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Lebanon



Trans-Health

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ایمناوجدالعب
وتجددالسلام

where there is love
there is peace

Palestine

Freedom



DAY 2

تجسد



SWIPE FOR PROFILES!

Access

Relevance | Comfort

ARABIZE
TRANS-SPECIFIC
LAW/TERMINOLOGY

S E S S I O N



Dictatorship

FAMILY

Trauma | Memory

DAILY EVALUATIONS
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APPLICATION
QUESTIONS

STORY



What is
language?

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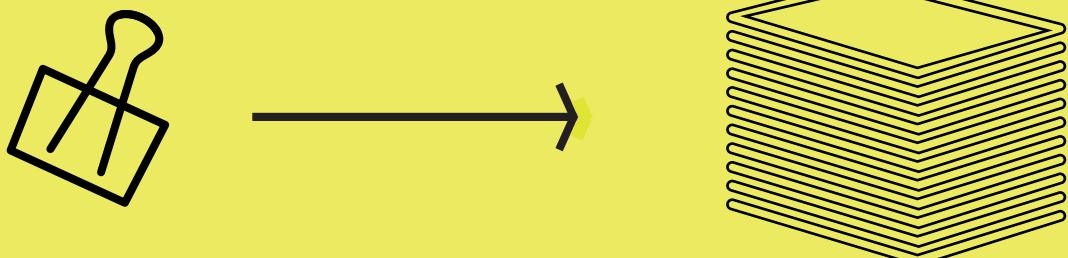
GUIDE

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Think of our environment and print on recycled paper!

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 - 5 If possible, print this document in full color for a better reading experience.
 - 6 Every page must be stacked on top of one another to create the final zine.



- 7 Attach the pages together however you'd like and enjoy!

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The original Concept Note that launched the process of Tajassodat.

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The invitations to join the Steering Committee that would lead the process, the application questions for interested collaborators, and the invitations from the Steering Committee to collaborators selected to attend the convening.

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Agenda

The development of the Tajassodat convening agenda went through various iterations, following a participatory approach to co-creating the space. It was refined during the pre-meeting based on online feedback by collaborators, then discussed during the opening of the convening. Each day also included evaluations, allowing for continuous adaptation of the agenda to meet the collaborators' goals.



Pre-Meeting Discussion Daily Agendas and Evaluations

V

Sessions

The sessions of the convening unfolded along multiple themes, as prioritized by collaborators. The following sections of the zine include collaborators' notes, working groups' outputs, and discussion points of each session.



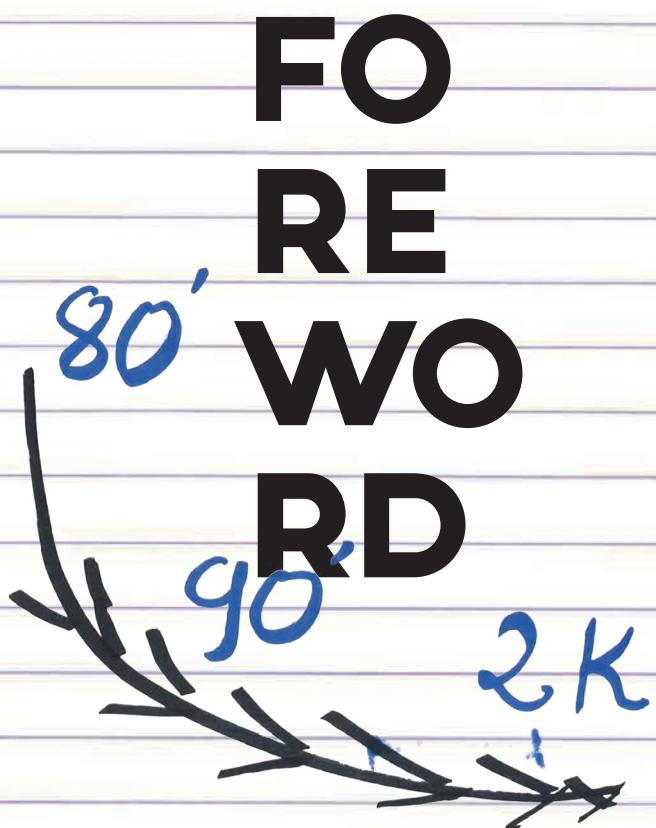
Speed Dating Expectations Shared Values Personal Stories Language & Terminologies Collective Histories Movement Building Non Binary Session Advocacy Solidarity Scenarios

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Moving Forward

This last session of the convening investigated the possibility of replicating the Tajassodat format and possible paths forward for regional and cross-regional collaboration.

NOTES.



The body of material you are about to see is a visual account of the process and proceedings of Tajassodat: Conversations to Advance Trans Rights and Justice in Muslim Societies, which was a 5-day cross-regional convening for activists held in May 2019 in Nepal.

This zine is a direct outcome of the participatory approach and methodology that were adopted for the convening, so that the space and the outcomes were co-created by and for collaborators who attended.

The documentation tools and processes for Tajassodat were designed to be appropriated, subverted and challenged by contributors, with the aim of having collective agency over the representation of the content and attendees. The major part of the material in the following pages was produced and selected by the 23 collaborators of the meeting, with the only real additions to the original content coming in the form of design and layout.

As such, the zine presents an alternative to conventional forms of reporting and “fly on the wall” methods of representation, typically produced by one individual often external to the conversation. It is a collectively produced document by and for trans and non-binary activists in Muslim contexts.

It also reaches out beyond the 5 days of the convening, to contain the preparatory efforts and exchanges that made it possible for Tajassodat to take place.

In that sense, this zine is an archival document that situates Tajassodat within a year-long trajectory of work, exchanges and solidarity.

This zine is intended to be printed and read as a physical object, and also includes instructions on how to compile it yourselves at home.

Tajassodat collaborators wish you a pleasant read, and hope that this material can inform other conversations around trans and non-binary rights and justice across different contexts.

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Takes on →

↓

"PARTICIPANTS" → "COLLABORATORS"

WHAT SOLIDARITY MEANS IN PRACTICE / CSBR.

WHATEVER IS IN THIS ROOM IS FOR/BY PEOPLE IN THIS
ROOM. ZINE - INSTANT PHOTOS - SCREENED NOTES

MINUTE-TAKING / REPORTING
BACK TO OUR COMMUNITIES &
CONTEXTS WHEN WE MIGHT NEED
FORMAL MINUTE-TAKING.

"ASSIGNED HINDU AT BIRTH"

...
MUSLIM

RIMA: as a cis-person organizing w/
steering committee
will step out of the room in the
next days → SPACE FOR
TRANS + NON-BINARY

CONCEPT NOTE



Trans-Health



This 5-day convening is a collaborative initiative between Tajassod/Qorras and the Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR), to support conversations on trans experiences and needs, networking, resource development, and joint collaborations amongst trans activists and their allies. The convening aims to bring together 30 participants from across the MENA and SSEA regions, this convening will be a first of its kind, led by CSBR and trans activists in Muslim societies.

Suggested countries;

[Lebanon](#), [Tunisia](#), [Egypt](#), [Jordan](#), [Palestine](#),
[Malaysia](#), [Pakistan](#), [Bangladesh](#), [Indonesia](#), [India](#).

About Tajassod and CSBR

Tajassod is an initiative that works on gender embodiment, it focuses on bringing forward practical information for trans individuals and practical networking with allies and fellow activists, to try to have a healthier and safer future in our “homes”. Tajassod is led by one of Qorra's founding members.

Tajassod is an initiative that builds on years of experience within queer and feminist frameworks. Tajassod was therefore born out of a politicized personal experience that we have often struggled with in LGBTQ+ and feminist circles. Some of the questions that Tajassod aims to address are: How can we collect information that will be comprehensive enough for many trans individuals to find useful, without invisibilising important sub communities? How can we translate our identities safely on our bodies without dissecting our bodies into medical organs? How can we build alliances and optimize information within more relevant contexts particularly Global South/Muslim Societies ones.

The collaboration with CSBR comes from the need to have a learning space on advancing trans relevant information and justice. Our interactions with global south/north is not as a young initiative, rather CSBR has been part in our individual growth through the spaces we navigated together, that helped us bring forward our work in the past 10 years. We see this as an opportunity for continuous collaboration and a chance to work together on cross-regional networking and learning from community-led strategies on trans issues for our context.

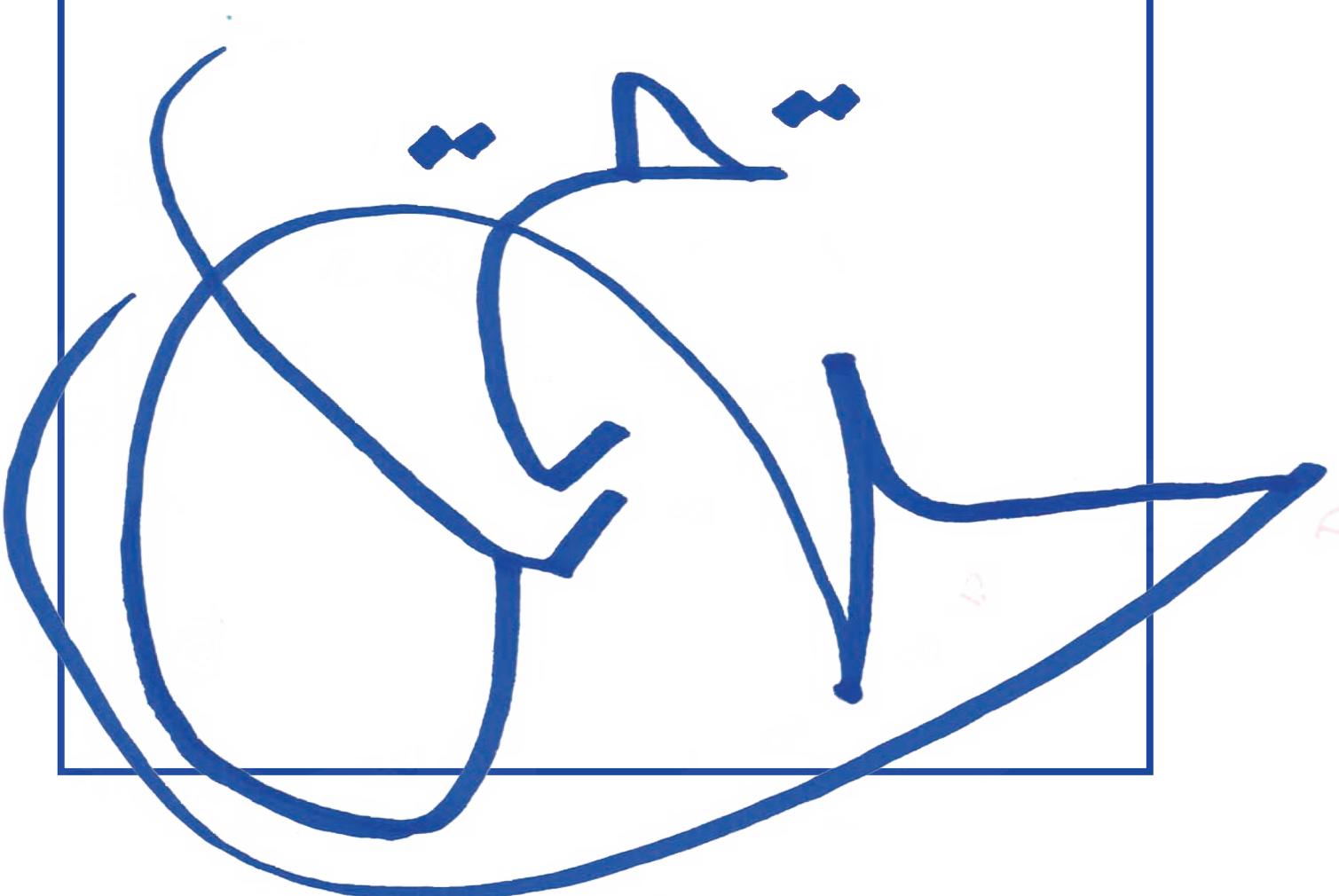
CSBR is an international solidarity network of over 30 members organizations across 16 countries in MENA, SSEA and Central Asia. CSBR supports the integration of a holistic approach to sexual and bodily rights as human rights across Muslim societies, through feminist knowledge building, strategic convenings, and activist capacity building. This proposed meeting arose from conversations with Tajassod/Qorra and activists across regions about the need to separate gender identity and expression out from LGBTIQ organizing, and to support trans-led conversations, contextualised discourses, resource sharing, and solidarity work.

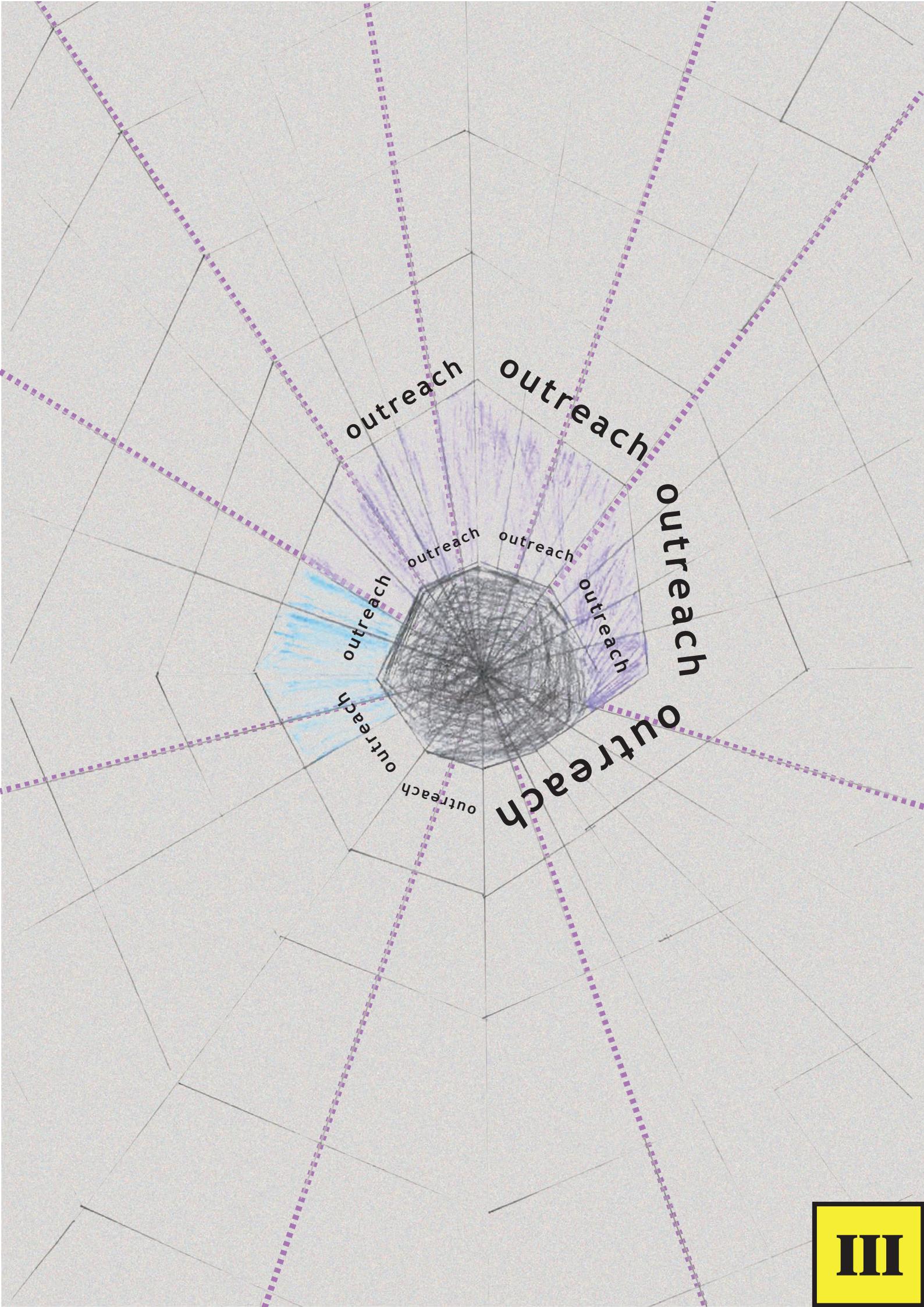
The convening will serve as a space to co-strategize on how to build more inclusive movements, by collectively mapping the landscape and opportunities for trans rights and justice within countries as well as at the regional levels. To date such no cross-regional conversations have taken place focused particularly on Muslim societies. We see this collaboration with Tajassod/Qorra as a launching point to strengthen CSBR's relationships and network membership with trans-led groups in Muslim contexts, so that CSBR and her partners increase our knowledge, understanding and capacities to be proactive allies and to provide strategic, responsive, needs-based solidarity and movement support.

