



RWB: Global South youth perspective

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Context



- 90% young
- Structural marginalisations: identity, spatial, infrastructure, cultural
- Shifting social, economic and political contracts
- Viewed as:
 - labour force that can propel economic growth
 - troubled group that must be restrained
- Limited conversation on what works, what are young people driving

Centring the urban



- Formal and substantive citizenship in cities (Holston&Appadurai, 1996)
- Intersecting challenges – labour, climate, health, digital
- The ‘relational’ in cities is dynamic and evolving
- Youth coping and thriving
- Ethical partnership with adults can add huge value

Centring young people



- Meaningful participation: why, when, how
- Participation as representation
- Ethics of research can be 'messy'
- Consider tokenism, power, intergenerationality, capacities...
- Dynamics of diverse collaborations

Reflecting on a RWB epistep Praxis

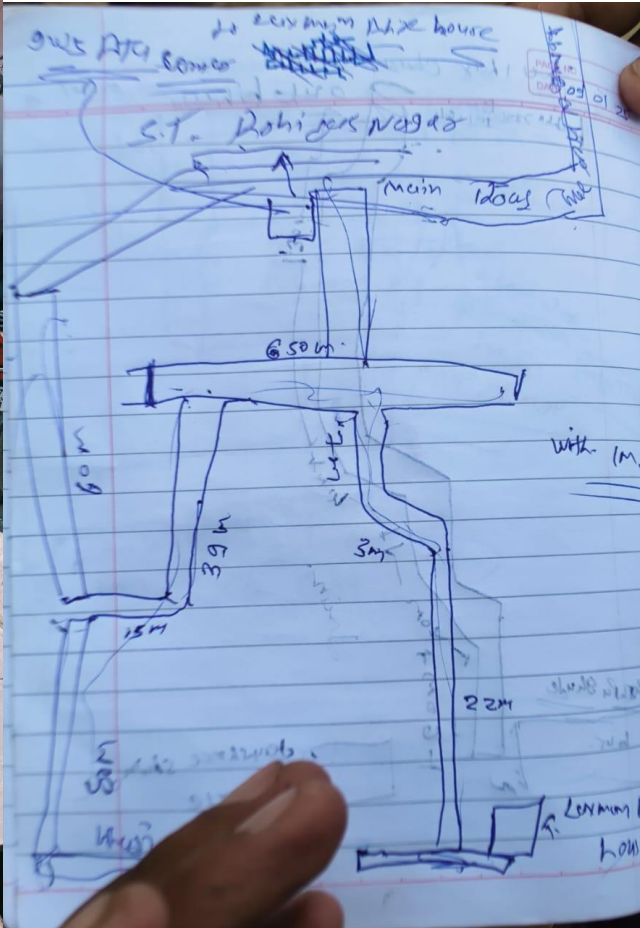
Youth-led Community
Climate Action Planning in
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Takeaways

- Unpack structural determinants of the relational - background forces (institutions, norms, policies, inequalities)
- Impacts of different forms of access to young people
- Connect to community networks
- Centre young people's action
- Ways to sustain processes
- Policy inputs to recognise power
- This is a political project

