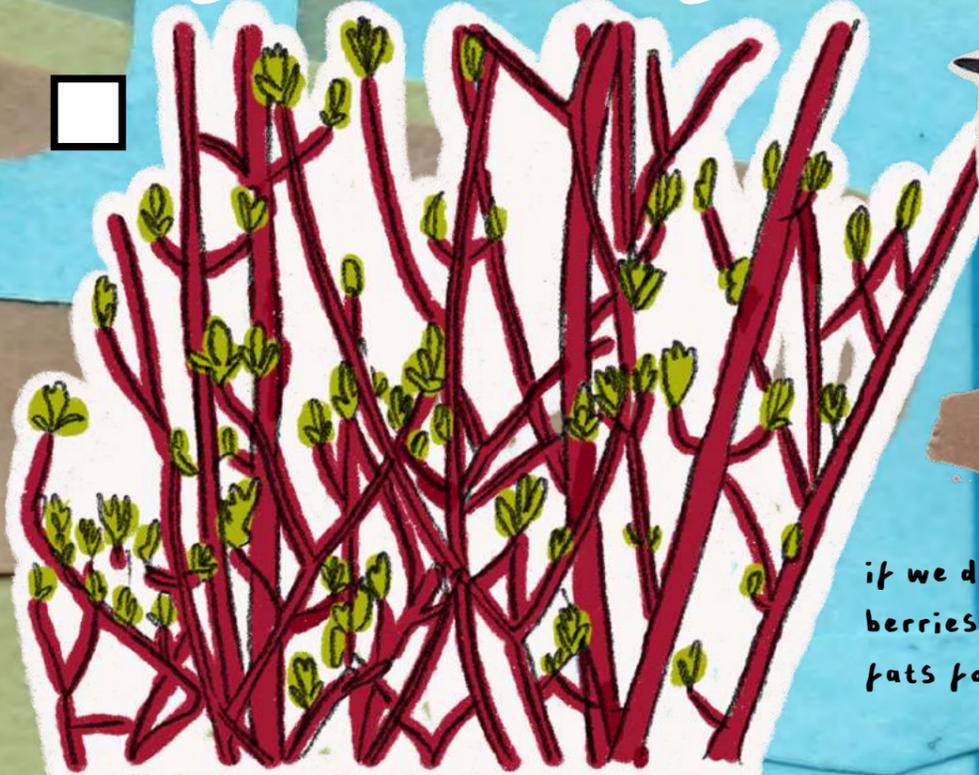


ROBIN

Look out for me with the red chest and listen out for us, even at night time!



DOG WOOD



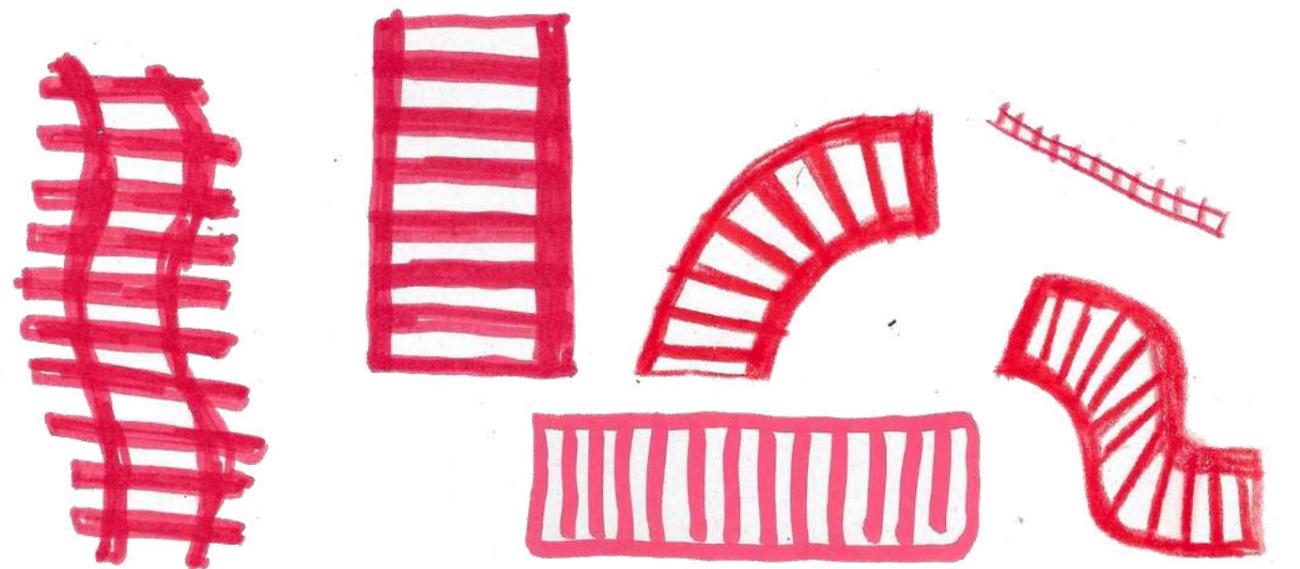
if we don't get cut back, our berries are a good source of fats for birds

