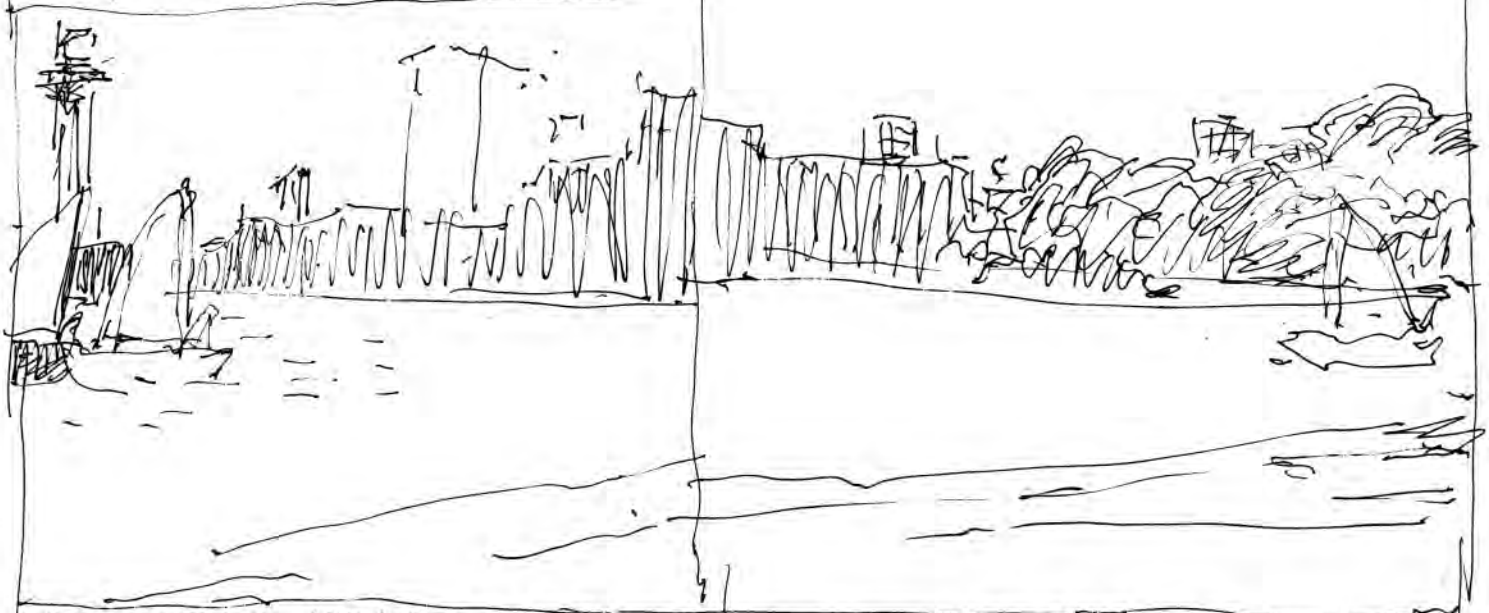
EASTSIDE PROJECTS
AWAY DAY. 10.8.'23.

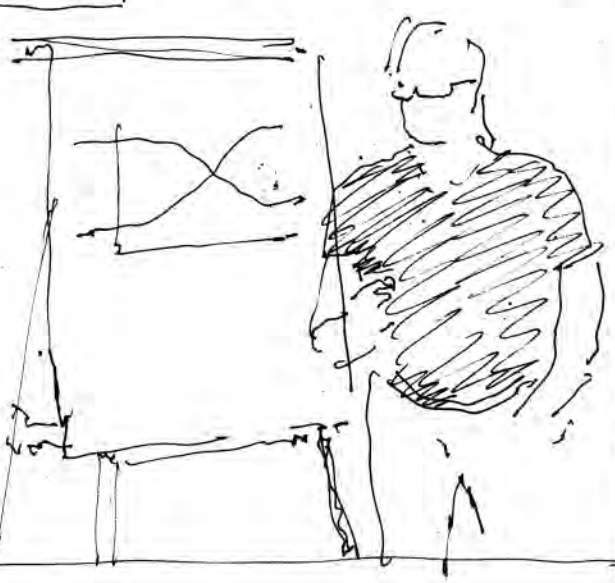
BETWEEN 10 AND 11 AM WE ARRIVE TO THE PLACE – GAVIN AND RUTH ARE WAITING / SETTING UP / PREPARING UNDER A TENT CLOSE BY THERE'S TWO DOMES..

