



A Different Kind of Progress

This book is inspired by the children of MSRI, who remind me that even in hard times, there are still things to be hopeful and happy about. The brave visions of this book are inspired by Donella Meadows, an environmentalist, writer, and scientist who was not afraid to dream. Check out her speech *Envisioning a Sustainable World*.

The words in this story were written collaboratively by six students at the Malaysian Social Research Institute (MSRI) and Selina Powszedny, a past Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) Education Program Team Member Intern at MSRI . The pictures were drawn, coloured and painted by the same six students. The students are in Grades 6 and 7 and between the ages of 12 and 15. The students are all girls, and are from Sudan, Somalia and Afghanistan. Their names are kept anonymous for security reasons.

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By Students of MSRI and Selina Powszedny

The year is 2050. The world is different now.



Fossil fuels are a thing of the past; human-caused climate change has slowed significantly.



Extreme poverty has been eliminated. Everyone has access to food, water and shelter.



Basic human rights are truly recognized for each individual. People are able to be who they want to be.

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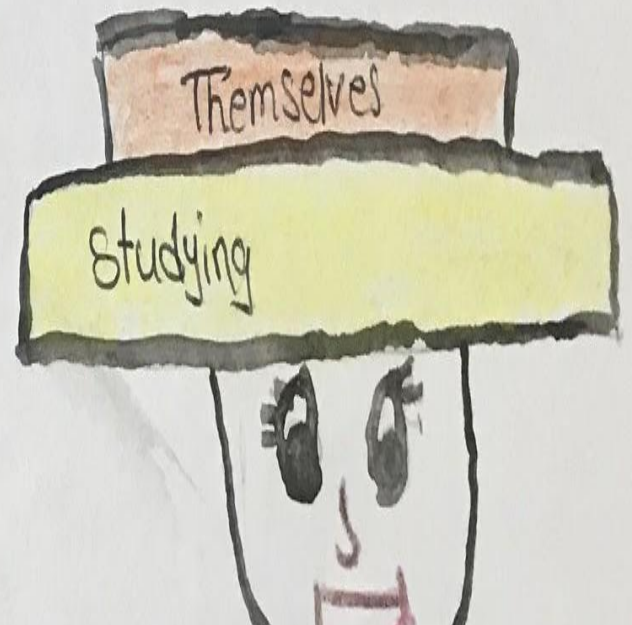
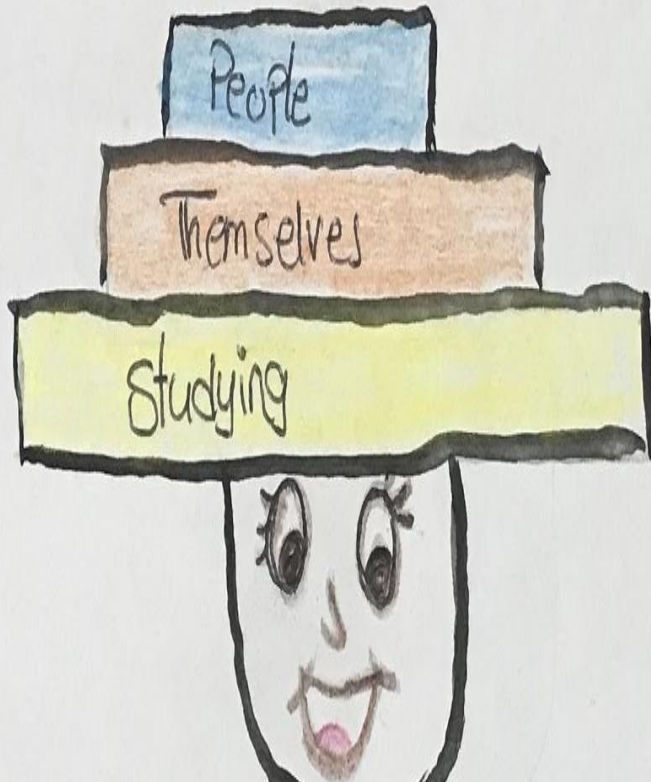
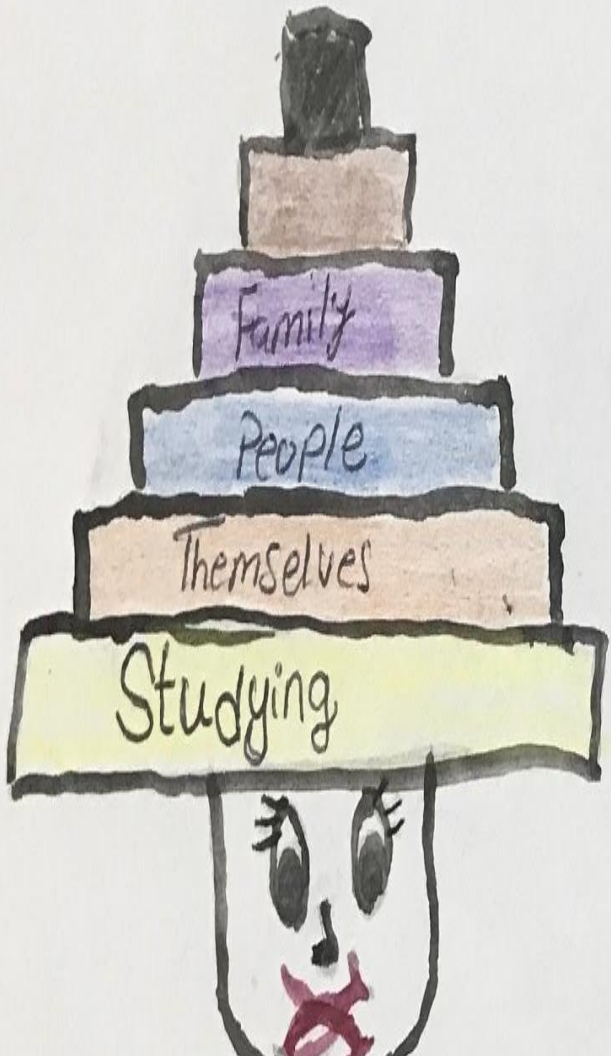
When They Think about anything they don't need, Their happy face will change to sad.