PAUSE HERE, USE
YOUR SENSES, MEET
NATURE.

CAN YOU FEEL THE
TREES ROOTS UNDER
THE WET SOIL?



MAKE your own map on the blank page ahead. Cut out the bridge pieces, build your own bridge. Draw the surrounding things that stand out, that stick in your memory. The things that are important to you.





CAN YOU SMELL THE
POLLEN IN THE AIR?



"The first time I got to view the vibrant, perpetual, "million dollar" bridge I was blindfolded. Due to this I relied on my other senses, hearing, touch, balance, smell. Whilst stoking the smooth railing I was able to breathe in the wildlife around me, and appreciate the calming restorative power nature has." - Paper Garden Generator, Ester

ARE THE FISH TALKING
TO EACH OTHER?

CREATE YOUR
OWN MAP

WHAT COLOURS OF THE DOCKLAND SHINE BRIGHTEST TO YOU?
SHOW THEM ON YOUR CREATION.

TREES

WILLOW

YOU MIGHT KNOW ME AS...



To many cultures I mean different things, from sadness to strength, from good luck to worry.

Hundreds of insects to thrive around me. Look out for the Willow Emerald Damselfly on my flowers!

WHAT ELSE CAN WILLOW BE USED FOR?

DID YOU KNOW WILLOW IS USED TO MAKE BASKETS BY WEAVING! FOLLOW THIS GUIDE TO MAKE YOUR OWN WEAVING FROM WASTE FABRICS AND PLANTS AT HOME...

STEP ONE:



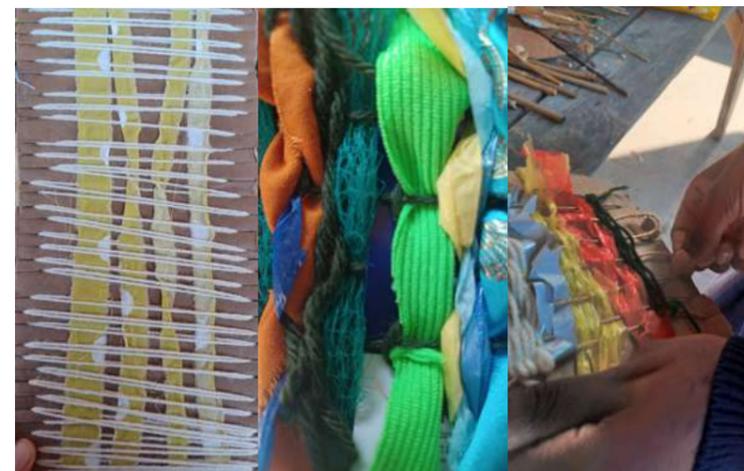
Cut a small square of card, and at opposite ends make small cuts close together

STEP TWO:



Wrap wool or string around each of the flaps, up and down, to make a mini weaving loom.