WE WALKED DOWN TO THE RESERVOIR, DINOSAUR: "ARE WE IN BIRMINGHAM?"



PARTICIPANT INTRODUCTIONS.

AFTER INTRODUCTIONS THE PROGRAMME STARTS WITH A WORKSHOP.

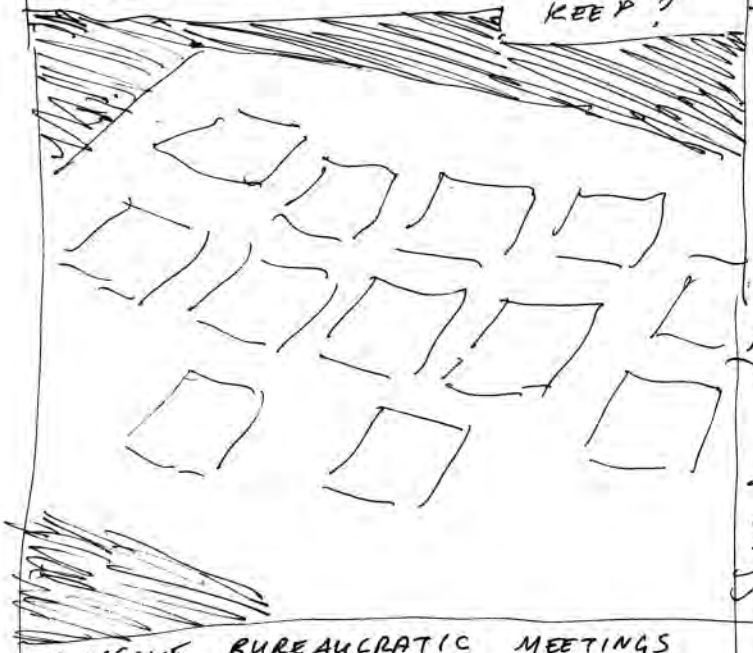


DIVIDED IN GROUPS, THE PARTICIPANTS DISCUSS I THINK.

EACH GROUP THINKS ABOUT THE STRUCTURE OF OBSTSIDE AND THE BOARD - WHAT COULD CHANGE AND WHAT TO KEEP?

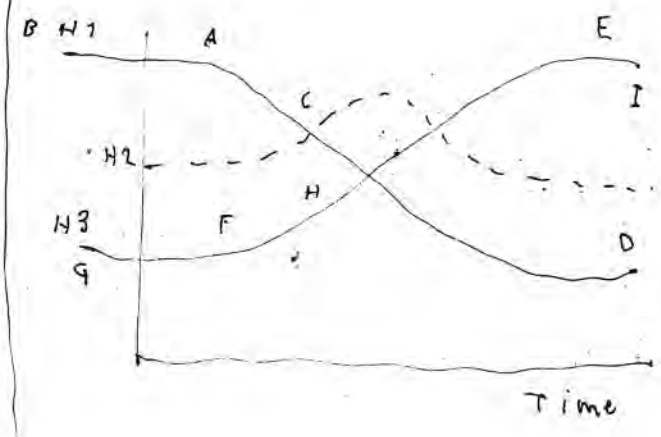
HORIZON I: WHAT IS BUSINESS AS USUAL?

CHANGES: RUNNING OUT OF TIME, HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURE, FORM OF THE BOARD IS NOT CHALLENGING ANYTHING.



PASSIVE BUREAUCRATIC MEETINGS (DICTATED BY ARTS COUNCIL REQUIREMENTS) HOW TO MOVE FROM 1 PERSON TALKING?

ALL THREE GROUPS SHARE THEIR DISCUSSIONS.