The convening will be coordinated by a core team made up of Tajassod, CSBR and activists from both regions. The meeting will use mixed methods, integrating structured discussions, participatory and arts-based methods, and open space facilitation on the three core themes of:

Personal embodiments, health & wellbeing;
Language, culture and histories;

Legal human rights advocacy & Trans movement building. Throughout the 5 days we aim to build a healing space & strengthen trans activists capacities and strategies to foster sustainable community level change at home. In the first three days, collaborators will share personal experiences and contextual histories on trans organizing; map out common trends and obstacles across national contexts, as well as unique opportunities for advocacy; and document ways in which trans activists overcome, recreate, and reframe their struggles to encourage understanding & solidarity, from the level of the family and friends, to a wider community, and national advocacy. The final two days will be used as a creative space to synthesize reflections through artistic & creative visualizations of our various experiences on bodily autonomy, self-determination and community organizing. This will also serve as a space to explore networking & solidarity questions with allies, be it networks/collectives or organizations that are trans inclusive nationally or regionally.





New Message

Subject: EMAIL INVITATION FOR STEERING COMMITTEE

To: XXXX

Subject: EMAIL INVITATION FOR STEERING COMMITTEE

Dear XXXX,

Warmest greetings from CSBR and Qorras!

We are writing to formally invite you to join the Steering Committee for Tajassodat: Conversations to Advance Trans Rights & Justice across Muslim Societies—a cross-regional strategic convening set to take place in March 2019. You can read the original concept note about the project here: <http://bit.ly/TajassodatConcept> Over the last few months, we've been reaching out to trans activists around the world to discuss the project, our politics, our goals and hopes for the process.

As we've shared with you, this has included building a core team of activists from MENA & SSEA with whom the project resonated, who share our vision, and importantly who will push us that much further to make Tajassodat not just another meeting, but a space that really supports the growth of trans led organizing & deeper solidarity & allyship across Muslim contexts, and beyond.

We are excited to officially launch the program, and in the attached invitation letter you can find full details of being a Steering Committee member. Please take a look and get back to us by 16 November if you would like to join us?

As well, please let us know about your availability for the first virtual Steering Committee meeting, which will take place between 26 - 29 November.

We really look forward to working with you!

With love and solidarity,
Rima & Zakaria

1. Name _____
2. Age _____
3. Nationality _____
4. Gender experience _____
5. Email _____
6. Any more info you would like to share (social media account, website or anything else you would like us to know) _____
7. What specific issues do you engage with on a daily basis in your local context/day to day life? _____
8. Please explain further your experience with all the issues _____
9. What can you tell us about the community around you in your local context? _____
10. Why do you want to participate in this convening for trans activists from Muslim societies? What do you hope to take away from the space? _____
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12. What do you hope to contribute to the meeting? _____
13. What is change you looking to see in your surrounding and community? And what are the tools you believe you would need? Feel free to give a scenario or a story that can express your vision or the change you will like to see. _____

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

14. Do you have any concerns about being visibly identified as a participant at this meeting? Do you have any other security concerns for this convening?
15. Will you need help in with English?
16. Please explain an accessibility issue that you will need our assistance in
17. What kind of solidarity work do you do focus on across other movements & issues?
18. Part of this convening's goal is to explore what more networking support for trans activists across Muslim societies could look like. How might strategic and networking for trans activists function in a way that would best suit your needs?

Hello from Tajassodat's
Steering Committee!

Our call is now closed
and we are one step
nearer to getting
together in May!

Tajassodat's call for
application received
152 submissions from
trans* individuals from
the MENA and SSEA
regions.



Dear XXXX,

The Steering Committee of Tajassodat: Conversations to Advance Trans Rights and Justice in Muslim Societies, on behalf of Qorras & the Coalition for Sexual and Bodily Rights in Muslim Societies (CSBR), cordially invite you to participate in a solidarity & strategic convening to be held from 26-30 May 2019, in Kathmandu, Nepal.

[...]

We received over 75 complete applications, from which we have shortlisted 30 collaborators from Bangladesh, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Nepal, Pakistan, Palestine, the Philippines, Tunisia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Singapore.

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Welcome to Nepal

To aid your participation, CSBR & Qorras will cover associated costs as follows:

- Accommodation on a shared twin room basis, for the dates of the convening;
- Economy return airfare to Kathmandu, on the expected travel dates of the convening;
- Meals for the duration of your stay;
- Cost of your visa on arrival to Nepal;
- Local transportation to/from the airport, at home and in Kathmandu.

We believe your presence at the meeting will both enhance and enrich the discussions, given the experiences & understanding from your own regions.

To confirm your participation please RSVP your completed travel form (attached) & a copy of your passport ID page by 15 April 2019.

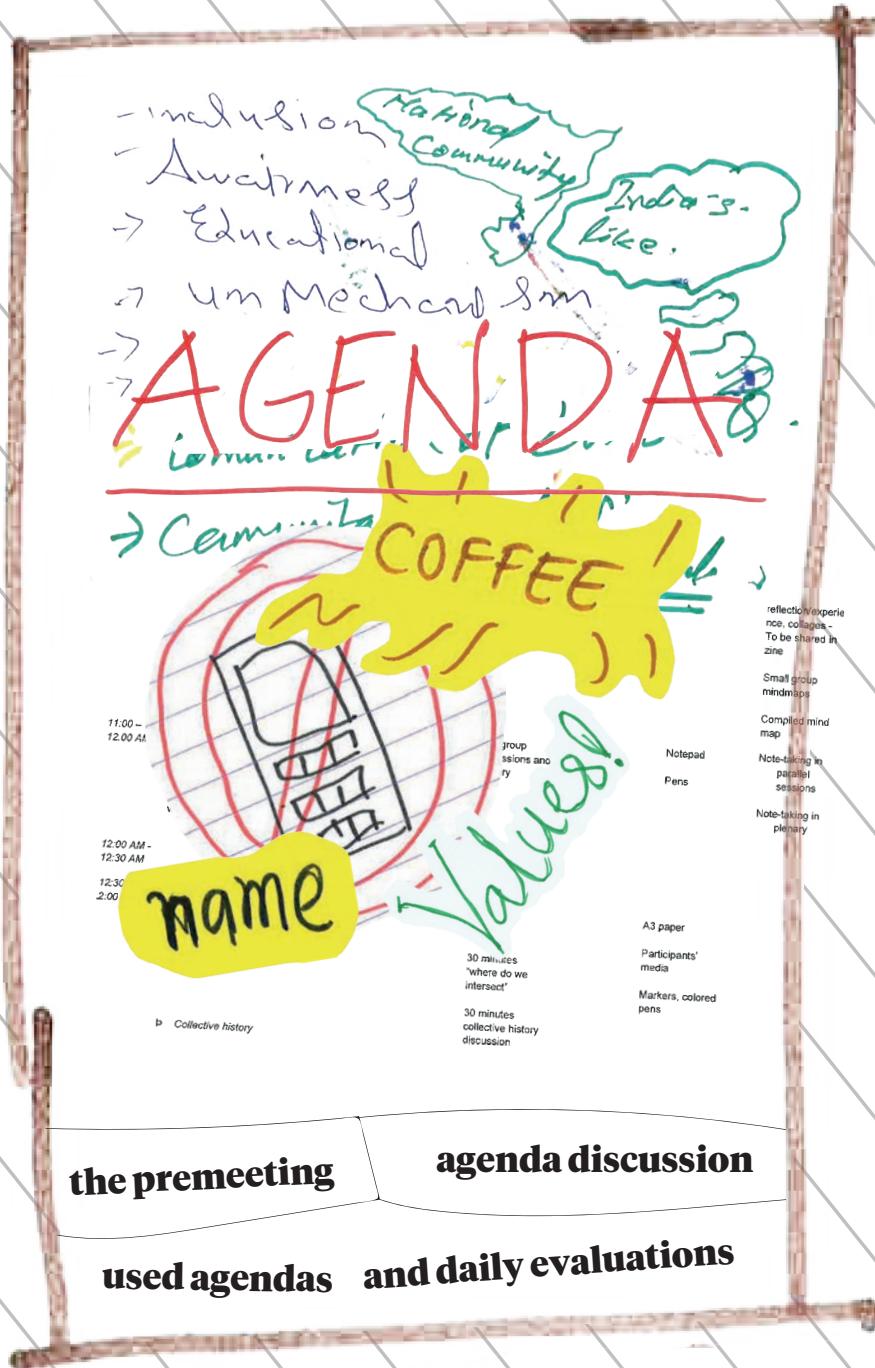
We have a wait-list for participation, so if we do not hear from you by 15th April, we will proceed to offer the spot to another candidate.

We will also share the logistic details for your travels closer to the date.

Once we have your confirmation, we will be writing to you to start a collaborative process to set up the agenda of the 5-day convening.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to your favourable response and seeing you in Nepal.



THE AGENDA

THE PRE-MEETING

20 minutes personal
30 smaller group
30 big group

↳ Ground people in the room in a shared understanding of the Agenda of the Convening. // the platform

Rima/Zee

↳ Introducing the scrapbook and documentation method (anonymity, privacy, etc) / volunteers for open space / fishbowl >> sign-up sheets // FEEDBACK SYSTEM // TOTE

tinder card
speed dating

11:30 AM – 1 PM

1:15
20

20 minutes personal
30 smaller group
30 big group

METHODOLOGY
TAJASSODAT- Agenda SKETCH

Throughout // Gallery/ exchange envelopes / daily "reflections wall"

Time	Session	Facilitator	Activity	Outcomes	Materials	Documentation method:
DAY ONE May 26, 2019						
9 AM – 11AM	Session 1: WELCOME, Introductions, Expectations, Agenda Overview. ↳ Ground people in the room in a shared understanding of the Agenda of the Convening. // the platform ↳ What are the things that you want to coming days? ↳ Introducing the scrapbook and documentation method (anonymity, privacy, etc) / volunteers for open space / fishbowl >> sign-up sheets // FEEDBACK SYSTEM // TOTE	Organizers: Zakaria, or Steering Committee member(s) Monica	Ice breakers, Discussion, review of agenda	Shared understanding of the space, objectives and expectations Intro to zine and documentation - anonymity, privacy, etc.	A5 cards - who we are Post it notes or small papers - expectation Markers Scrapbook Glue/tape	Each person will write/draw their own "ID card" based on the ice-breaker, to be used for the zine Collection of expectation post-its produced by participants
11AM - 11:30 AM	BREAK					
11:30 AM – 1 PM	Session 2: And Setting goals and agenda ↳ shared values, common language, goals, review of agenda, open space, etc. ↳ Ground rules ↳ SIGN UP ↳ HIVS TESTIMONIALS STORIES	Organizers: Zakaria, or Steering Committee member(s)	Discussion	Shared understanding of the goals and agenda	A5 cards - who we are Post it notes or small papers - shared values and common language	Annotated/edited version of the agenda based on input/feedback Post-its or coloured papers for values, clustering

tinder card
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THE AGENDA

THE PRE-MEETING

AFTERNOON OFF

Mind map of forms of oppression

Markers

Camera (phone)
Notepad (rapporteur)
Flip chart paper

Session 3: Personal reflection

- ↳ Personal reflection of their experiences (individual) - journal or to draw
- ∅ gender identity and expression,
- ∅ religion or faith,
- ∅ Activism
- ∅ life

Geographical maps of each sub-region

BREAK

Session 21: Feedback & Recap

BICYCLE BASKET

Session 23: Reflections on the days and what we have produced together

Open Space

GOOD
BAD
MEH

15 / 15
Methodology accessibility
Thematics, Relevance
Comfort / Dynamics
General OUTSIDE

- ∅ Are there traditions and practices in your community or communities in your context? What do they mean in general and to you? Where do these traditions and practices come from? Or how did they come about?
- ∅ Local trans movements in relation to local histories (documented discussion)
- ∅ MENA: (imaginary) of territory/ region

DAY 4:
11:00 – 12:00 AM
→ ind. stories
→ scenarios
solidarity
GRP
• NARRATIVES
• technology
• security
• intersectionality
• advocacy

gender
embodiment
does this

Two group discussions and plenary

DAY 2:

- Personal embodiment
- Collective & local trans movement

THE AGENDA

DISCUSSION // FEEDBACK NOTES

DAY 1

- cultural differences
- stories + personal experiences
- common ground for future
- language + terminologies meaning
- victimhood → power
- experience/feeling/terms

DAY 2

- "getting away" local trans culture
- to be as specific as possible (personal histories)
- trigger warnings? mechanisms?
- position in the room
- take time to discuss this
- trauma/care workers experience

DAY 3

- DATABASE to facilitate future work together
- consider distributing 1/2 day session to have a full day off - keep 1/2 day
- access to mental health in ≠ contexts
- obstacles in movement building
- LGB movement in relation to trans-movement
- government policies re: LGBT movements challenges / support
- feminist / human rights movements in relation to trans-movement

↳ Responsibility of ~~self~~ self-isolation

/Silence/ pity//

Samita's suggestion to facilitate a discussion on this

+ Khosro and CARE

PROTOCOL

↳ Responsibility of story in the room

DAY 4

- Evolution of trans-advocacy in each country
- tangible parts: medical, legal, ... moderate by sub-themes.
- ↳ to be able to compare: commonalities, ≠
- trans-narratives: islam + interpretations
- address the narratives we don't always like too

DAY 5

- practical steps to move forward
- email / whatsapp group to keep continuity moving forward: to be decided together
- online space / forum

THE AGENDA

DISCUSSION // SELF-CARE AND SHARING



- ① BREATHING EXERCISES
GROUNDING EXERCISES
- ② CHANGING SETTING OF THE ROOM
- ③ SHARING LITERATURE
- ④ INFORM OTHERS WHEN TRIGGERED
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ISOLATING your self
- ⑤ NARRATIVES: SELF-REFLECTION TODAY

THE AGENDA

DAILY AGENDAS AND EVALUATIONS EVALUATIONS

DAY 1 / SUNDAY

Speed Dating
Introduction / Methodology / Documentation
Shared Values
Discussion on Agenda of 5 days
Story Telling / Personal Stories

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DAY 1

EVALUATIONS

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Related

① Abilities - ✓

COMFORT ACCESSIBILITY RELEVANCE

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② Relevance - ✓

③ Comfort - ✓

ACCESS

It was accessible for me because I am able bodied and I can speak English but the special need people were not considered. Some of us needed to contribute and translate for some others at the same time which could be pre-arranged better.