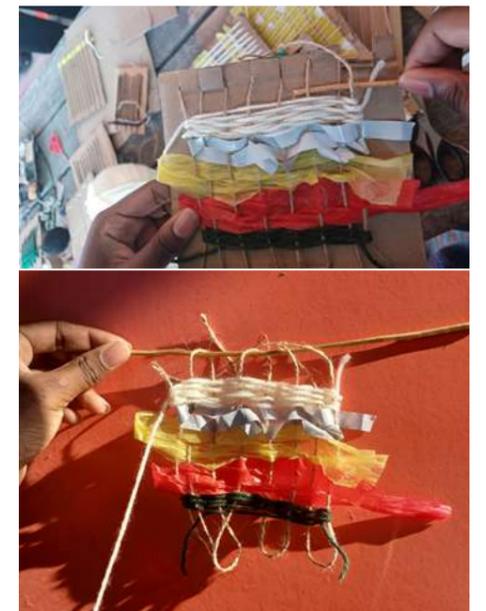
STEP THREE:



Now weave your chosen pieces, old clothes, materials or grass and other long plants in and out, under and over. Do the opposite from the line above each time. Don't pull too tight.

Sunny Jar Eco club taught the Paper Garden generators how to weave with waste materials!

STEP FOUR:



Thread a stick through the top loops of string and remove the string loom from the cardboard!

SILVER BIRCH

I STAND TALL, YOU MIGHT KNOW ME AS...



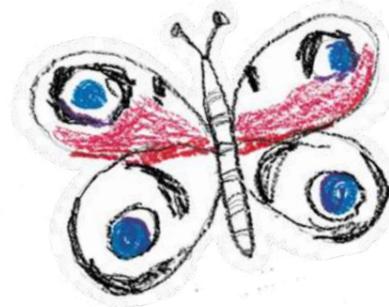
I HAVE BEEN USED TO
WELCOME FRESH STARTS

Does it look like I'm decorated
with lots of long thin tassels?
These are my flowers... or
Catkins, insects love them!"