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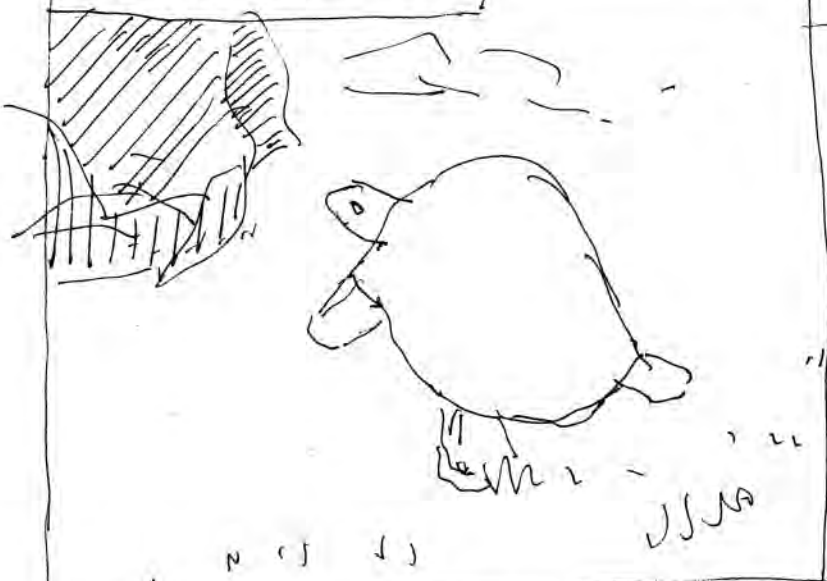
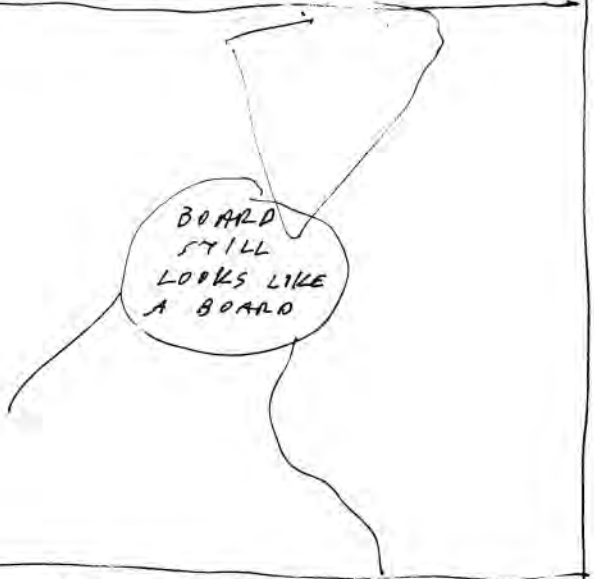
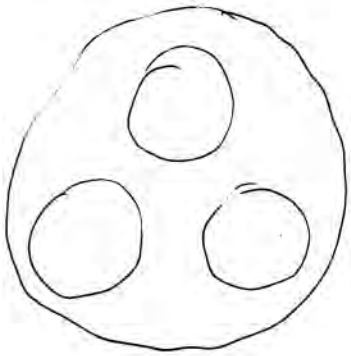


GROUP DISCUSSIONS RESUME. HORIZON 3 WHAT IS THE NEW CHANGE WE WANT?




HOW TO COMMUNICATE AND WHAT DOES IT SAY ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION?

GROUPS TALK ABOUT HOW TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND HOW TO DO THAT INCLUSIVELY — NOT IN SEPARATE CLUSTERS.



INCLUSIVITY — TRANSPARENCY

SHARING FINDINGS FOR A SECOND TIME. DINOSAUR READS THE POST-IT NOTES.

MOVING TOWARDS THE MULTIVERSE MODEL — THROUGH CHAOS COMES ORDER.

INCLUSIVITY BUT NOT JUST A WORD — EMBODIED.

LAST GROUP BRINGS THE IDEA OF COMPANION GARDENING FOR THE BOARD — GETTING KNOWLEDGE FROM THE PEOPLE NEXT TO US AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO HIERARCHICAL STRUCTURES.