They shouldn't Think about People, just think Themselves

And their future.

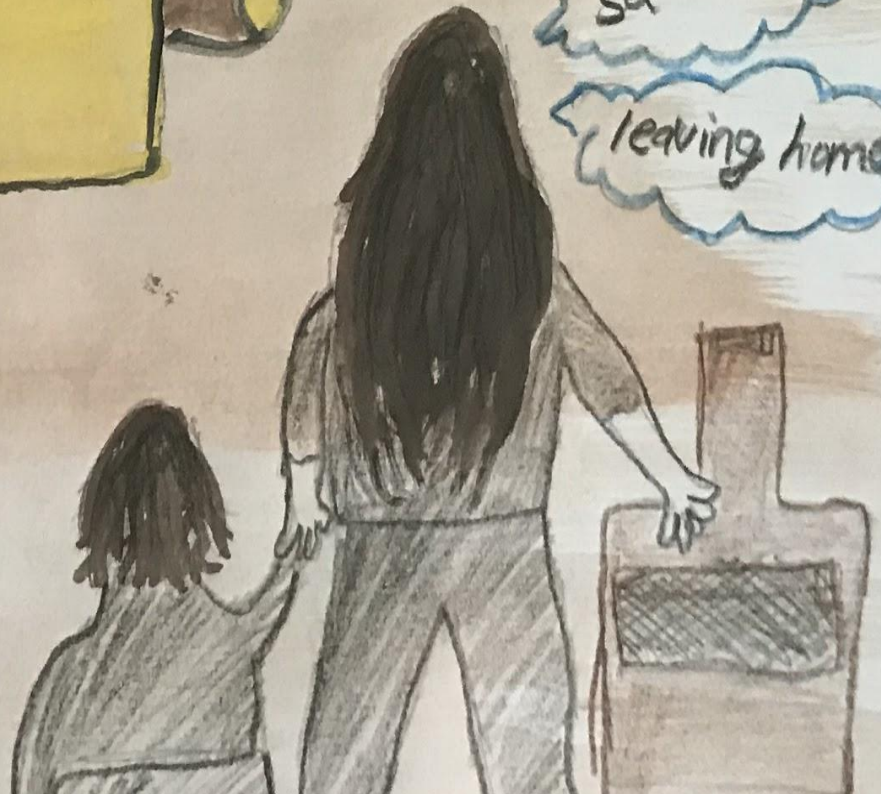
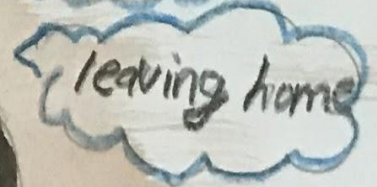
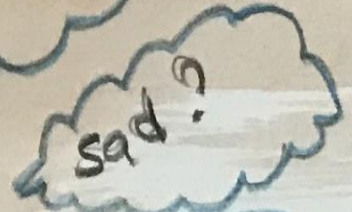
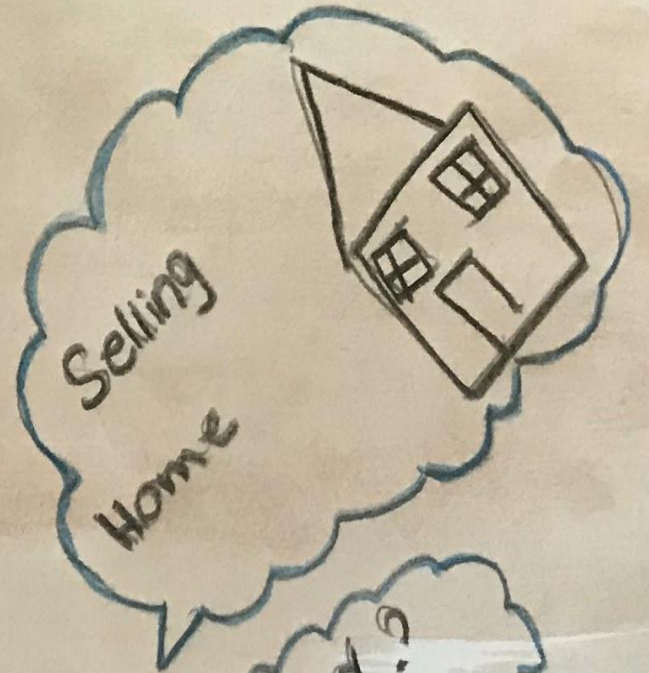
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It's a really good thing to think about ourselves.