RELEVANCE

The topics and discussions were very relevant

COMFORT

When we had the circle seating position, I had more comfortable.

THE AGENDA

DAILY AGENDAS AND EVALUATIONS EVALUATIONS

Day 2

9:00 - 9:30 - grounding exercise

9:30 - 10:00 - recap REBECCA + MONICA

10:00 - 11:30 - language & identity SAGA + CHILAGA

11:30 - 12:00 - break

12:00 - 1:30 - personal history ZEE + BEERA

1:30 - 2:30 - panel

2:30 - 4:00 - collective history + traditional & cultural practices ZEE + SUBREGION X2

4:00 - 4:30 - break

4:30 - 6:00 - local forces movement timeline + mindmap

6:00 - 6:30 - evaluation & feedback BY SESSION

10 min. grounding exercise

graffiti
history
challenges

Comfort



The room Temperature
need to be Colder

ACCESS : 9
RELEVANCE : 9
COMFORT : 4

discussion on boundaries
of terms and
non-binary
made me
uncomfortable

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Access



Relevance



Comfort



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DAY 2

EVALUATIONS

Access: 7.5/10

Relevance: 9/10

Comfort: 7.5/10

Access: 9/10

Still not
done

I think
some readings
will be helpful

that collaboration
could provide
prior to
the convening.

Relevance

It was ✓
good that
we split into
regional groups.

Although not
all were the
most relevant
"relevant" term.

MENA felt
very different & different words

Comfort

The more flexibility
was good.

It's hard to
predict how long
sessions will take

THE AGENDA

DAY 3

9:00-9:30 : GROUNDING EXERCISE

9:30-10:00 : RECAP

10:00-11:00 : MENA COLL. HISTORY PRESENTATION

11:00-11:30 BREAK

11:30-1:00 MOVEMENT BUILDING

1:00—LUNCH

DAILY AGENDAS AND EVALUATIONS EVALUATIONS

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DAY 3
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THE AGENDA

DAILY AGENDAS AND EVALUATIONS EVALUATIONS

- Recap
- Non Binary Monica + Thalisa
 - Advocacy lunch
 - 2:30 - Themes decided by team of collaborators
 - 6:00 - Democratic process for selection of theme.
- Q: *Double*
A: Curriculum in the room
Q: Is there a need for such space in the
shape that is now (e.g. the
muslim context)
Q: Is there need of a strategic meeting.
- Advocacy
 - Have groups scattered - scattered + not
region wise.
 - Have 5 groups each with a diff
time

DAY 5
Meeting forward
closing circle
[10:00 - 11:30]
[03:00 - 5:00]

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DAY 4-5

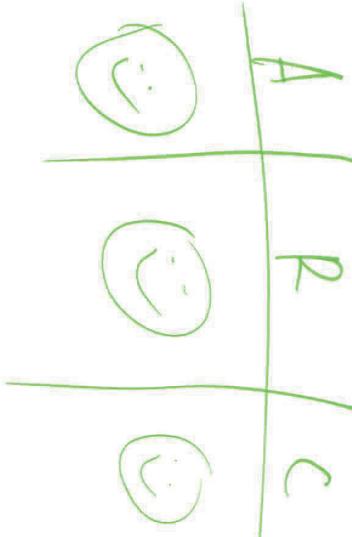
EVALUATIONS

All Is Well

ACCESS - same as other days - Not accessible
for orthopedically disabled persons

Relevance - Relevant enough 8/10

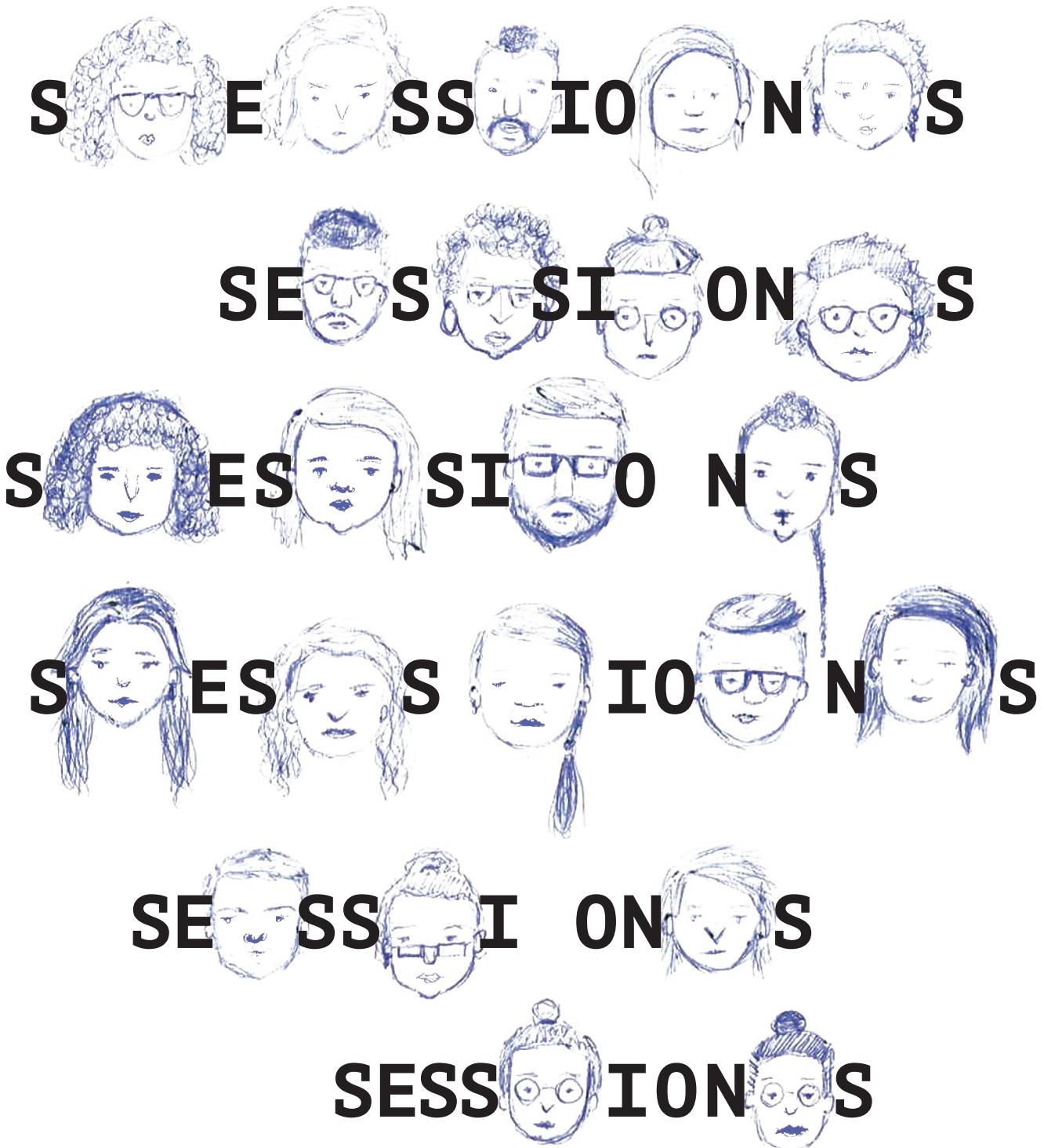
Comfort - Today was the least comfortable due
to policing and interrogating by some
participants towards non-binary people -
Non-binary participants had to prove they
belonged here - It was ugly and disrespectful



Access
VV

Comfort
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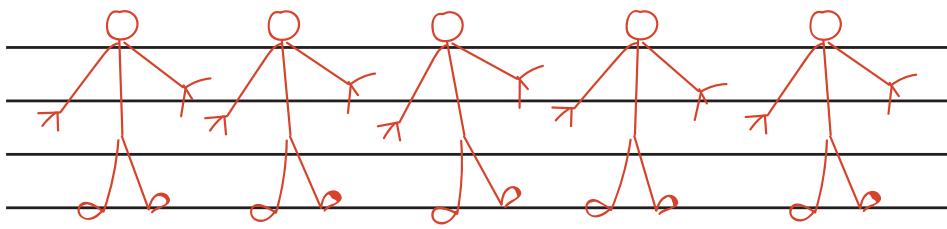
Relevance
VVV



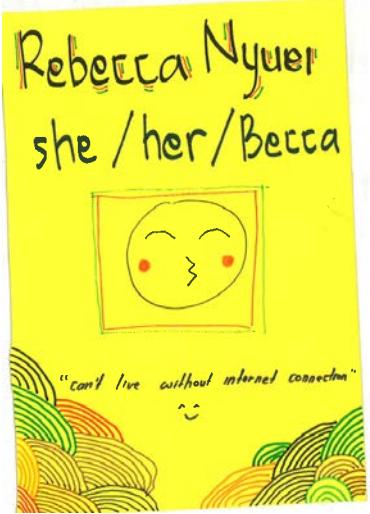
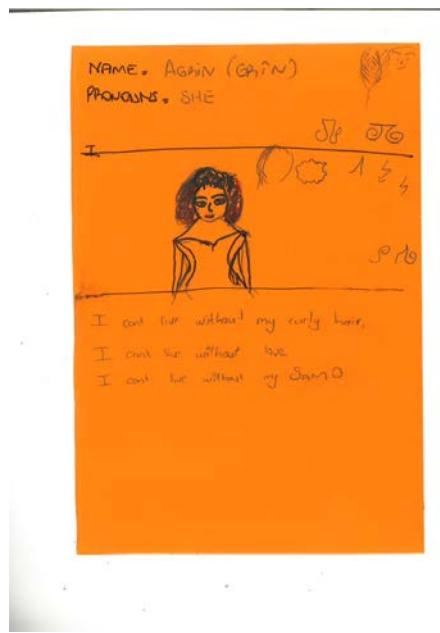
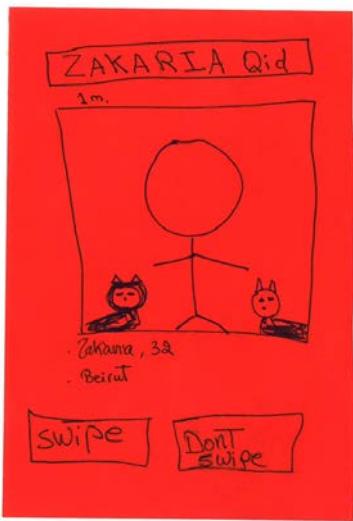
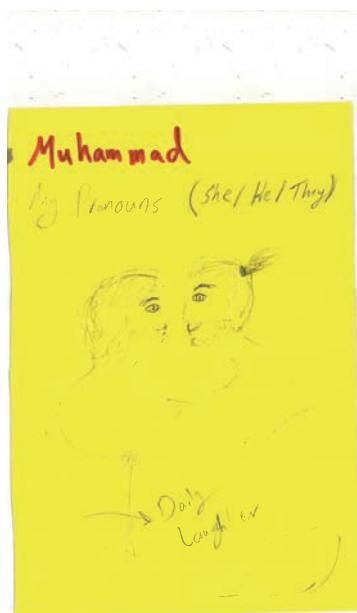
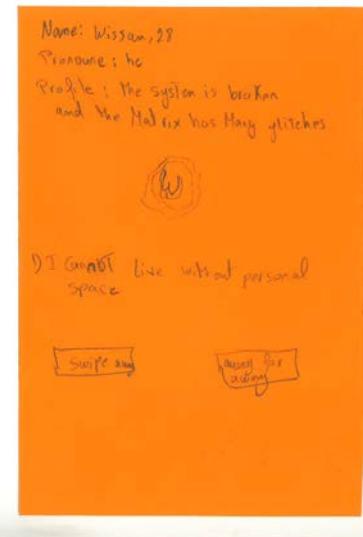
**speed dating.expectations.shared values.personal
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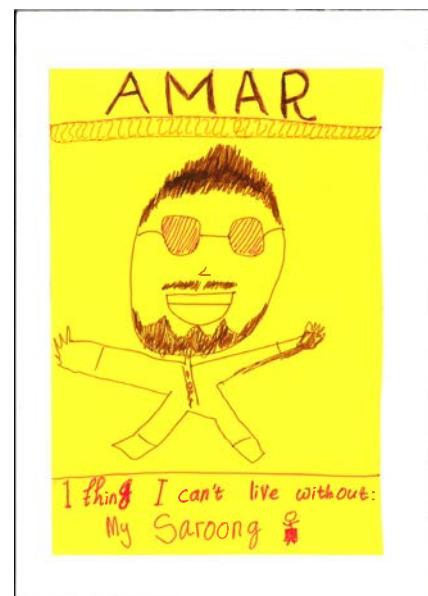
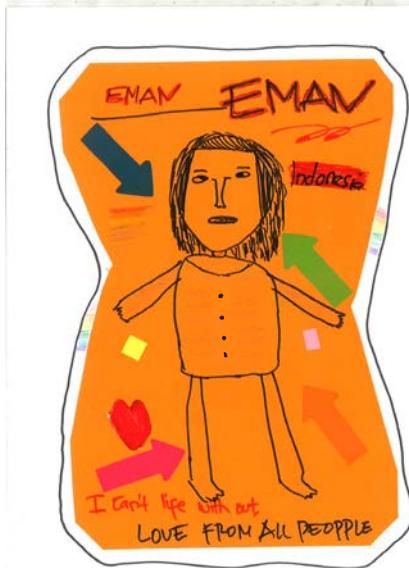
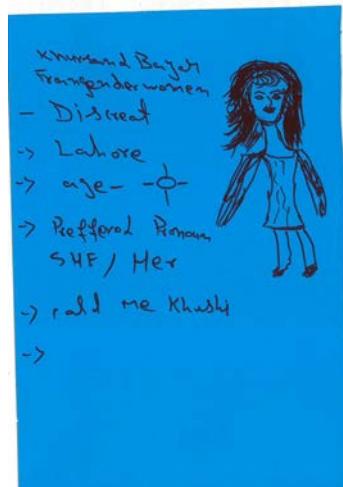
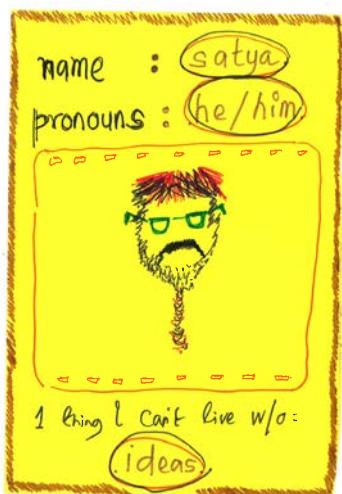


SWIPE FOR PROFILES!