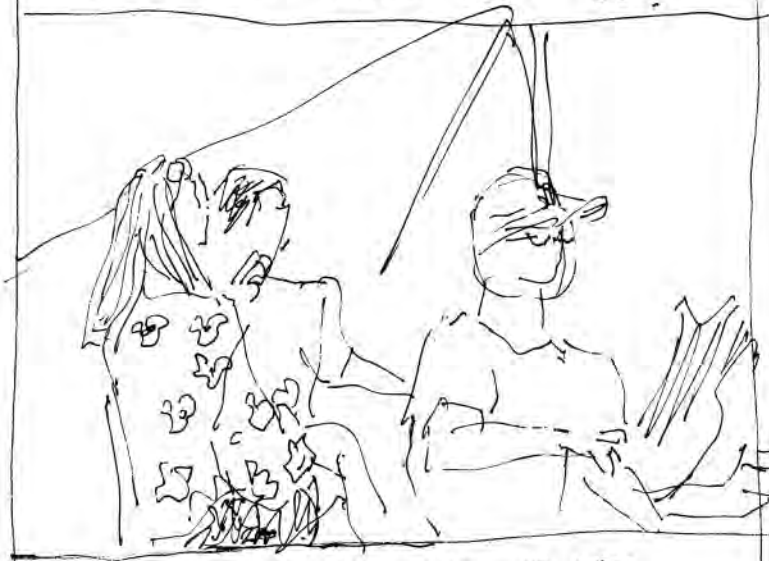
HOW BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER AS COMPANIONS?

THE COMPANION MODEL LEADS TO A LOT OF DISCUSSION AND IDEAS.

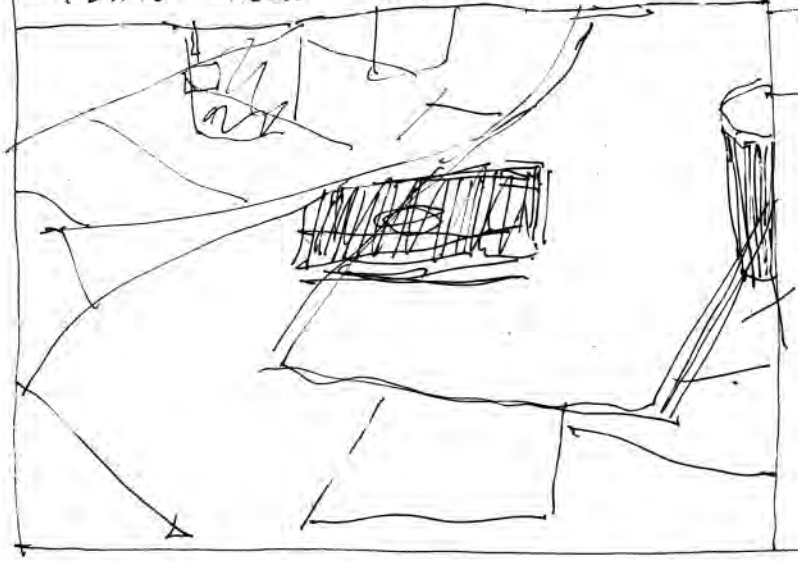
THERE'S NO TIME FOR HORIZON 2 BEFORE WE BREAK FOR LUNCH.

14:00 AFTER LUNCH, TERRAFORMING WORKSHOP BY SAHJAN.