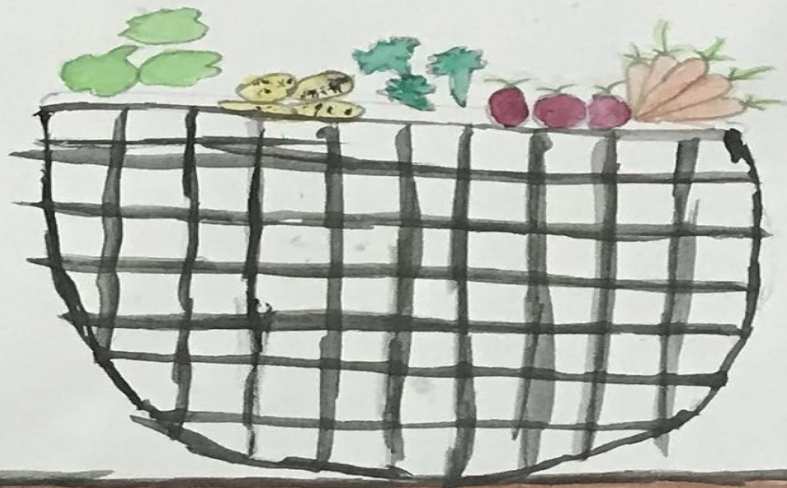


Refugees and asylum-seekers globally have the choice to return home, because all countries are now safe.