ONE THING I CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT









“ONE THING YOU HOPE TO TAKE
FROM THIS ROOM
+
ONE THING YOU HOPE TO GIVE”



Connections,

team context,

build solidarity

SHARING PERSONAL
MOVEMENT

STORIES

~~LANGUAGE~~
from different people
I will bring my own
experiences as well
as Kurdish

~~different experiences~~
from different people

EXPECTATION
would like to
share my
health care
systems building
done at my home
between Muslim & the
ground

would like to
know about
trans movement
in each country

to give.
be part of the
learning experience
and help planning

LANGUAGE
& LEARNING
experiences as well

I want to
share my
started
Experience
and opinion

TO GIVE

learn abt LGBT in muslim context
share abt healthcare system
info to trans realities in palestine
listening love care fun
rituals non muslim in muslim
stories experience
unity as a team
local tradition in south Sulawesi
trans movement in each country
local experiences
stories

TO GET

better understanding trans
exp in local context
better knowledge of
community

keep

SHARED VALUES

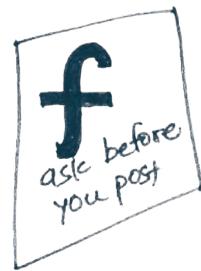
NOT POLICING
BODIES and
BODILY
EXPRESSIONS

ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT STORIES
MIGHT BE
TRIGGERING FOR
OTHERS

NOT TAKING
SPACE OF
OTHERS
RESPECTING
BOUNDARIES

ACKNOWLEDGE
TRANSNORMATIVITY
and BINARISM,
RESPECT NON-BINARY
EXPERIENCES

COMMON UNDERSTANDING



Stories could
be triggering
for others

Keep it light
and give time

Active
listening

- Sharing of experience
- Flashbacks
- Acknowledge trigger before sharing
- Be supportive and sensitive

Patience and
find common
ground

- Different contexts
- Listen, give space when sharing stories, opinions, views
- Understand experiences
- Give space and do not invade space
- Respect, love
- Give time, emotion to process things

Kindness

Be
punctual

Get
consent

Clean before
you go

Be flexible
and sensitive

- For social media sharing
- Shared experiences, stories
- Anonymity

Encourage
networking

Collective
agreement on the
content and
proceeding

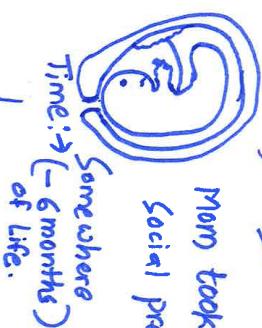
Phone on
silent

Appreciate
and affirm
each other

Don't assume
context and
cultures

Personal Stories, and Commonalities.

General Lifeline Journey of Self-identification. ③



Time: → (- 6 months)
Somewhere
of Life.

↓
"Am Born" : First Born 'male' child of my
'khanda'.

↓
8 yrs age : oops I saw my cousin sis naked
Bathing with me & realised
my thing between thighs not
same as hers!

12 yrs - 18 yrs age

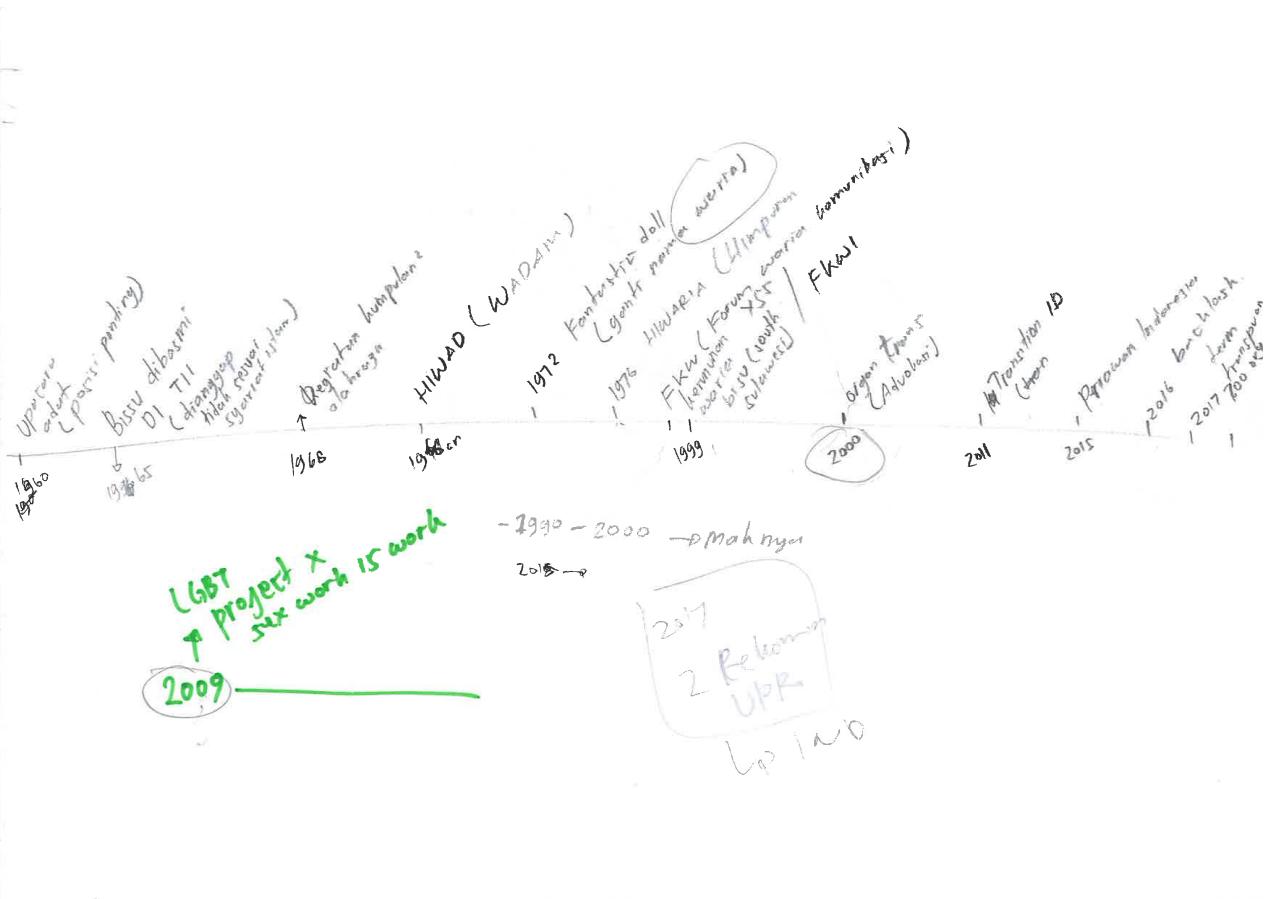
Journey of confusion
Conflicts, guilt, mis-understanding
Self-suppression STARTED

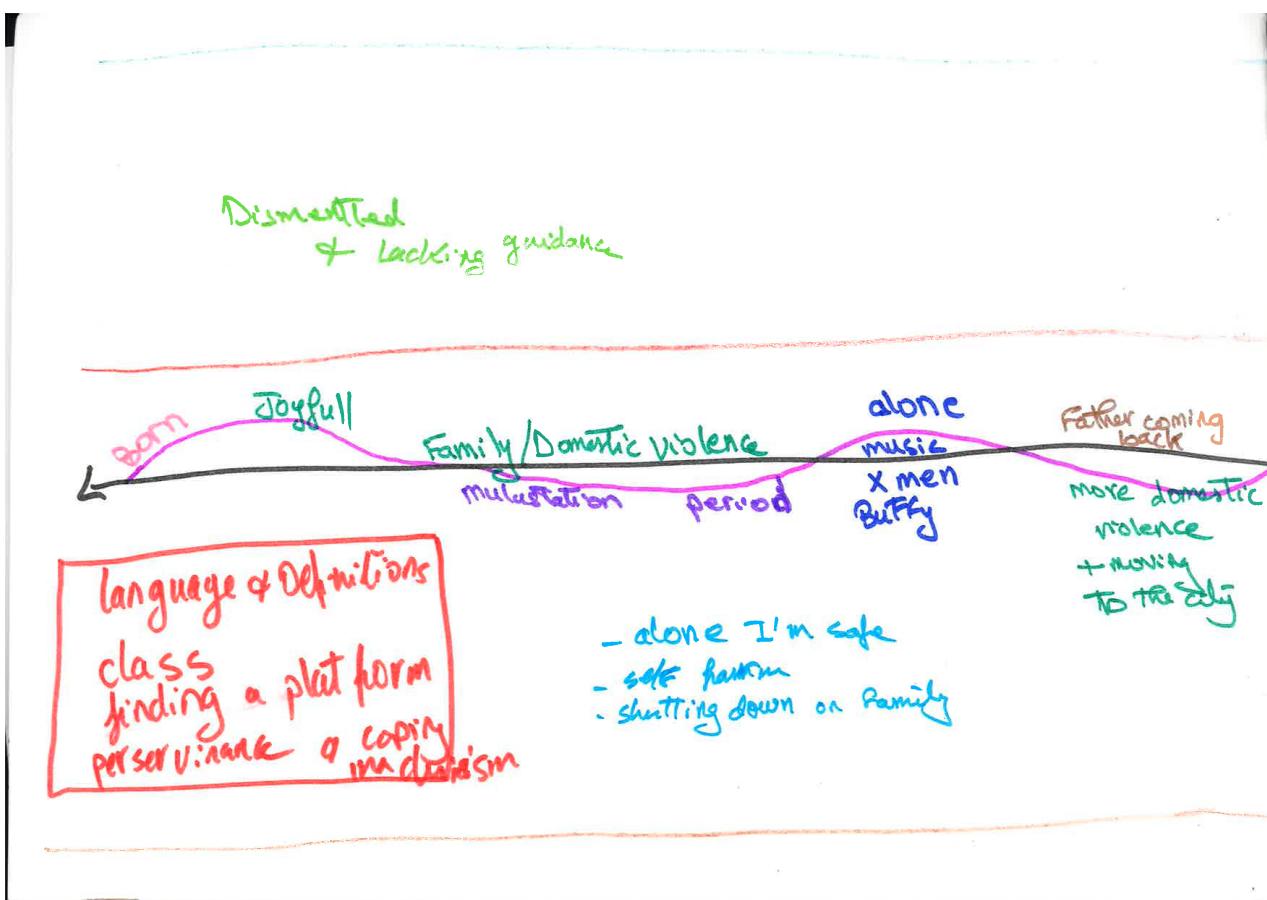
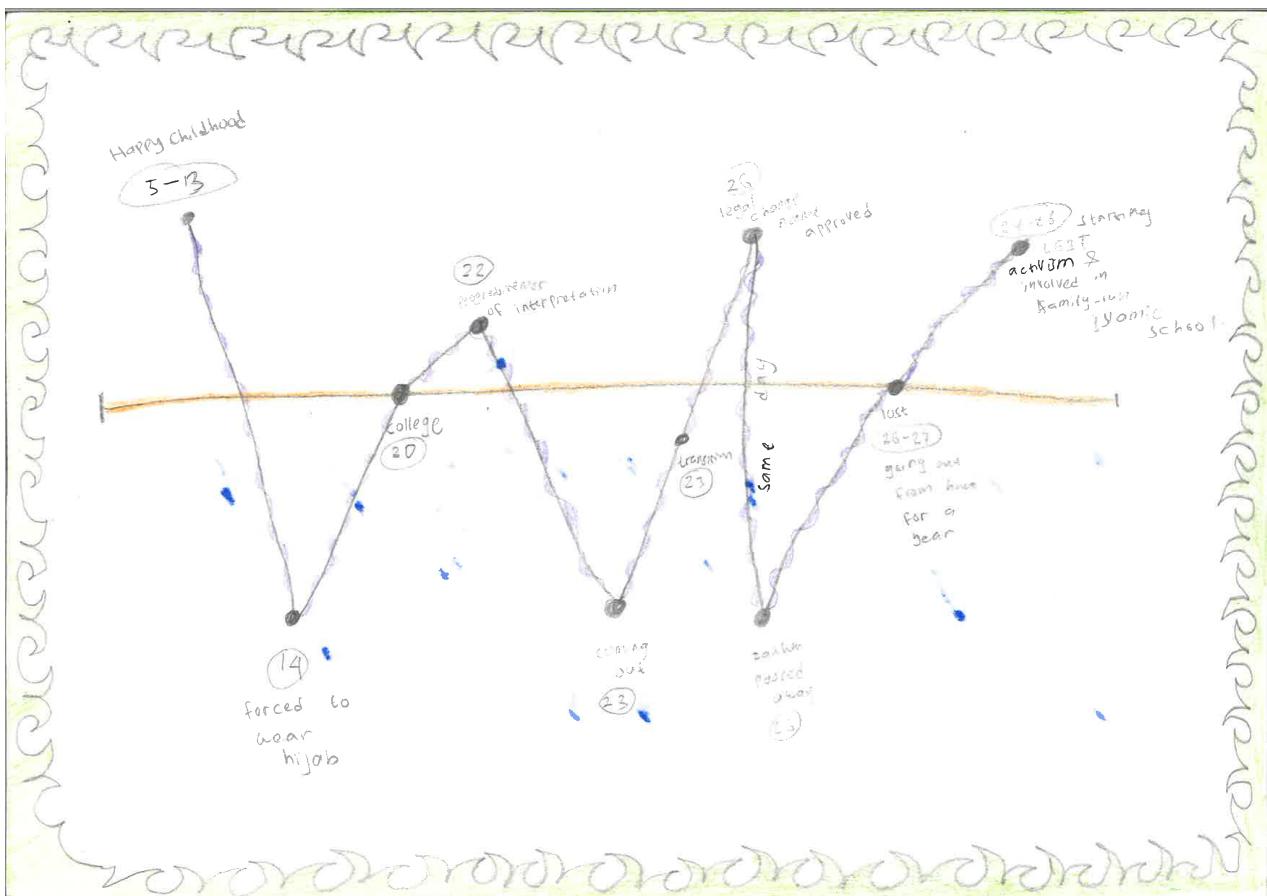
Positive ↘
Negative ↑