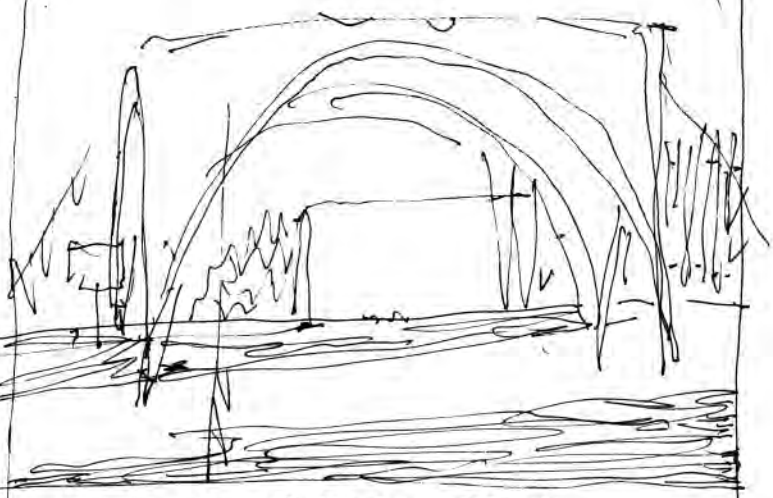
AT THE START OF THE WORKSHOP GROUPS ARE RE-SHUFFLED. GROUPS IMAGINE THE FUTURE AND WHERE WILL THEY BE.



MOVING ON TO THE FIRST GROUP ACTIVITY, REACTING TO TEXTS ABOUT TERRAFORMING.



« I AM A PERSON INTERESTED IN SCIENCE FICTION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE WORLD WE'RE IN. »

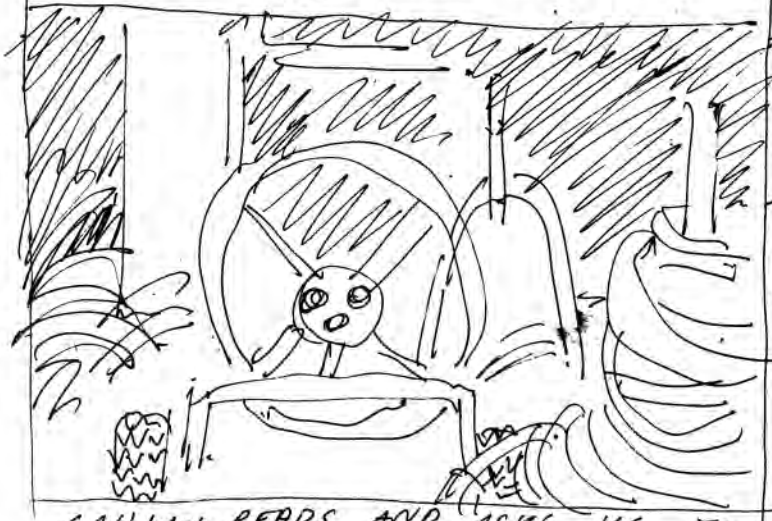


IS THE FUTURE ABOUT CAREERS OR ABOUT SLOWING DOWN? OR SOMETHING ELSE?

TERRAFORMING IS CREATING A HABITABLE ENVIRONMENT ON OTHER PLANETS. ~~IN CONTRAST TO AUTOPOIESIS "SELF-CREATION" OF LIFE.~~

EACH GROUP HAS A TEXT ON TERRAFORM AND ONE OTHER: AUTOPOIESIS, SURROUND, ORCHID MANTIS

TERRAFORMING OPOSITE OF AUTOPOIESIS — ONCE STARTED KEEPS GOING REGENERATING. HOW TO DE-CENTER THE HUMAN FROM THIS SYSTEM?

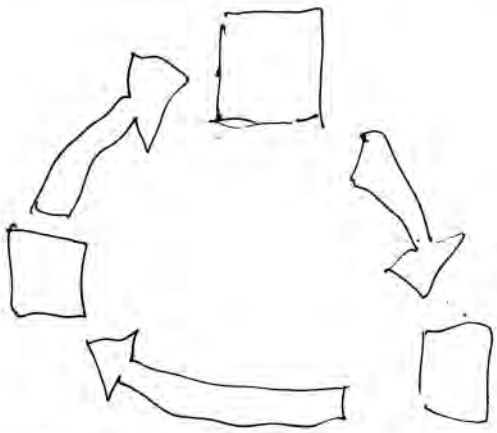


SAHJAN ASKS HOW IS THE DISCUSSION GOING. "WE COULD KEEP GOING FOR WEEKS." "YOU ONLY HAVE TWO MINUTES" AND THE ACTIVITY ENDS.