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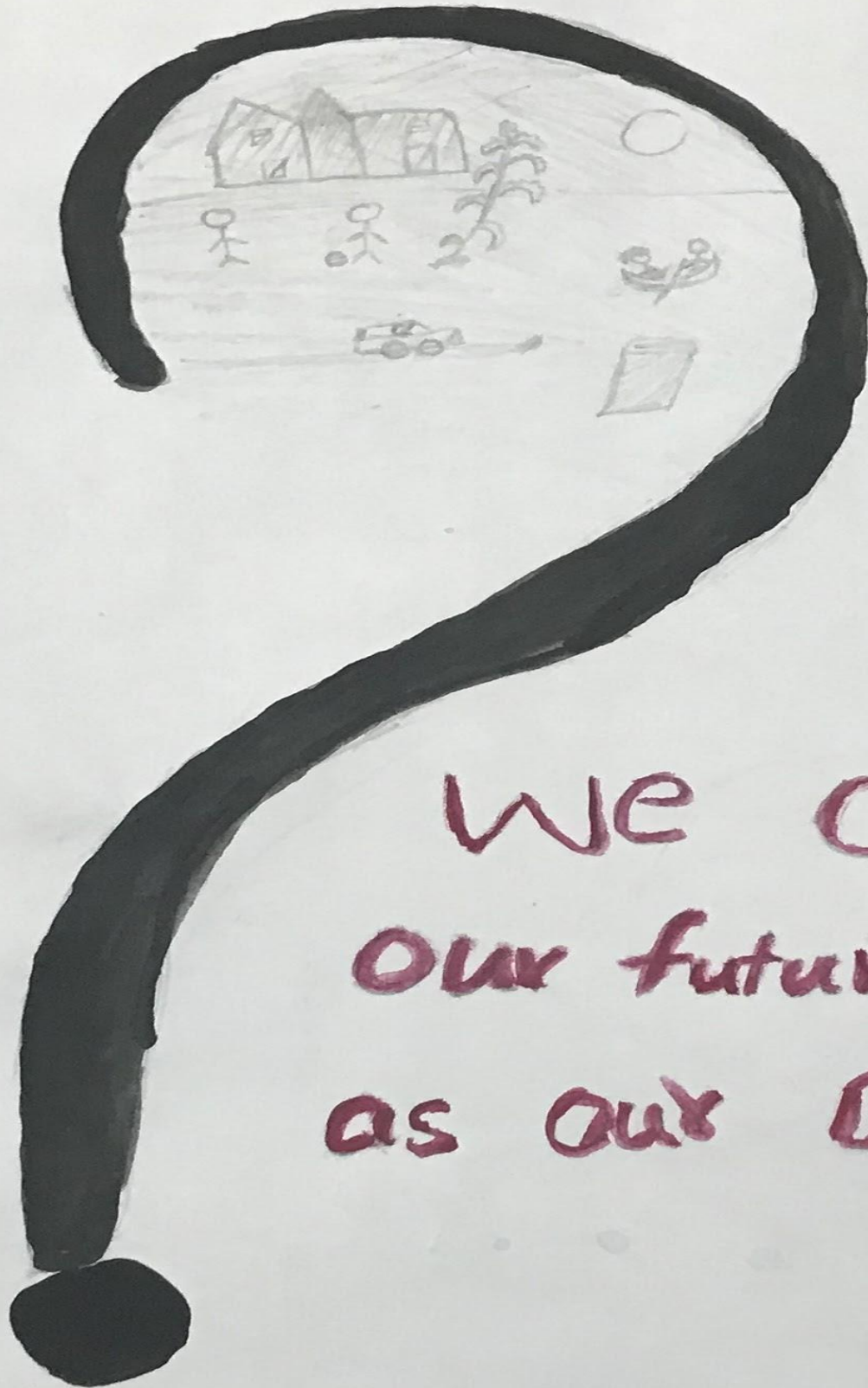
Industrial animal agriculture no longer exists; local farming, hunting, lab-grown meat and plant based diets have taken over.



The world is not perfect, but it is more peaceful and equal.

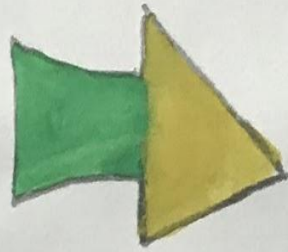


So, how did we get here?