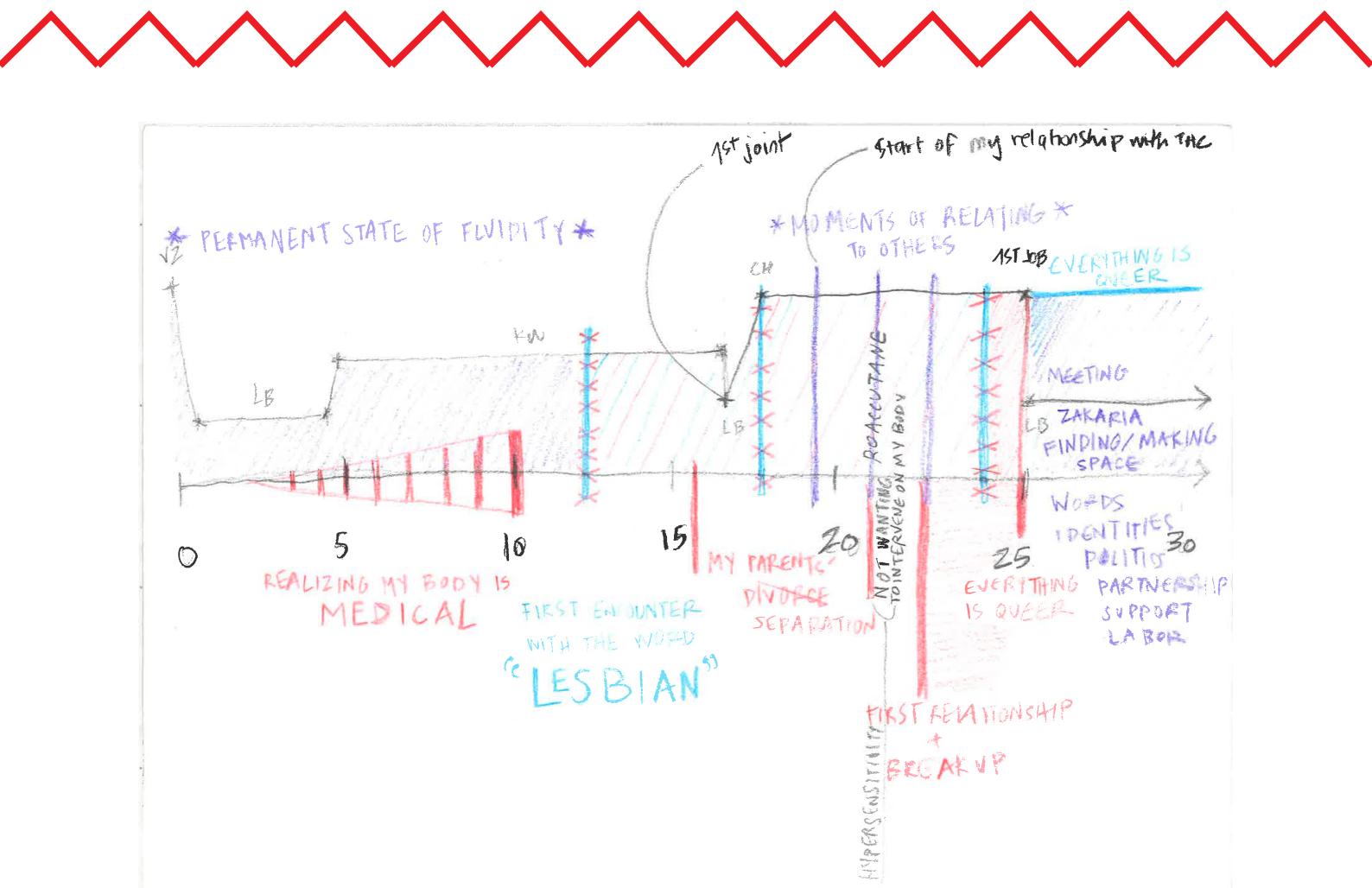
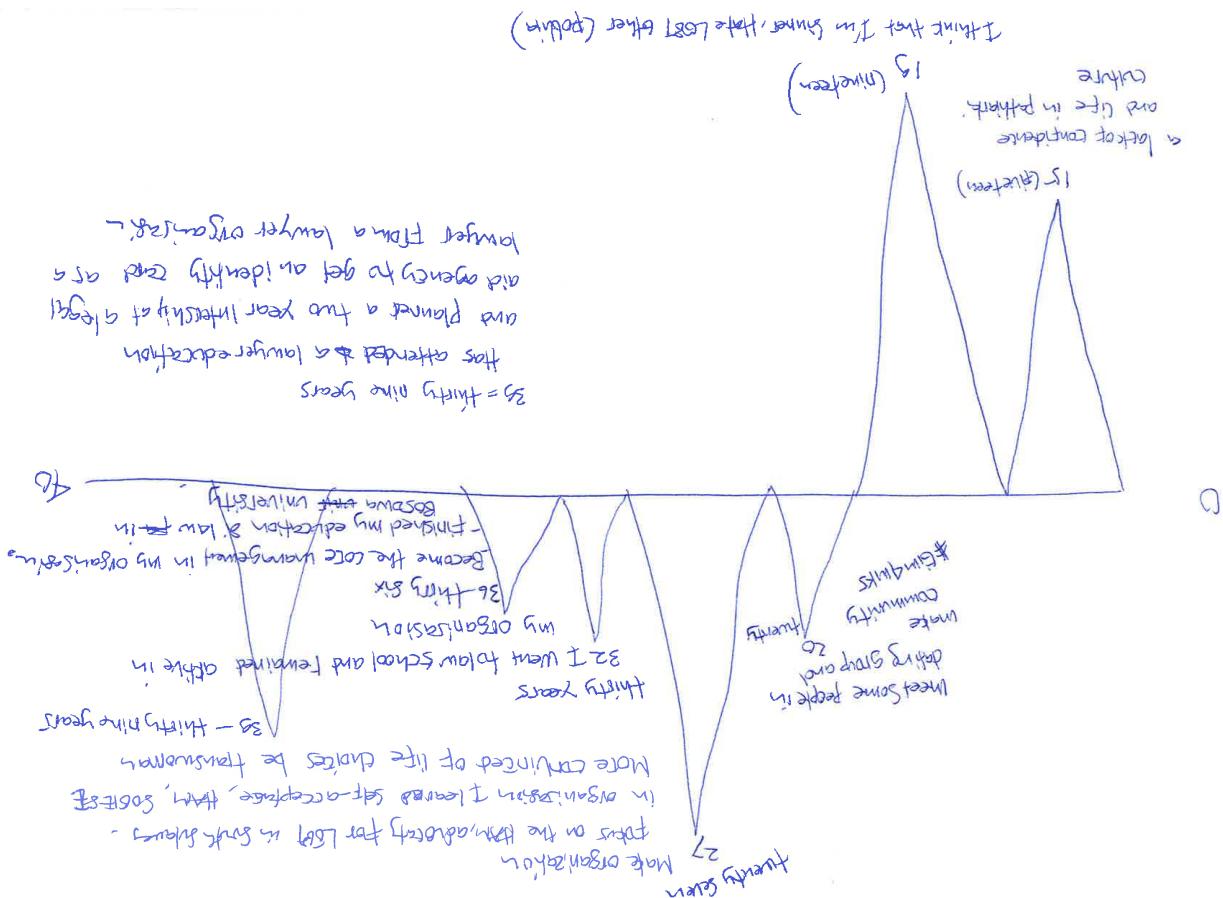
DAY 1 / Sunday

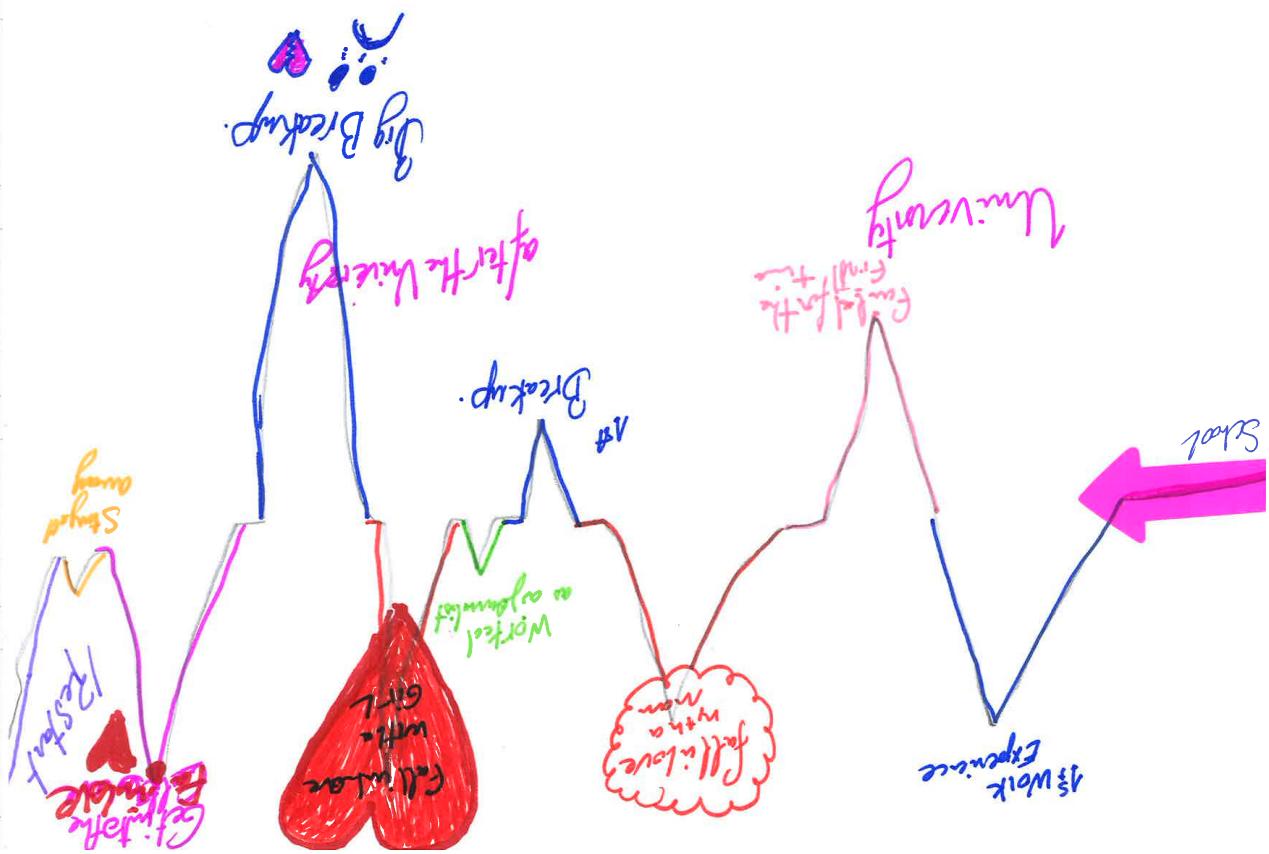


- Speed Dating / Methodology / Documentation
- Introduction / Methodology / Documentation
- Shared Values
- Discussion on Agents of 5 days
- Story Telling / Personal Stories