SAHJAN READS AND ASKS US TO CLOSE OUR EYES. I KEEP MY EYES OPEN.

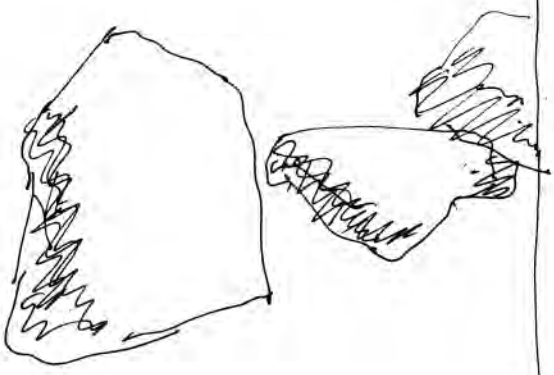
EVERY INSTANCE OF COLLABORATION....

AFTER THREE MINUTES THE GROUPS DECIDE ONE MEMBER FROM EACH GROUP TO MOVE TO ANOTHER AND TALK ABOUT WHAT WAS DISCUSSED.



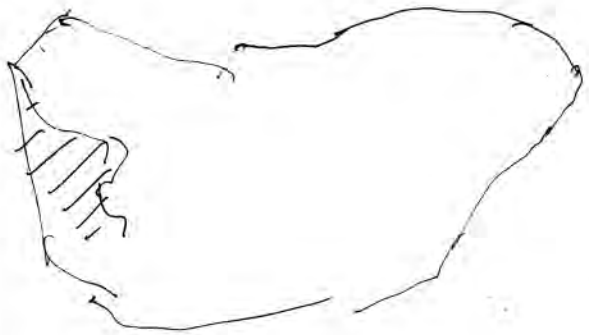
THE AMBASSADORS MOVE TO THE OTHER TABLES TO SHARE — AND HEAR DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS.

THE FINAL PART OF THE WORKSHOP IS USING CLAY TO CREATE MODELS OF A NEW EASTSIDE.

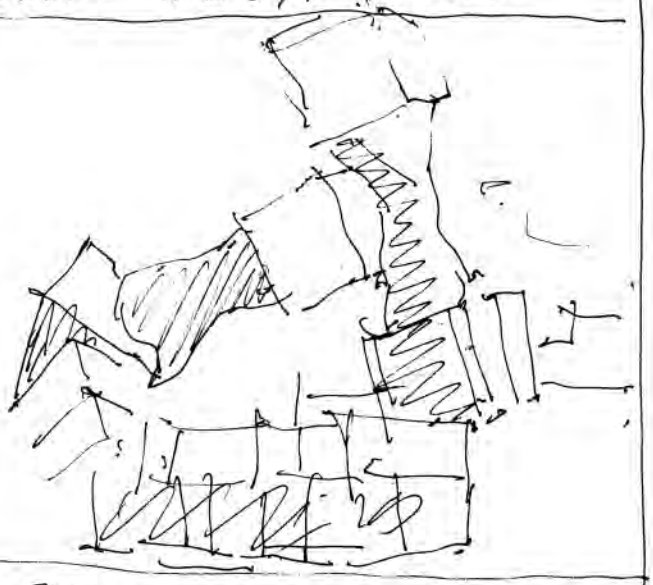


NEEDS A STRONG BASE.