WE Can Make
Our future nice
as our Dreams

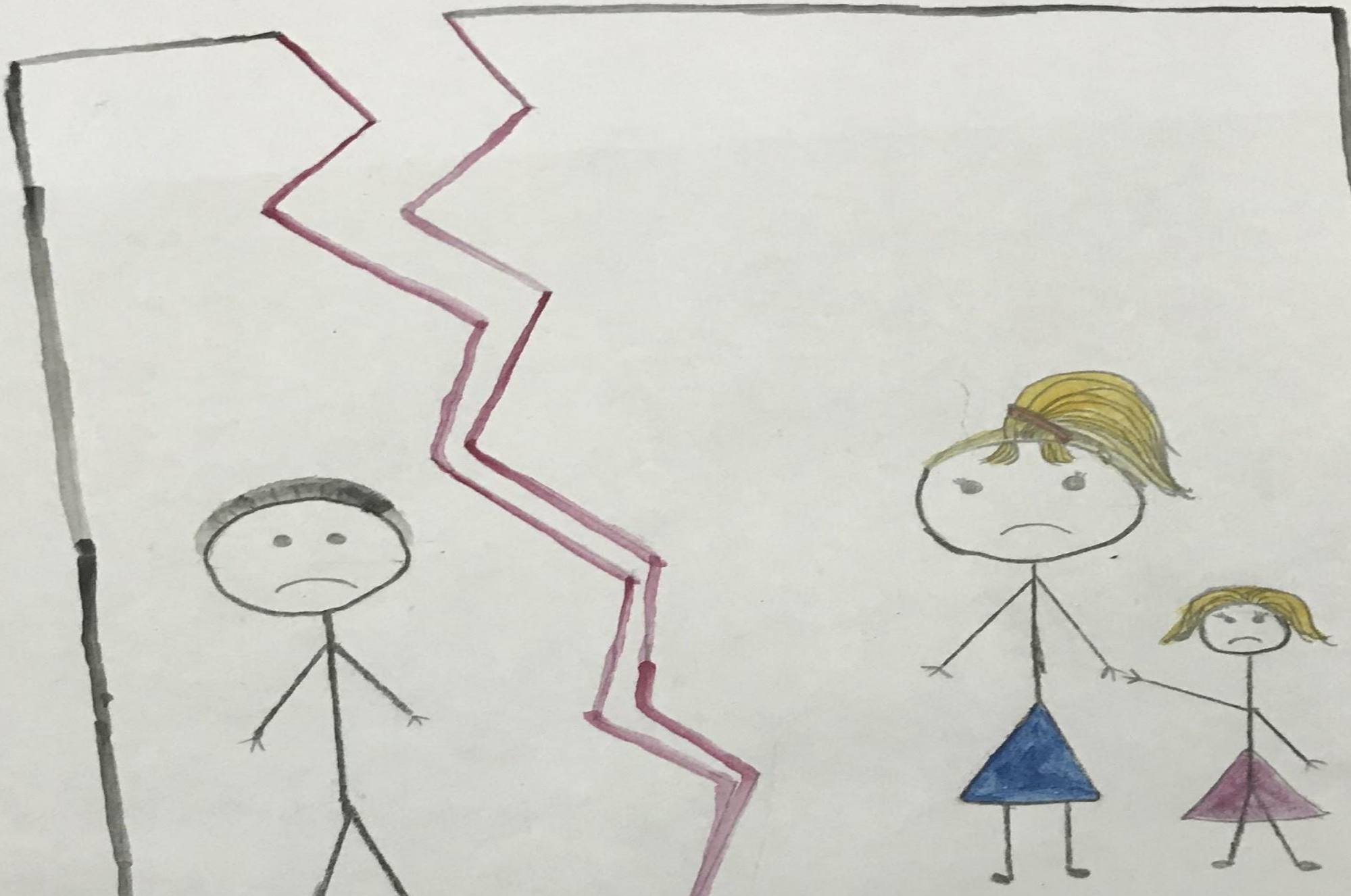
Before this, things got bad. Really bad.



There were extreme food shortages due to droughts and changes in weather patterns due to the climate emergency.



With increasing populations and wider gaps between the rich and poor, came more inequity, and fewer and fewer people could access food, water, and shelter.