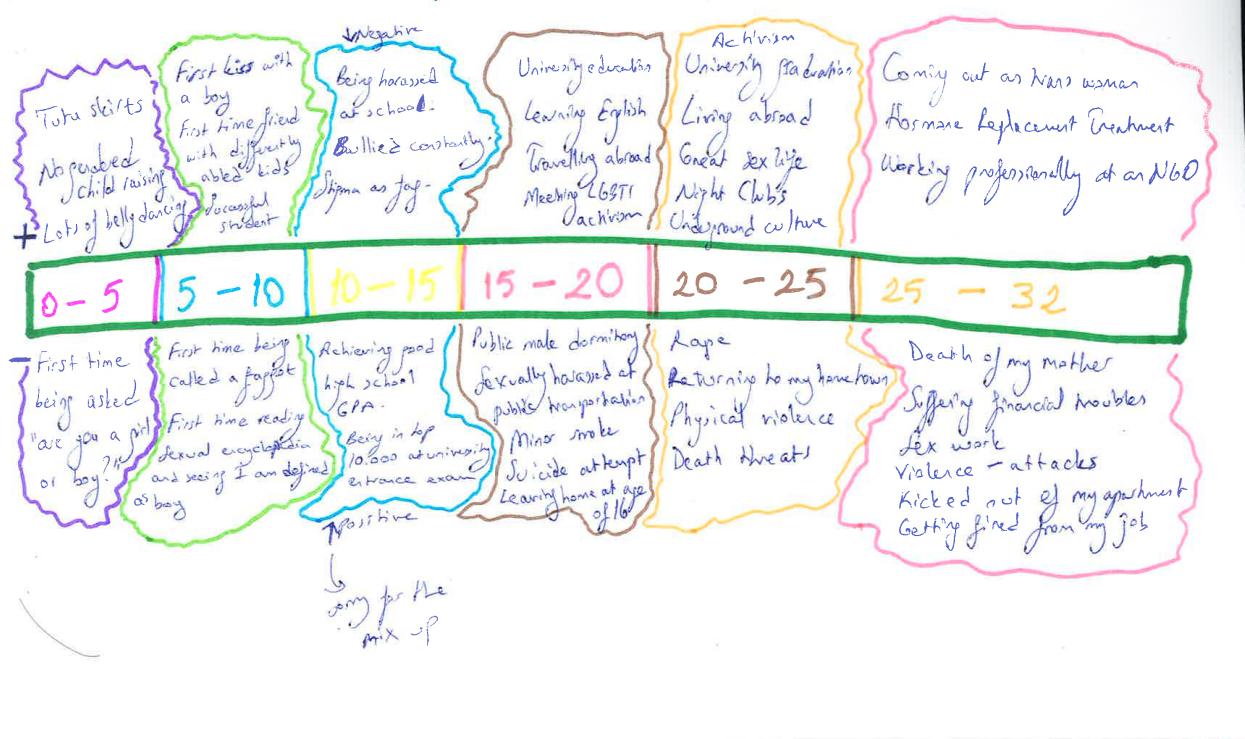


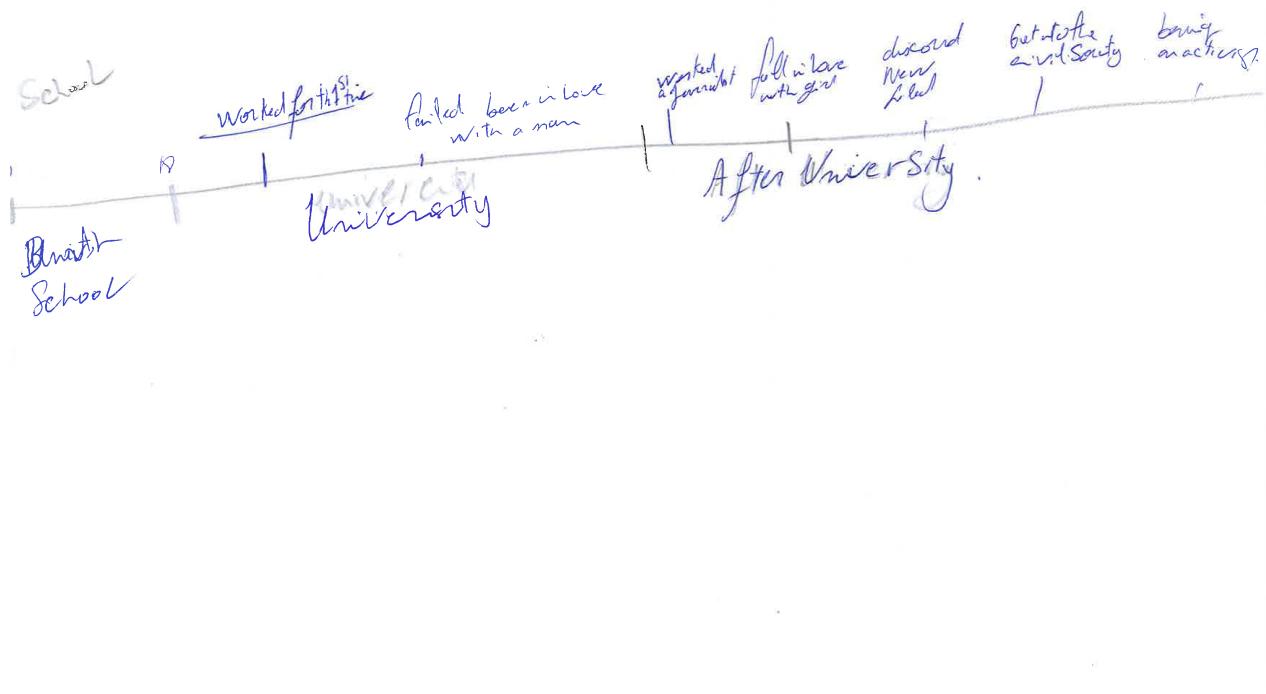






Life Lines



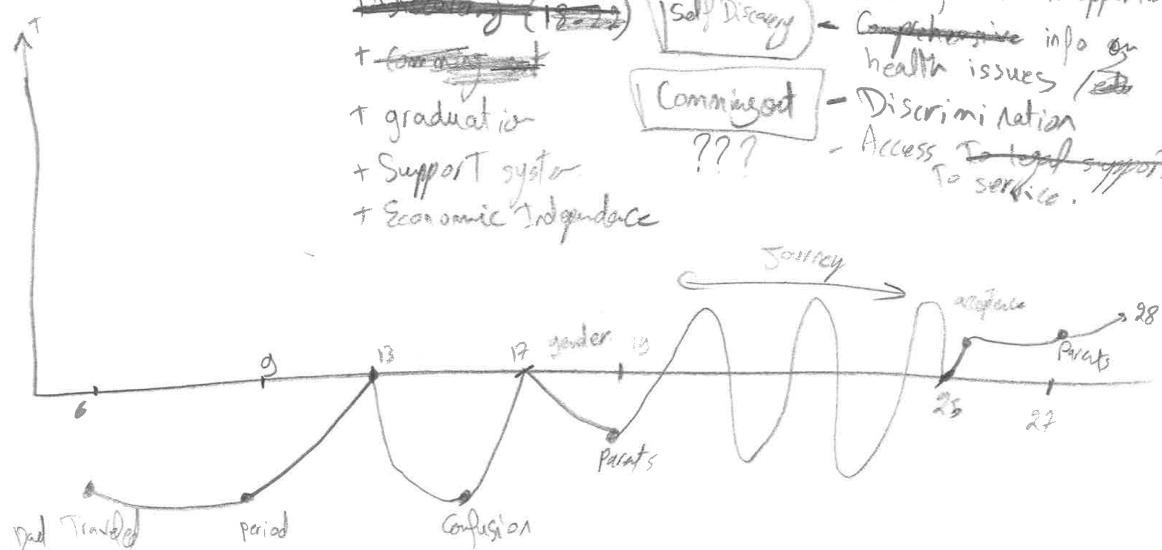


Life Line:

Common ↗

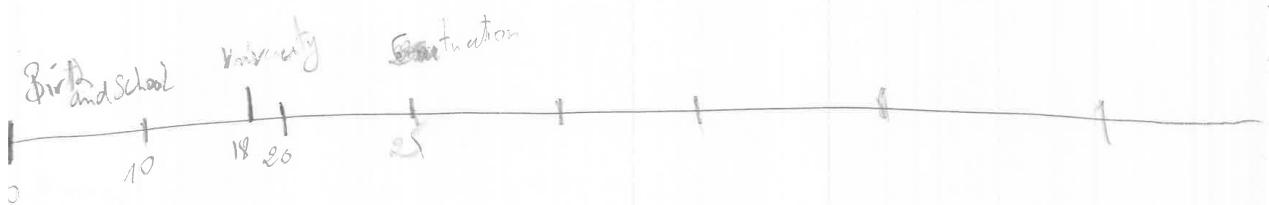
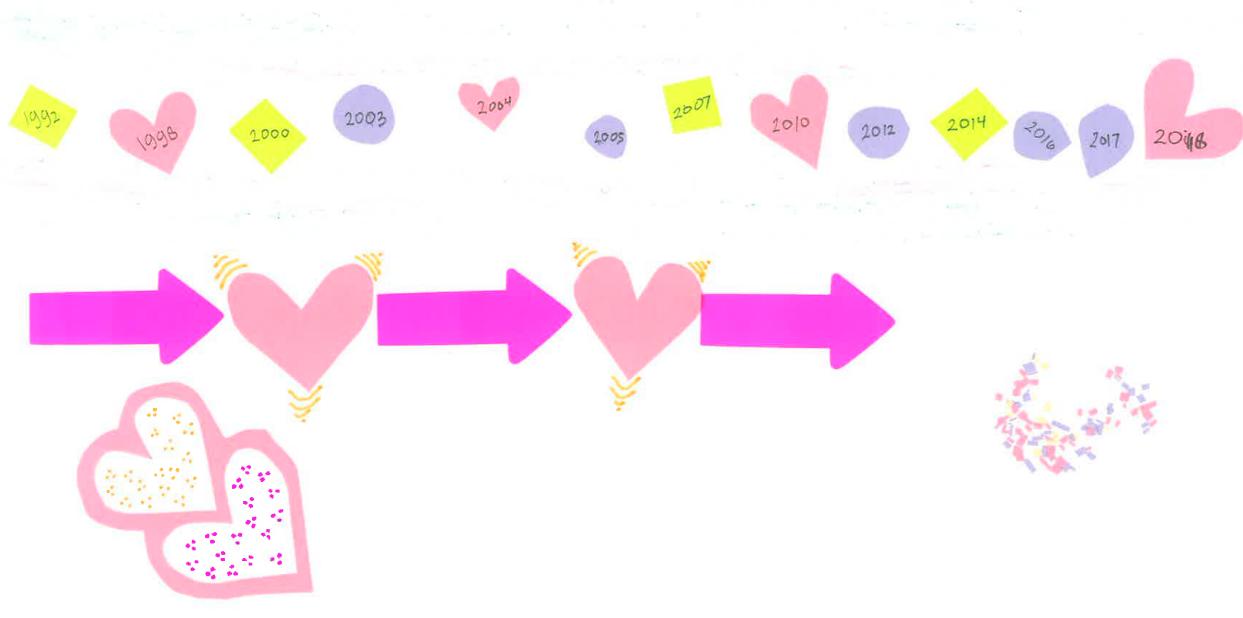
- + Love (relationship)
- + ~~Discovery (12)~~
- + ~~Confusion~~
- + graduation
- + Support system
- + Economic Independence

- Heartbreak
- lack of economic opportunity
- ~~Confidential info on~~
- ~~health issues / etc~~
- Discrimination
- Access ~~to legal support~~
- To service.



River of my life

by Rebecca N.



I am a girl.

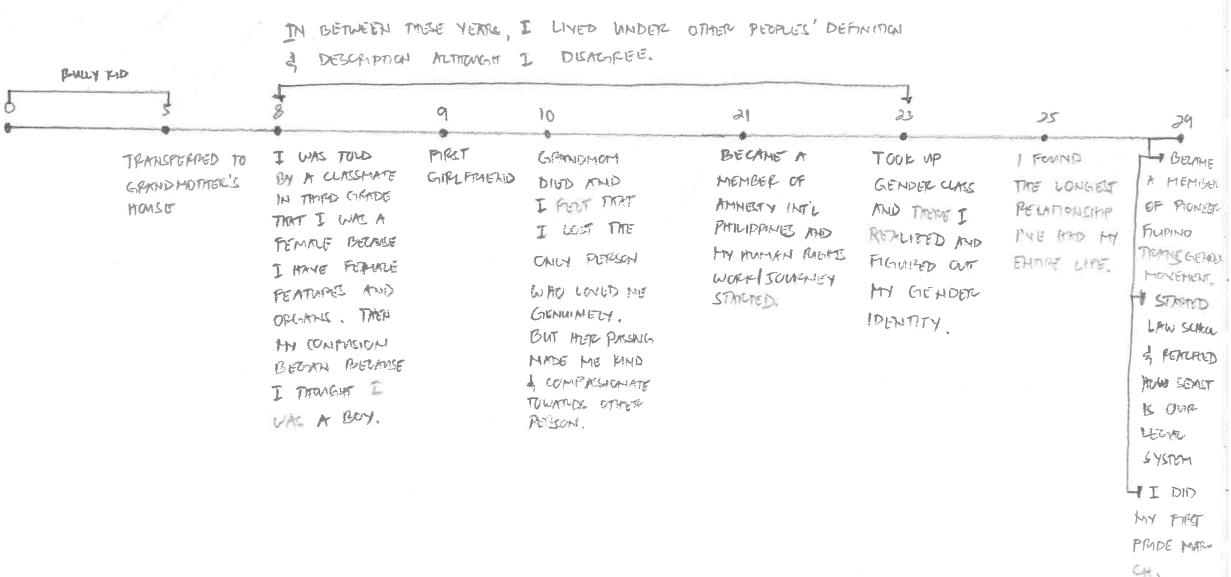
Come out
to family

I am among
from
home

Started transitioning

father passed
away.

Met the



ROCKY

Notes | Session 3: personal journey
Commonalities

Self-discovery

1. Support system*
 - a. Has a positive influence in life
 - b. Correlates with isolation experienced by people
 - c. Relationship with family
2. Access to services
 - a. Services are sometimes uninformed of the needs of trans and non binary people
3. Access to information and seeking knowledge and finding communities
4. Clothes and expression
5. Label, terms and language and its implication
 - a. Lack of access to terms on gender, sexuality and mental health
 - b. Labels and terms introduced by others
 - c. Labels and terms placed by others on us
 - d. Access to language
6. Coming out to our family*
 - a. Assumption of reaction of parents
7. Conflict, migration, border socio political and scientific and research advancements and its impact on our lives and expression of gender as well as self-discovery
8. Financial independence and class*
 - a. Sex work, make up artists, dancers (trans women)
 - b. Dependent on LGBTI organizations due to job discrimination
 - c. Transitioning
9. Finding platforms (voice and expression)
10. Perseverance
11. Social pressure

Adolescence and transitioning

12. Challenges in adolescence*
13. Transitioning
 - Financial resources
 - Delay and prolonged time in school or education institutions
14. Education
 - Peer bullying
 - Romance in school
 - Forced to drop out of school

- Discrimination by educational institutions – explicitly express LGBTI people are not welcome or included
- Binary – based on assigned sex/gender at birth
- Segregation in educational institutions

15. Progressive muslim families

- Families are willing to help
- Parents who don't impose their religious beliefs on their kids and do not force their kids to change are considered as progressive by some
- Relationships with mothers, and sometimes fathers
- Policing in the family
- Filial and obedience within family
- Shia vs sunni and the journey and evolution with Islamic sects. Some sects have close cooperation with LGBTI groups. e.g. the nusairi sect
- Using plurality, diversity in the diverse sects in Islam as entry points to create change and progressive thinking

16. Sex work

- Trans man lack opportunities to engage in sex work in muslim context
- Increased vulnerability faced by sex workers
- Trans masculine people may adopt patriarchal attitudes – sex work is not considered masculine
- Trans masculine sex workers are invisible, hidden, individuated and isolated
- Historical context of the jobs
- Territorial issues

17. Relationship of all kinds (romantic, non romantic, etc.) and the positive and negative impacts

18. Tension between culture and gender identity

- a. Division within the community
- b. Mix up between trans and kwajasraj

Movement

19. Exclusion of trans activists or HRD in trans communities

- a. Class and stereotypes
- b. Division along the lines of employment – sex worker, dancers
- c. Activist and non activist divide – don't rock the boat
- d. Division within the activists community. some trans activists do not identify with some activists
 - i. Broaden scope of activism
 - ii. Some people feel a sense of exclusion or barriers in participate in activism
 - iii. People come into activism with their personal experiences. Sometimes there are assumptions of where people come from

- iv. Defining what is political and politicization
- v. Being patient in activism as mobilization is a long haul game

20. TERF – exclusion of trans women in feminist movements

21. Imposing acceptance and making changes to your body

- a. Peer pressure
- b. The notion of being a real trans
- c. Pressure by queer activists to love and embrace your body
- d. Validation of trans identity – are you trans enough?