MAKING A BOWL, A SAFE SPACE, QUIET SPACE

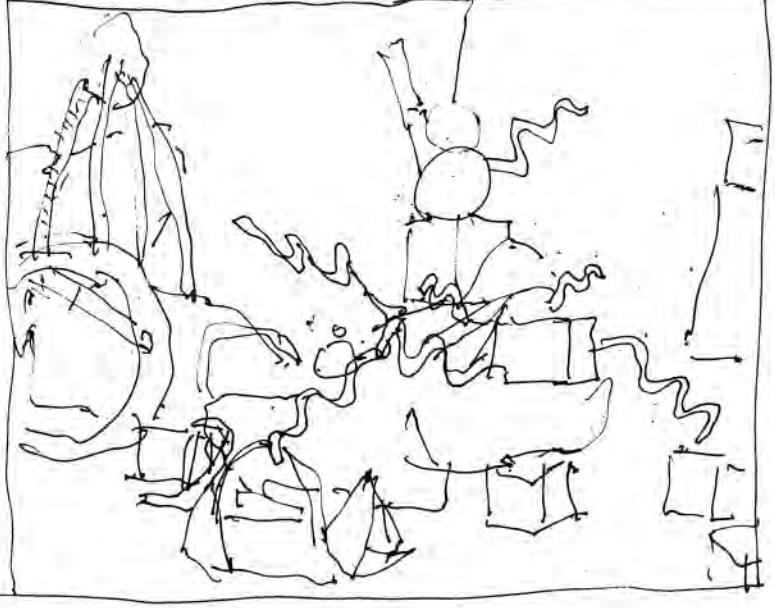


SOME IDEAS : A LONG TABLE, THE GALLERY TO SHARE IDEAS, PROCESSES

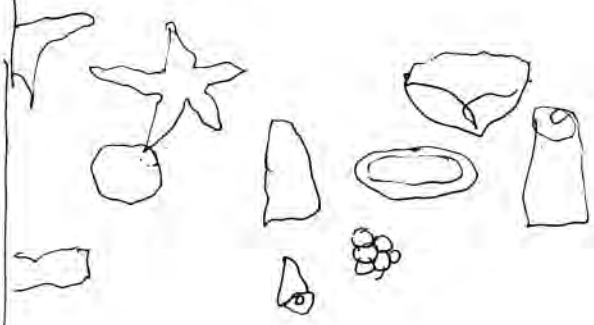


FOLLOWING THE PROCESS.

"IT CAN'T BE ACCESSIBLE IF IT'S TOO SERIOUS >> -G.



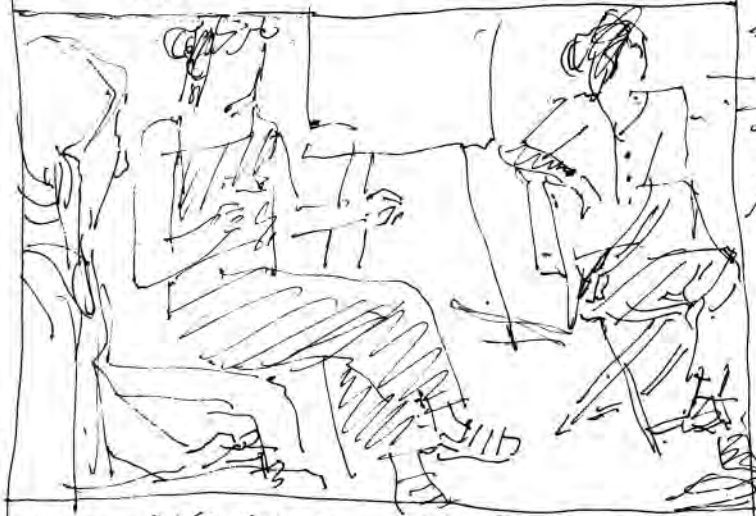
PRESENTATION OF MODELS, "SURROUND" -GROUP. WHAT IS EASTSIDE – IS IT THE BUILDING? OR THE PEOPLE INSIDE IT? MAKE AWAY OF THE BUILDING.



MANTIS – GROUP: THE DEMOCRATIC FORUM. WITH SOME SNAKES INSIDE.