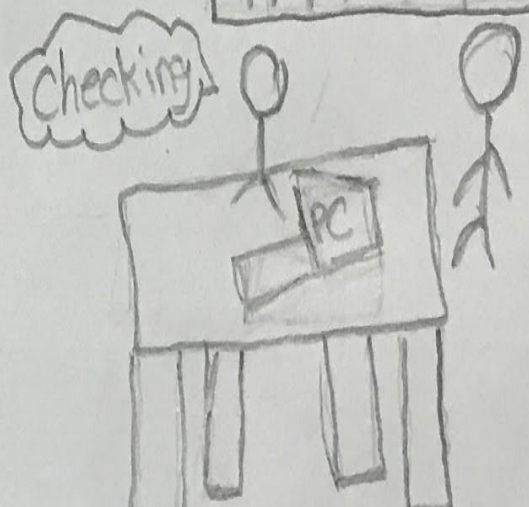
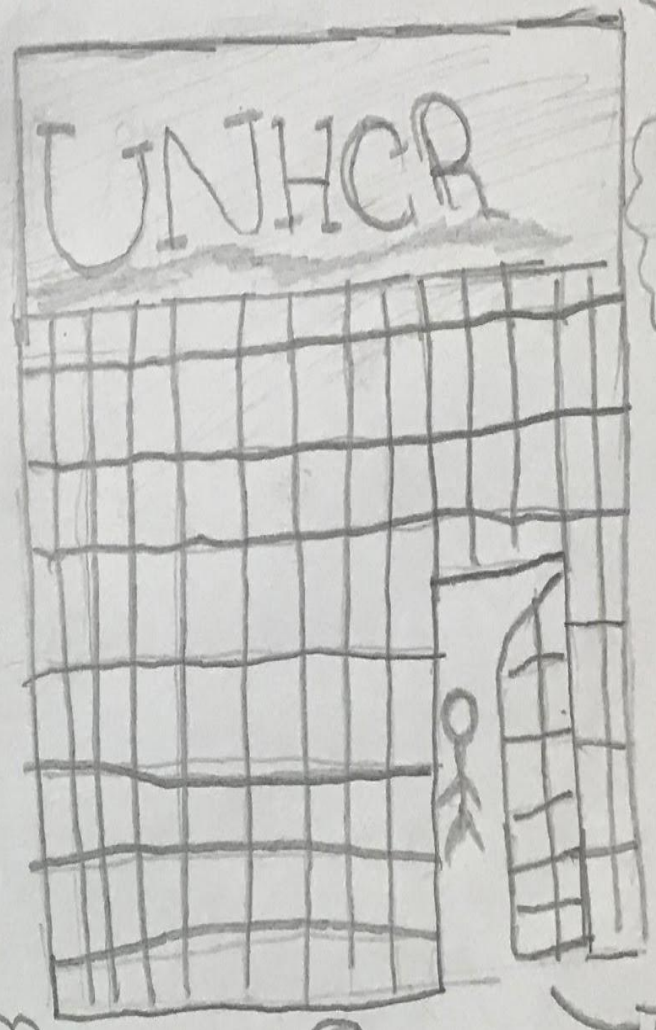


Human rights violations reached their peak all over the world. There were increasing numbers of refugees and asylum-seekers.

Here is your place
you have to go at your

Really Bad future! home Country
If I back to

Rejected



Really Bad



street

Environmental destruction and climate change were intensified due to capitalism and ongoing colonization.



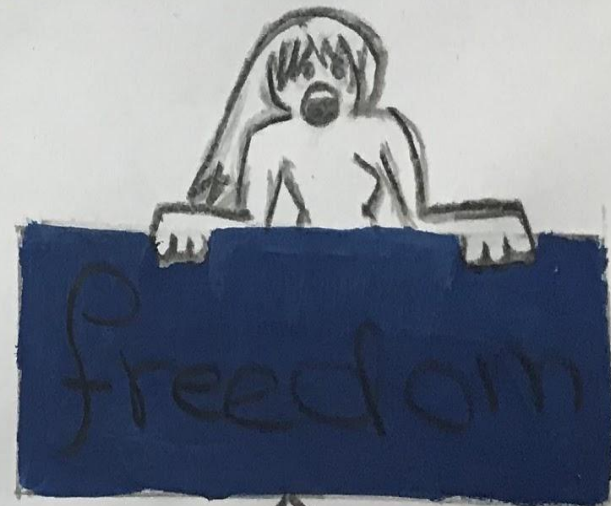
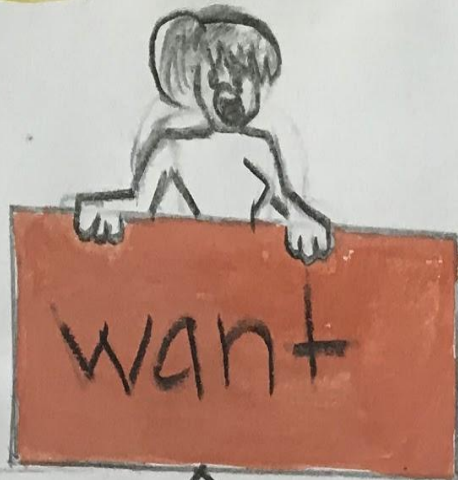
Things got to the point where something had to be done because the potential future was bleak.