You can use my bark like paper
as I shed it

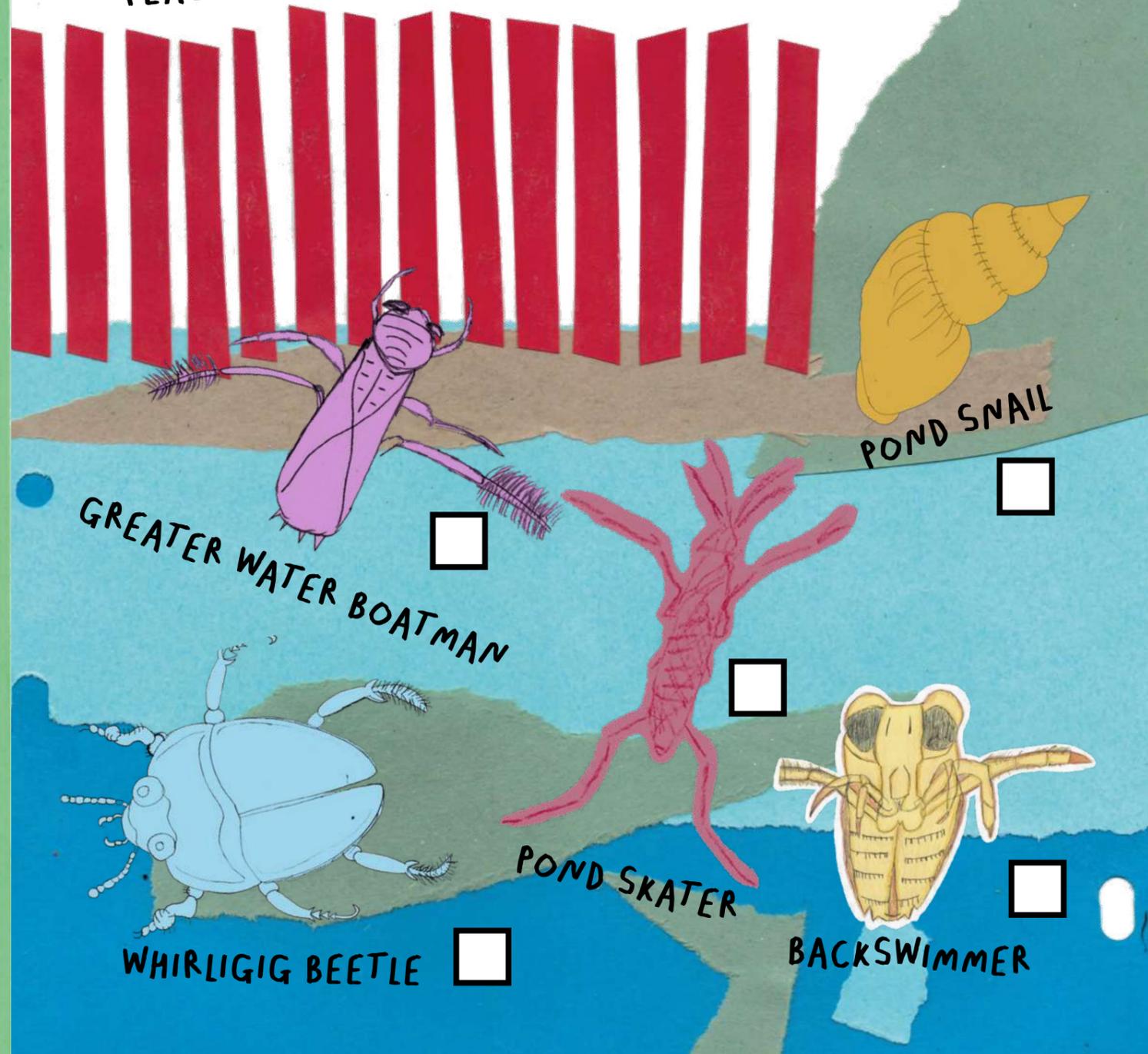
POND DIPPING

AT RAFTER WALK



PEACOCK BUTTERFLY

WE MIGHT FIND



GREATER WATER BOATMAN

POND SNAIL

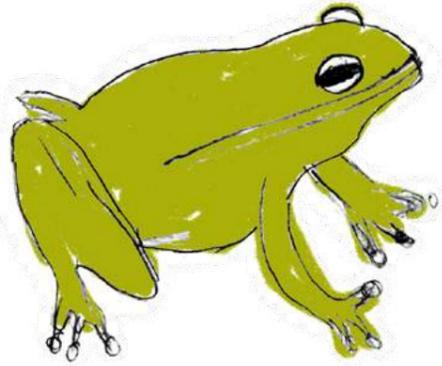
POND SKATER

WHIRLIGIG BEETLE

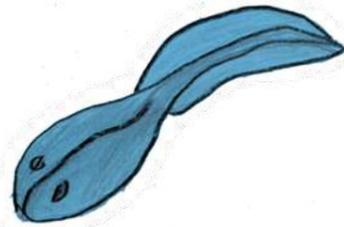
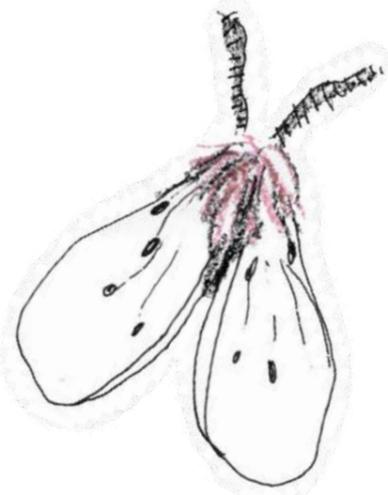
BACKSWIMMER