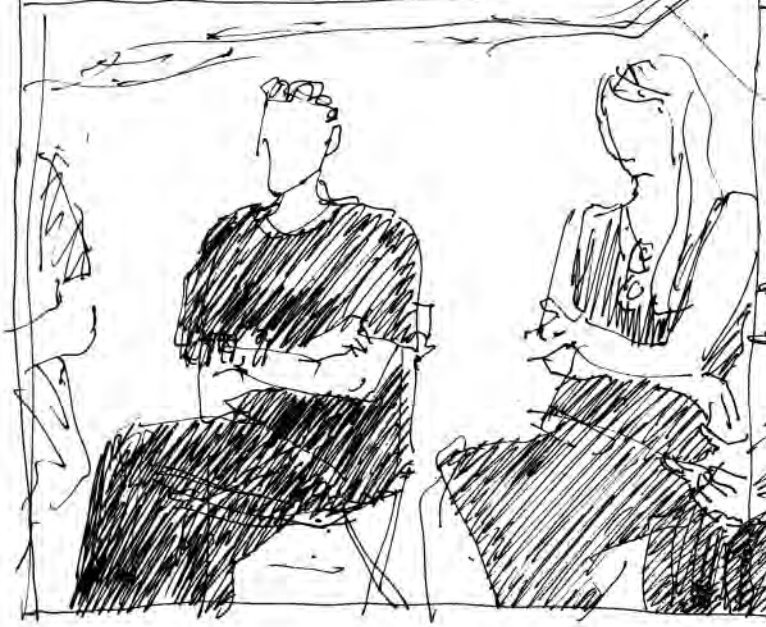
(KEYWORD = NOURISHMENT)

WE HAVE A SHORT BREAK, GET A DRINK OR LAST TEA. THE LAST SESSION IS TO DISCUSS WHAT TO TAKE FORWARD FOR EASTSIDE.



DISCUSSION LED BY ANDREA.

THE DISCUSSION OPENS AFTER ANDREA'S INITIAL QUESTIONS.



TALKING ABOUT HOW TO OPEN UP THE ORGANIZATION.

WHO IS HERE AND WHO HAS THE PRIVILEGE TO MAKE DECISIONS?

CAN EASTSIDE FACILITATE INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND PROJECTS?

EASTSIDE IS THE INCIDENTAL ARTIST.

IF EASTSIDE WAS NOT THE BUILDING, WHAT FORM WOULD IT TAKE?

<< THE BUILDING IS AN ASSET - AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THINGS. >>

EXHIBITION-MAKING QUESTIONED - NOT THE MOST INTERESTING THING TO DO ANYMORE?

POST-PANDEMIC NO SHOWS OR SPACES FOR EXHIBITIONS IN BIRMINGHAM ANYMORE.

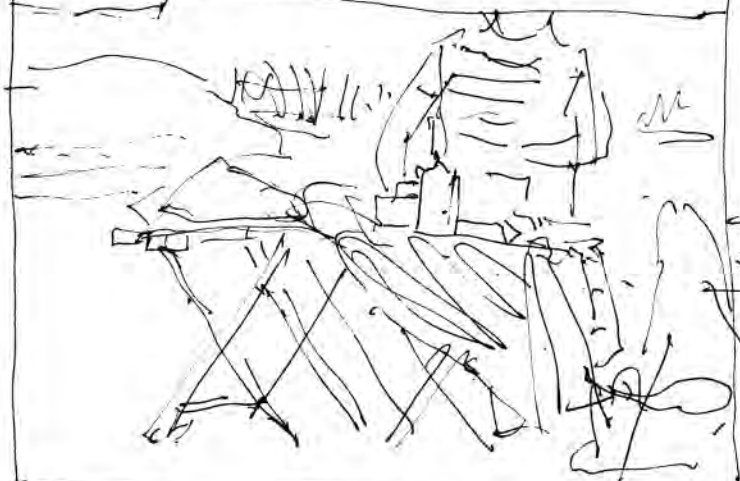
IS IT EASTSIDE'S JOB TO MAKE SURE THERE ARE SHOWS IN THE CITY?

DISCUSSING EOP AND MEMBERSHIP. HOW TO MOVE FORWARD. HAVING A "BASE" IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF EASTSIDE.

FINALLY DISCUSSING THE ADVISORY NETWORK AND THE BOARD. LOCALITY, CONNECTIONS AND WHO IS INVITED.

GOING BACK TO THE COMPANION MODEL: A 2-WAY INVITATION FOR COLLABORATIONS. WHAT OTHER FORM COULD IT TAKE?

THE DISCUSSION COMES TO AN END AT 17:28. THANKS AND COORDINATION OF CLEANING UP.



TABLES FOLDED AND CARRIED TO THE CAR.