People everywhere realized the interconnections of all of these problems and began to recognize that crisis provides an opportunity for change for the better.

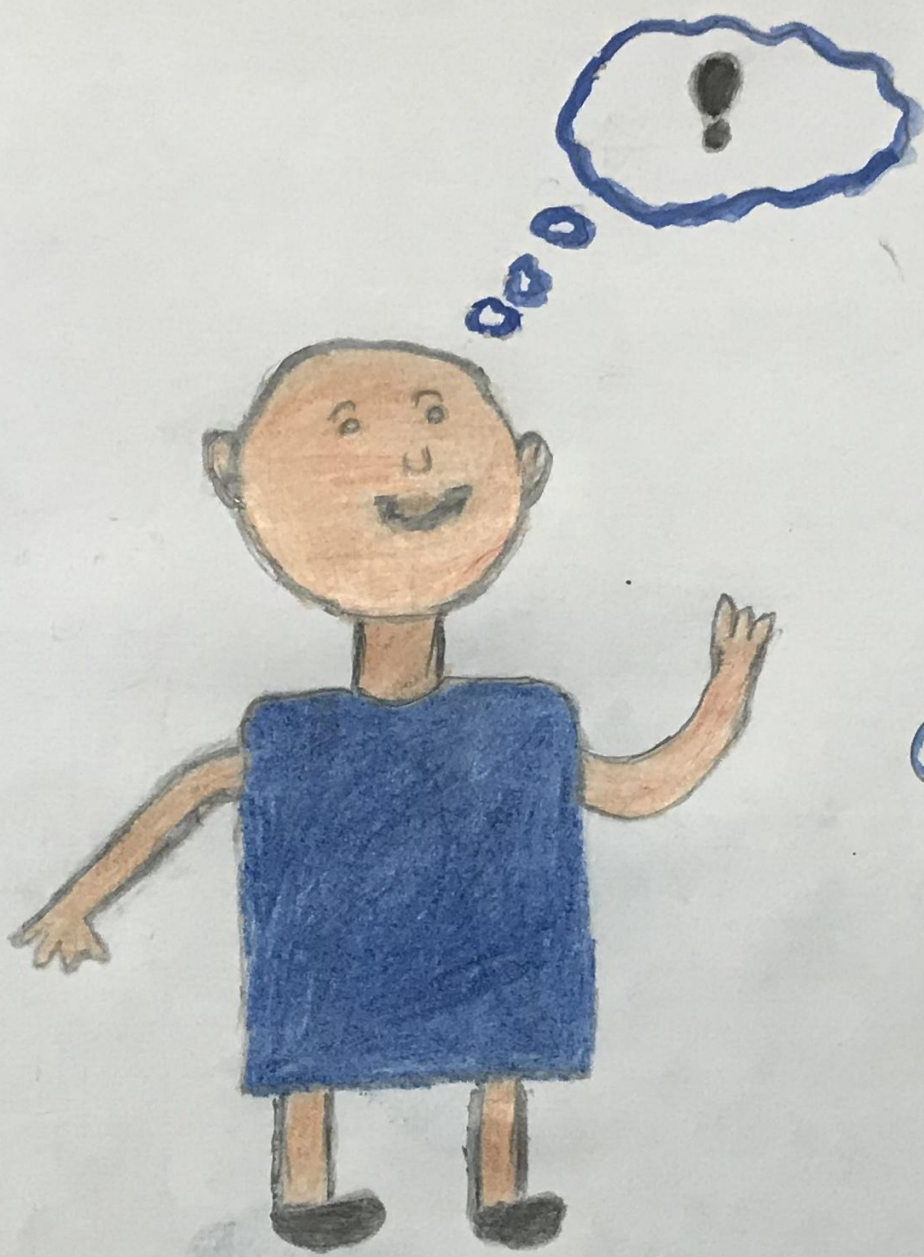


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Eventually, governments and corporations listened after realizing it's what most people wanted. And things changed for the better.