MATCH UP

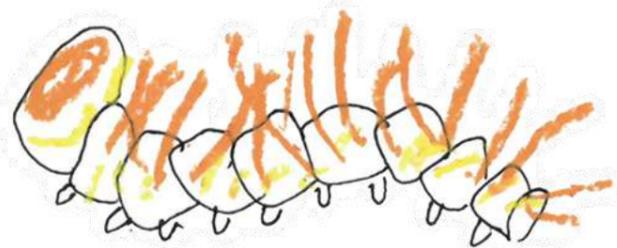
Match the adult to the youngster



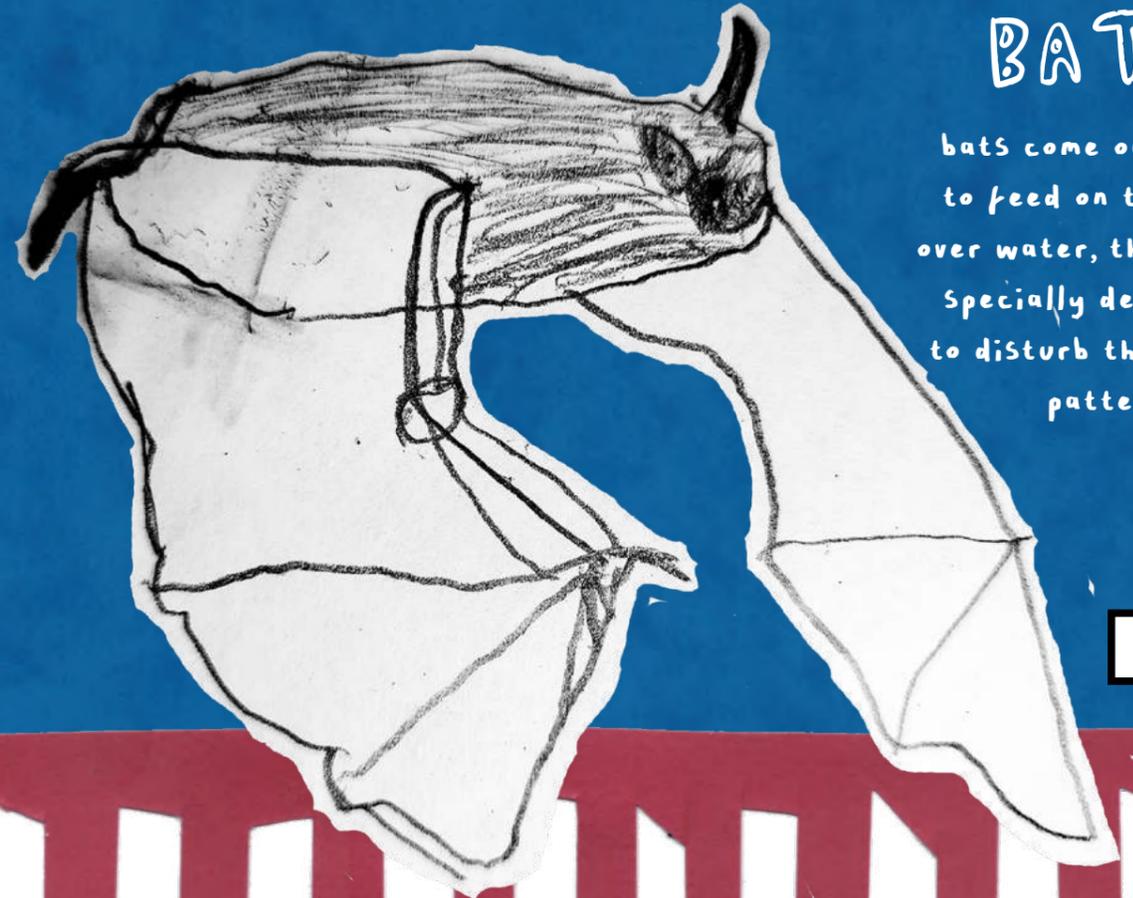
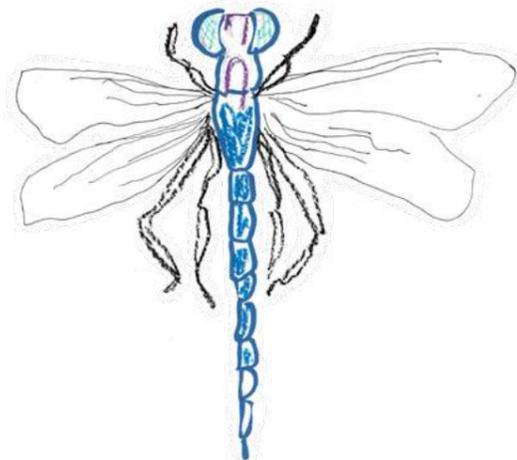
DRAGON FLY NYMPH