22. Transphobia and segregation within with the LGBTI communities

- a. Segregation based on groups for gays, grindr gays, trans
- b. Issue of space and opportunities
- c. Building an inclusive and strong movement, especially in conservative context

23. Health and well being

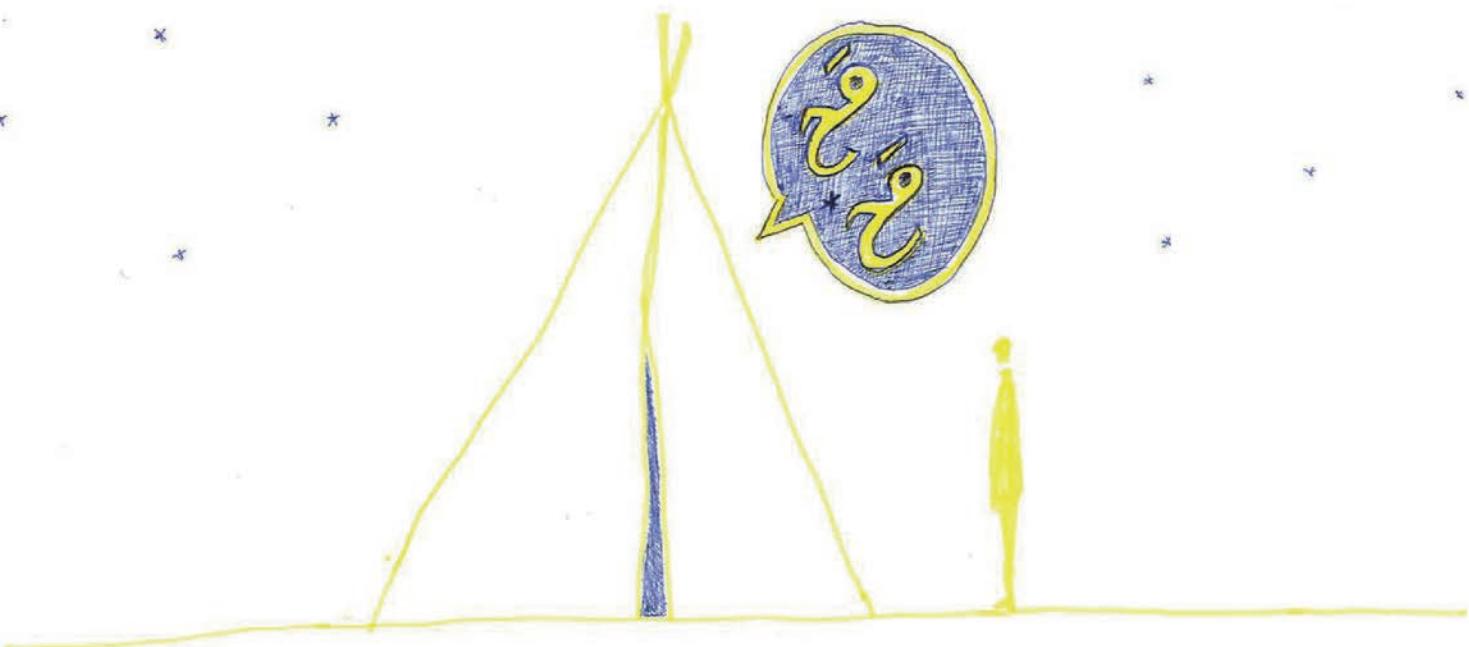
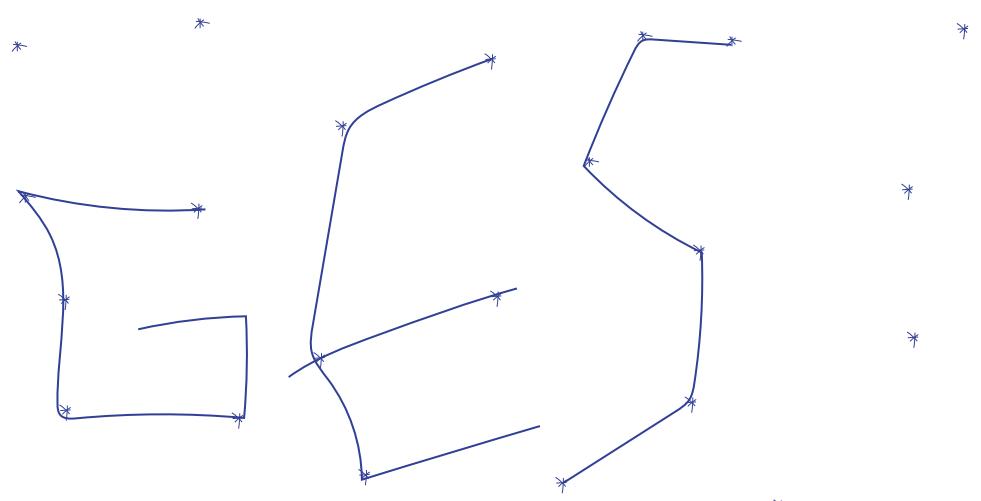
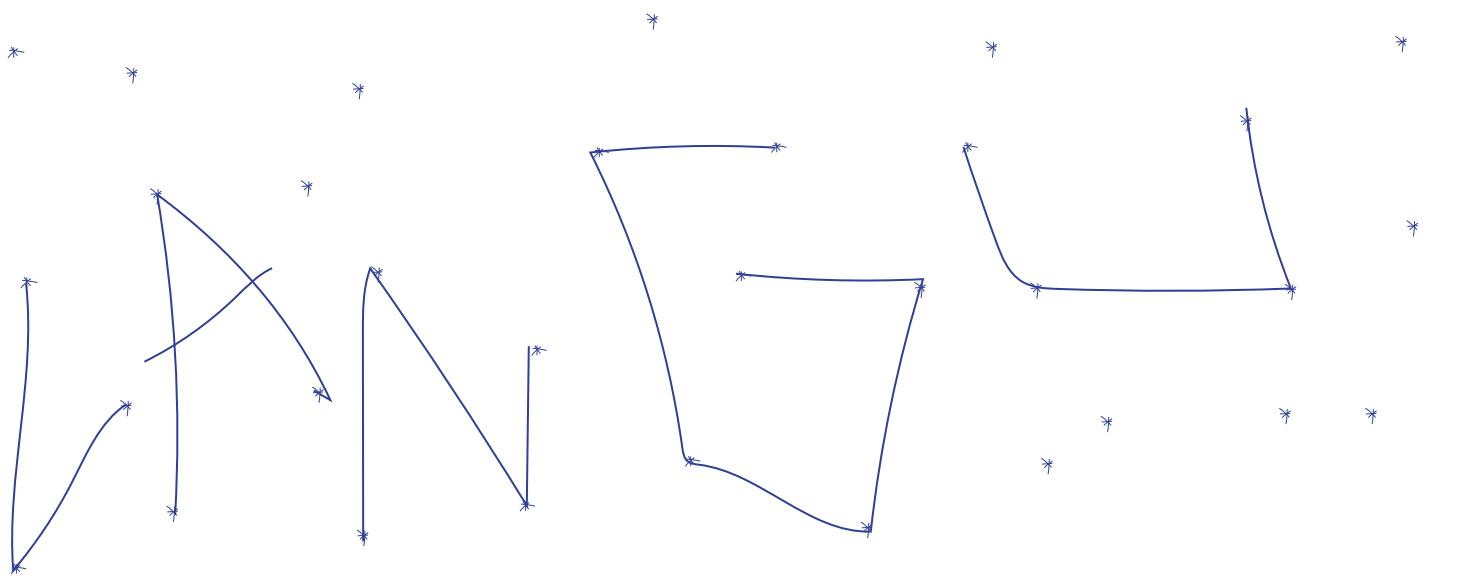
- a. Conversion therapy and efforts to change gender identity is still taking place
- b. Self medication – HRT
- c. Trans health is pigeonholed into surgeries, instead of holistic health
- d. Life span of trans people
- e. Availability and accessibility of trans specific healthcare. Only available in big cities and university hospitals
- f. Discrimination comes from other patients and admin and other staff, not so much doctors
- g. Elderly care is available, but imposes binary conditions. Not accessible to trans people
- h. Trans youth suicide

24. Elderly trans women or the older generation create a sense of fear by sharing negative experiences – results in delayed transition. There may not be malicious intent or power play but has negative impact.

25. Safe housing is an issue

26. Safety

- a. Not feeling safe and vulnerable to aggression and violence online and offline



أصل كلام قلب

*next customer please

- as barrier
- as trigger
- as recognition
- is historical
- is political
- is gendered

NO
L

No
world



WORDS, CONCEPTS, PHRASES

ETC

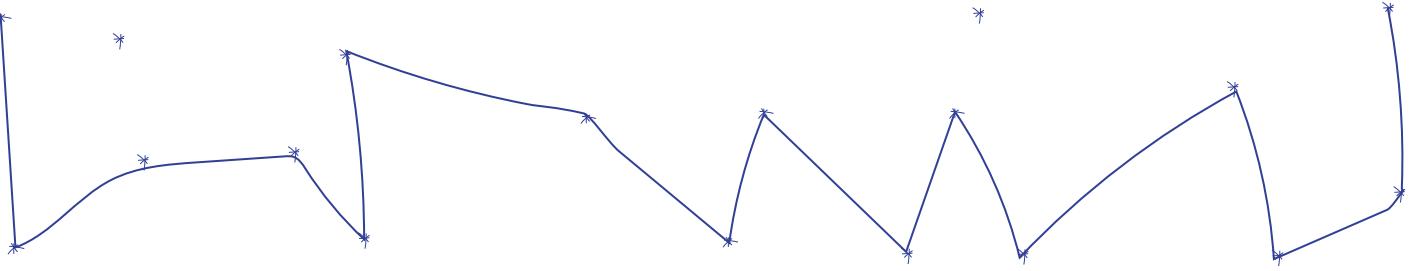
HISTORICAL
CONTEMPORARY

AFFIRMATIVE

DEROGATORY

CLASSICAL
HYBRID

language



how language works - a version

① REFERENTIAL

INVOLVES CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

② POETIC

CONSTRUCTION OF THE FORM OF THE MESSAGE

③ EMOTIVE

SPEAKER'S EMOTIONAL INFLUENCE
VIS-A-VIS THE RECEIVER

④ CONATIVE

SPEAKER'S ORIENTATION TOWARD THE RECEIVER

⑤ PHATIC

ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH & MAINTAIN CONTACT
B/W SPEAKER & RECEIVER "CAN YOU
HEAR ME?!"

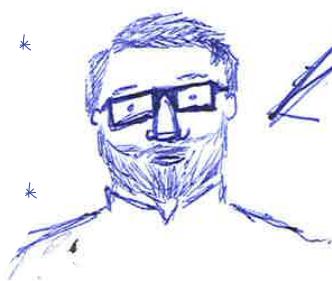
⑥ METALINGUAL

What is language?

~~ARABIZAT^o Japonio~~

~~U+H+H+A+O~~

(VRPU)



PLURAL UNIVERSES
CONSENSUS: NOT ALWAYS
"COMMON UNDERSTANDING"
WE DO NOT HAVE TO ALWAYS AGREE

HISRA / HISRI

Exodus / TO LEAVE
(ARABIC)

→ to ensure political rights
break away from tribe
new political formation

AFFIRMATIVE

Toni: Reclaiming of negative lexicon: TESTIMONY → queer within community
positive outside community.

Hassan Sabeh
Sult Raji. vs [Sayed Louai] Derafshad

self achieving
ambiguity.

~~USED AS AFFIRMATIVE
BUT CONTESTED.~~

SAY Fem / TRANSWOMEN
now = LGBTL community

Gaci: trans women

A graph of a function on the interval $[0, 4]$. The function is continuous on $[0, 2]$ and $[2, 4]$. At $x = 2$, there is a jump discontinuity: the left-hand limit is 2, and the right-hand value is 4. The function is plotted in blue, and the jump is highlighted with a red vertical line at $x = 2$.

name: "Herrnle" op: (L, \overline{A}, W)

Wend - Bett
Wendek = Wendekreis

fly = ~~goat~~
like/effeminate

Re. = 25000
"Ball" (1)

1. (UN) TURCA
2. (UN) TURCA

→ insult = TURKEY
in LB it's ≠

STANDIY. = taggot in

LB
Luisa
Luisa
Luisa
Luisa

10 Khan Dan
Shakkar
Tehri

Tomboys
TUN.
LB
SAC.
TIN.
B
J

hostarising
= $\frac{1}{1 + e^{-\mu}}$

gavon mang
baskes
i
11- J
signed work and
option that

so
- birth
- they
-

Affirmative

- Thiru nangai
- Thiru thambi
- Nupi munabi } manipur.
- Rongo
- Kha jasarah } mard
- Hijrah } khusing } Aurat
- Josappa }
- Aravani }
- Kothi }
- Panthi } Tamil
- Aspirational words
- mukhanna's
- khunsa-~~mushki~~ - mushki
- khunsa-aasap-~~le~~ - aasap (le abic)

Desogatory

- Hum-jinns-
Parast.
- shemale ~~Third~~ Third Gen
- Field me kabse
- Alle (Tamil)
- Potti (Tamil)
- Namard (Hindi)
- Numberg.
- Calce
- khadhadg (Sindhi)
- 50-50
- maga~~gat~~ (Nepali)
- Kha da da da
- Phulu ~~mulu~~ mulu (Nepal)
- Natwa (Nepal)
- Hijra (Rongo)
- Janana
- Tali
- Hermophrodit
- Nob. (Woh-wale)
- Mad-pet
- ~~Hooy~~ - Raj
- Pet
- Janning

Positive Labels

- Mak Nyah
- Calalai
- transpuan
- calabai
- Banda
- Bissu
- Mukhammad
- Guwapo
- Bunda
- Priawan
- Mak Cik
- transwanita
- Mairil

Longsor : landslide
Gempa : earthquake
Banjir : flood
Tsunam : tsunami

Negative Labels

- Kunyit
- Laknatullah
- Pondang
- HIV-carrier
- Balok
- Bencong
- Banci
- Mesum
- Barwaken
- Bagla
- Penyakit
- Shoyot
- Tomboy
- Ah gua
- Shiboli
- transvestite
lesbian
- The cause of Disaster
- Darai
- Kaum Nabi Luth
- Ombootel
- Chine

WHAT IS NOT LANGUAGE

- silent communication → via energy
- my cat & I don't use "language" but we get along
- furnish → keep silent & let your eyes talk
- ~ sex, love forms of language
- the idea of trans, cis ~~the~~ language collection of signs → clothing, expression – that add up to form an identity, concept, etc. → secret language → ^{not} open to people outside comm
- ↳ Paris
- ↳ Roma & Ottoman Empire
- geographical boundary of language → ^{invention by} refers to use of the language created by queer, trans people to ^{resistance} that comes along with use of language. more resistance of LGBTT, which is seen as western vs local norms.
- ↳ unique academics/ language research.
- ↳ its own identity
- ↳ everything is language → gives history, context

- we give meaning to objects

→ what if we don't have language?

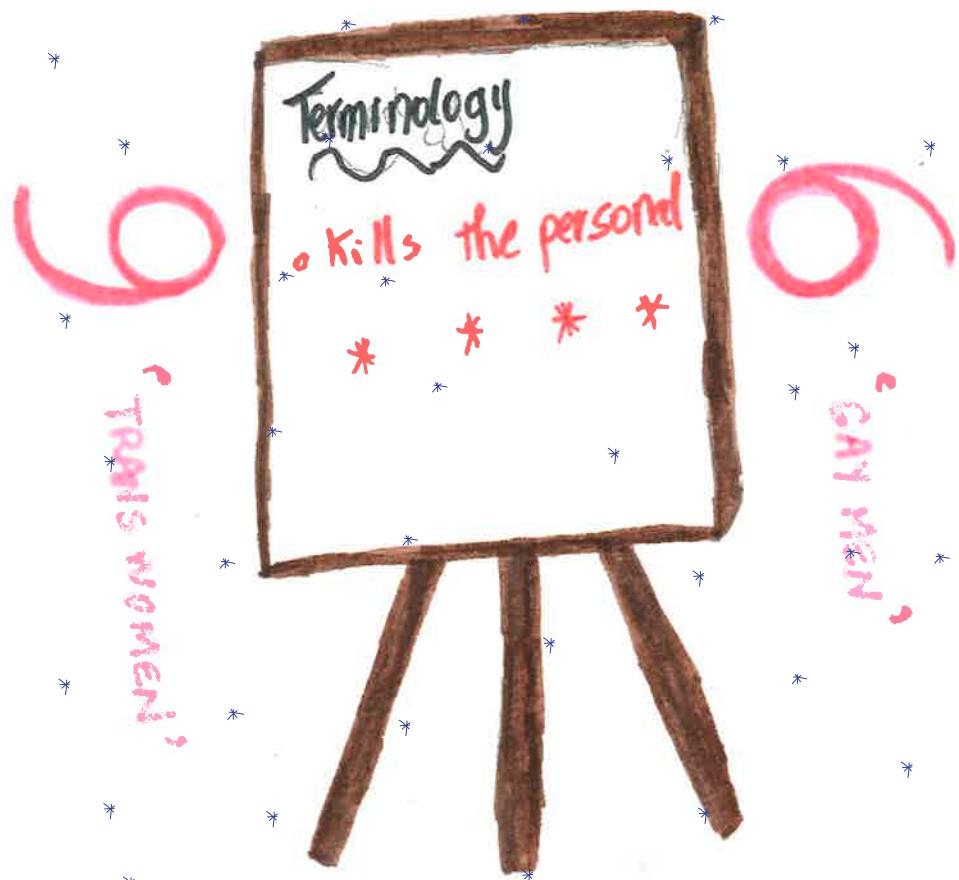
- derogatory → privilege come with nation building, nationalism, modernity

→ reclaimed
↳ identity in the bimbing world
→ the power to construct

→ transgender was a term that was introduced by us
↳ introduction of trans masculine
↳ independent conception of gender
↳ resistance that comes along with use of language. more resistance of LGBTT, which is seen as western vs local norms.