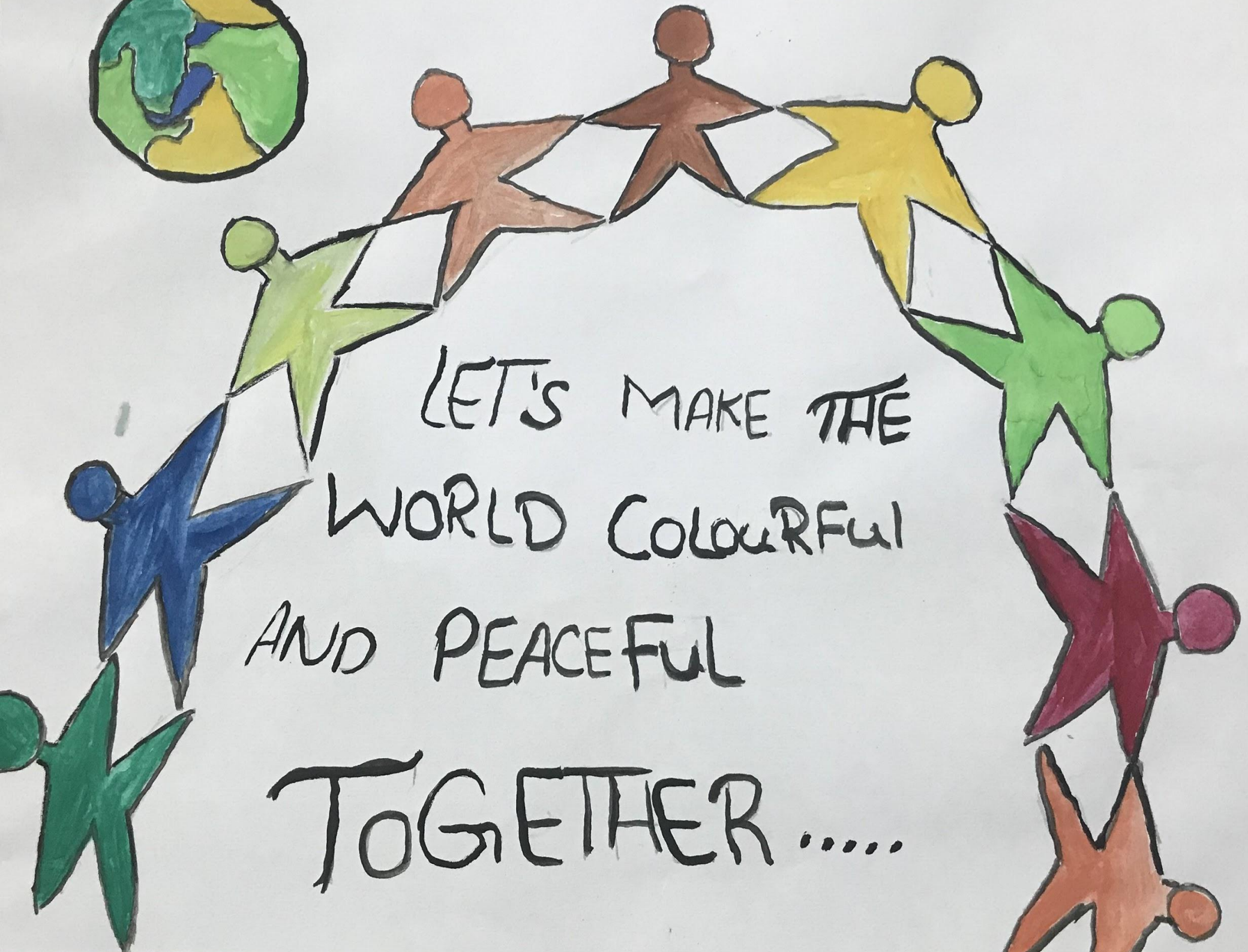


Just Think

about your future

nice Things, And

Colourful Things.



LET'S MAKE THE
WORLD COLOURFUL
AND PEACEFUL
TOGETHER