TADPOLE



MUSLIN MOTH CATERPILLAR



BATS

bats come out at night to feed on the insects over water, the lights are specially designed not to disturb their feeding patterns!



TERRAPIN



CANADA WATER DOCK

I've felt the swans swim across my tranquil waters.

So peaceful I could hear their unknown symphony

So interesting the bottom of the water is unfamiliar

The visiting cormorant struggling to find the deep.

Each animal skimming the surface sending ripples across me

The ducks have seen the fluorescent bodies
Moving soil, drilling, building, planting,
assembling on my edges

For years I've been a spectacle admired from afar, never up close

Today is the day to present my glory
Soon many will see their reflection in my peaceful stillness

A scarlet bridge traverses me for the humans
born near and far to see my majesty

By: Victoria, Isabella and Amalia

THE GENERATORS CHALLENGE YOU TO...

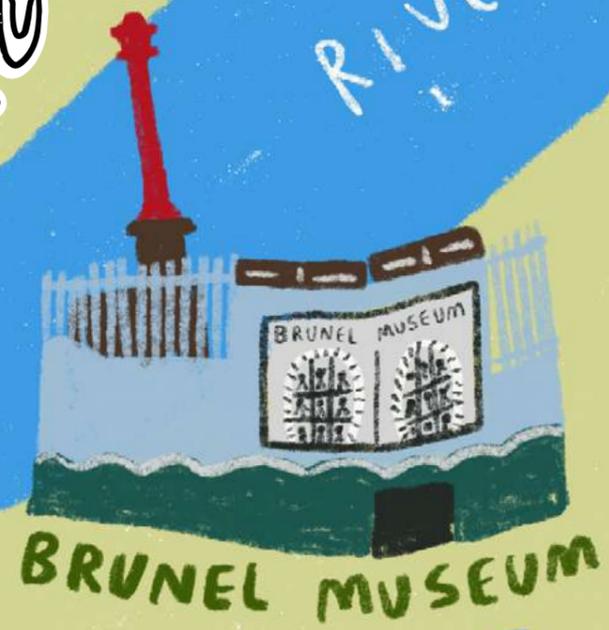
Imagine you are a plant or creature of the dockland. Write a letter to the people walking over the red bridge, what do you have to say to them?

DEAR HUMANS,

FROM

LOCAL GREEN AND BLUE SPACES YOU CAN VISIT

RIVER THAMES



RIVER THAMES



THANK YOU

WE HOPE YOU HAD FUN

“Global Generation has been an accepting, safe space for many in the community. It has been a space to share ideas, work together on environmental action, while having fun. Over the course of my time here I have met so many people, each with something unique and special to bring to the table, shaping the Paper Garden into the utopian workshop it is today”

- Charlie, Generator



THE FRONT COVER MAKES 1/4 OF THE MAP ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE. FIND SOMEONE ELSE IN YOUR GROUP WITH THE BOOKLET TO MAKE THE MAP WHOLE AGAIN!

**GLOBAL
GENERATION**



AustralianSuper