↳ language created by queer, trans people to identity themselves

↳ much more
↳ related to low visibility in the local context. + higher visibility of trans
↳ internet



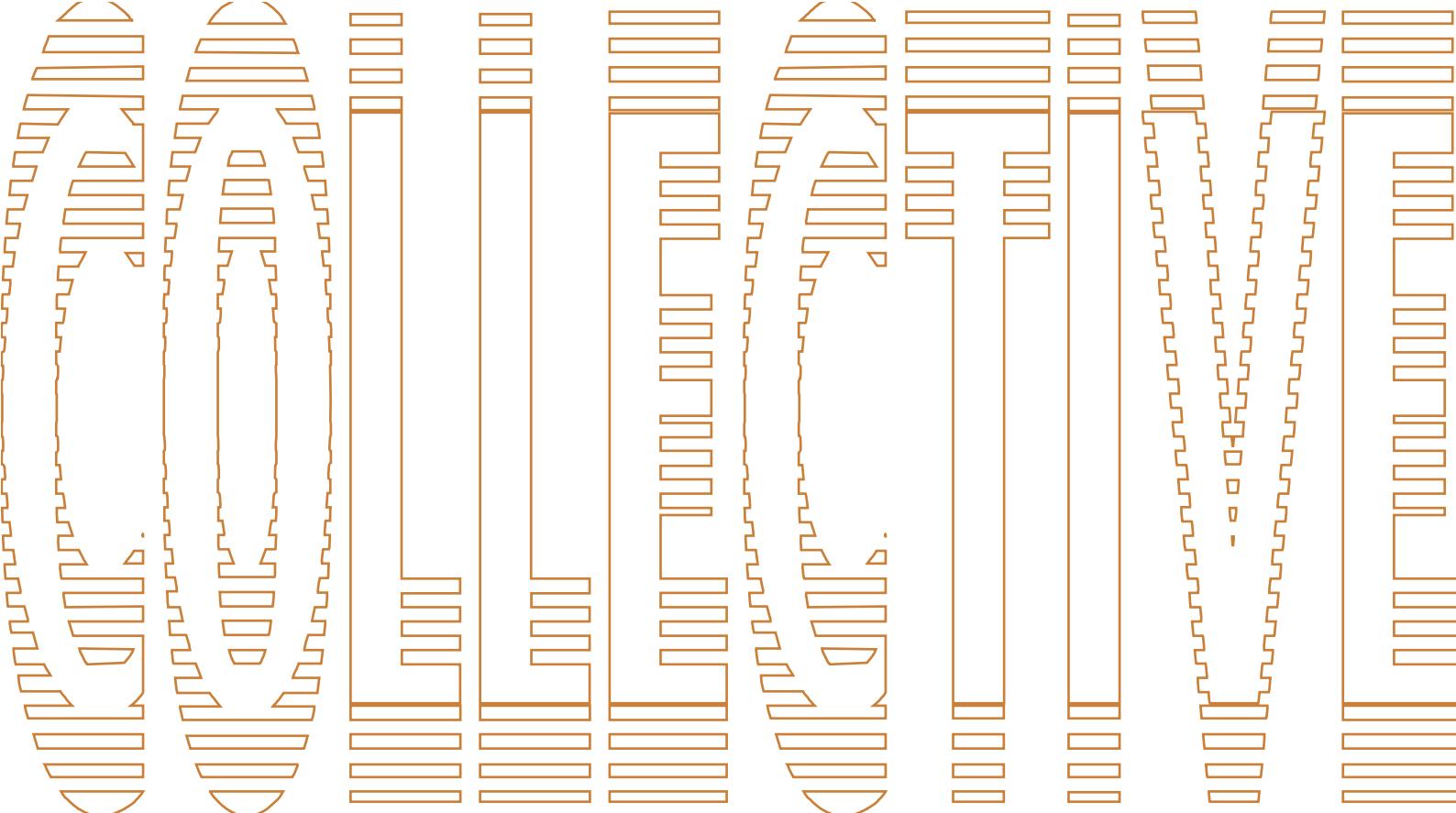
THE DESPERATE ATTEMPT
TO FIX AND PLACE ATTRIBUTE
LANGUAGE/WORDS TO FLUID/
CONTINUOUS PHENOMENA
FAILING BATTLE UNLESS

WE CAN PRODUCE A
PROFUSION THAT CAN

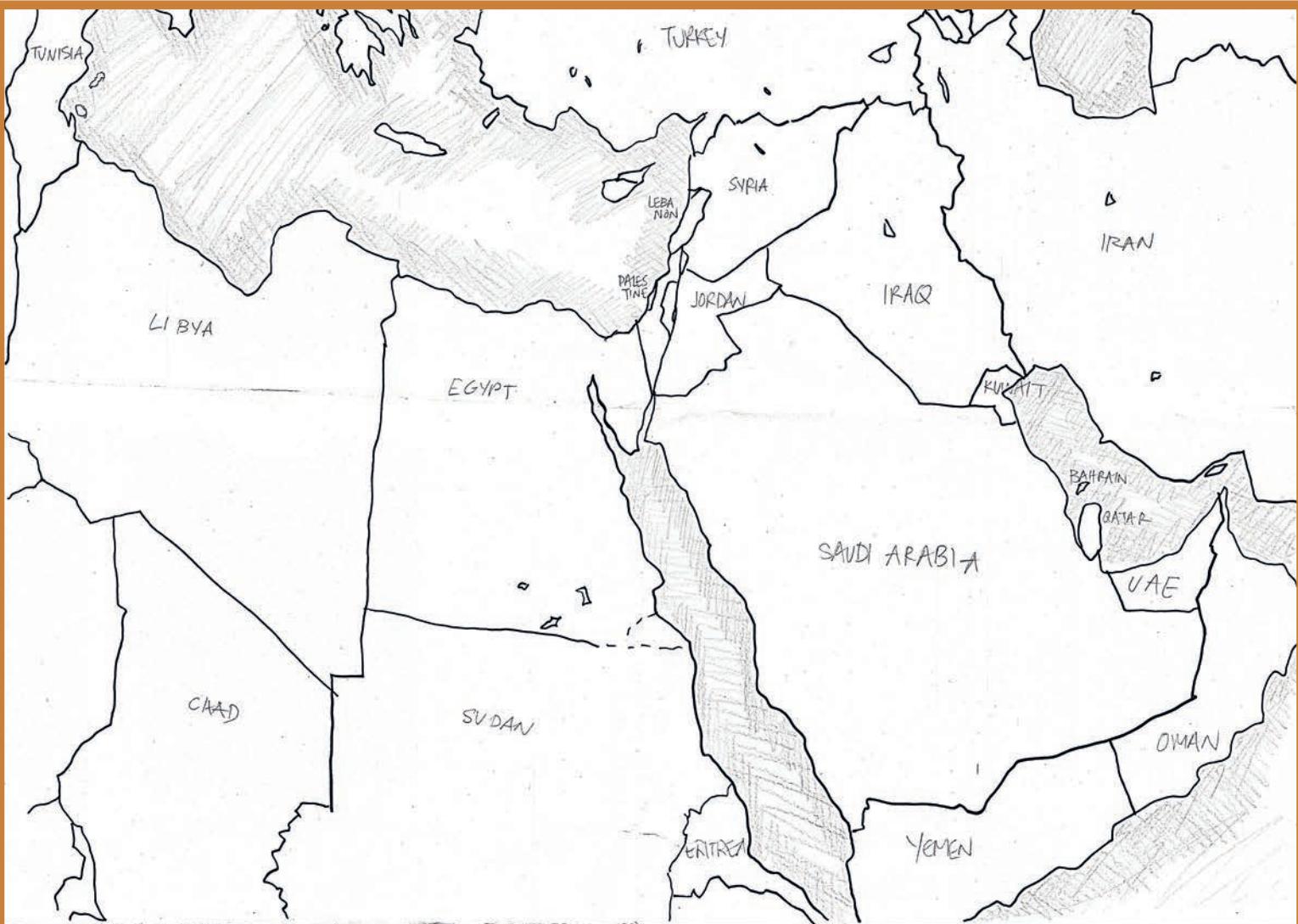
"KEEP UP" existential angst

SUBVERSION, APPROPRIATION

CREATIVE ACT / TO INVENT



Occupation Dictatorship Patriarchy Pathologization
Policing Media Recorded / documented history
Social movements military coup
Trauma Memory Political parties Honour killings



- * BORDERS & MIGRATION
- * ~~LANGUAGE / RELIGION~~ / TRANS-~~OVER~~
- * ~~SHARED HISTORY - OTTOMAN~~
- * ~~BULETT / MUSLIM CONTEXTS~~
- * ~~ARABISM~~
- * NON-MUSLIMS IN MUSLIM CONTEXTS // MINORITIES
- * RELIGIOUS BORDERS
- * INTERSECTIONALITY
 - ETHNIC INFILTRATION
- * IMPACT OF WAR / MILITARIZATION
- * COLONIAL HISTORY, EURO / ISLAM / ARABIC / OTTOMAN
- * HIV / LACK OF ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES

1987 : FIRST CASE OF PERSONAL STATUS
SINCE 1948 IN TURKISH LEGAL SYSTEM

1932: law for status change

1992: 1st REJECTION OF A STATUS CHANGE

IN LEBANON EVER

1443: Cinema 1000
q/s — ANTONELLA: 1st interview w/TRANSW on TV
"SENSEATIONEN"

2003/4: 1st CASE ON TV. ABOUT INTERSEX - MEDICAL PROCEDURES

2005: HELEM OPENS
HELEM Girls

MEM

2011
/ Syria refugees 2019

TERFAS

2008: Presentation of Iraq report

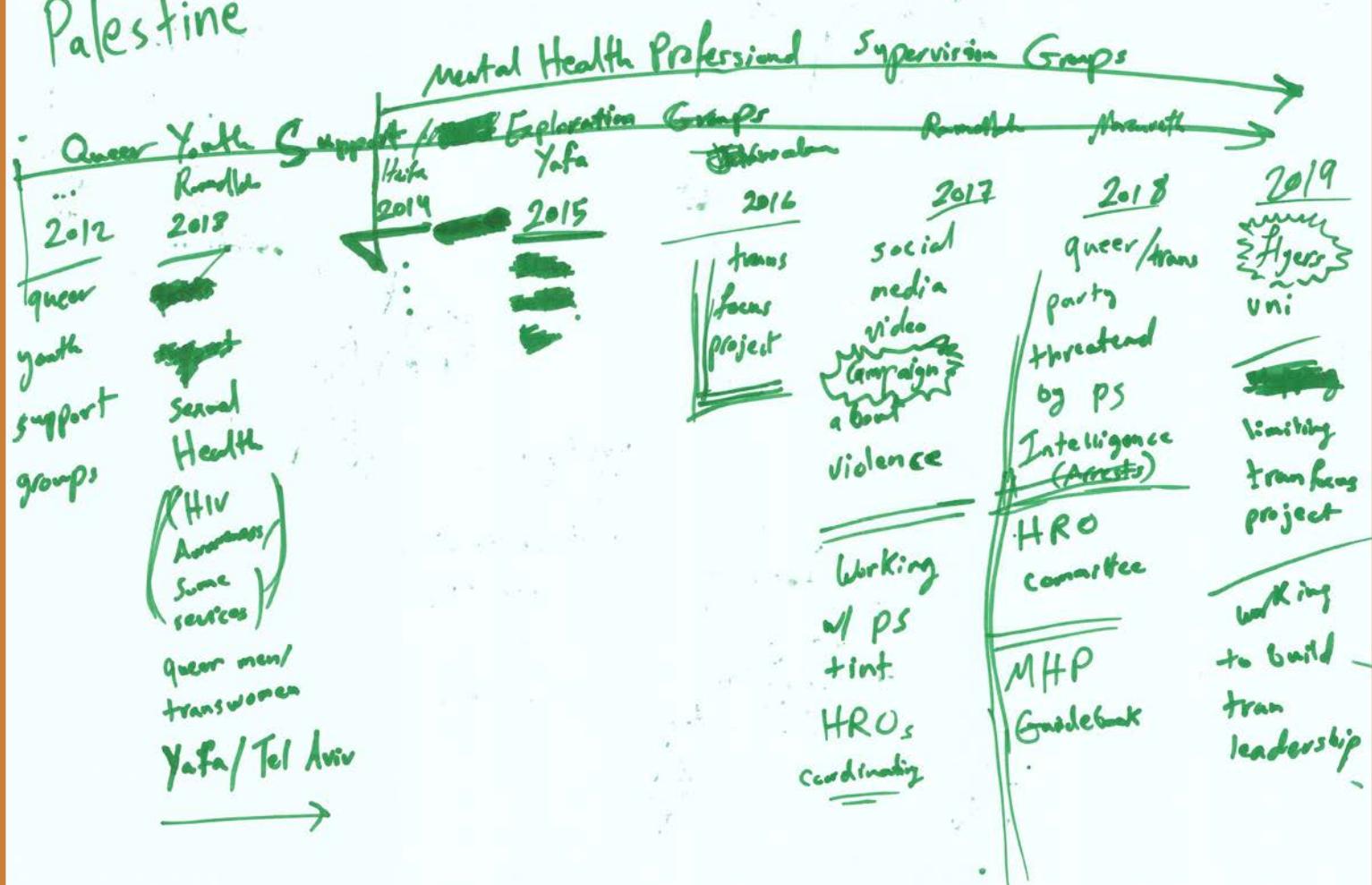
Legal agenda Nesari

→ ss 4
to women Trans women.

→ Case won on basis of discrimination
→ Notebooks → Answer

- the net work of Frauen
- knowledge based
- wide networks of Trans women
- Housing / Dealing with violence
- Financial / our society
- Transgender
- Trans community → Trans leadership

Palestine





2016/2015:

Indonesia: huge backlash
 Malaysia: visibility increased, backlashes
 SG: challenging Muslim conservative
 work by other against LGBT

2019 - SINGAPORE

- still fighting the same cause
 - room for dialogue between police & project x
 - stronger engagement
 LGBT, sex workers, trans women,

Indonesia:

- Ward organization
 - cultural activity from transwomen (1990's transwoman)

1990s

INDONESIA
 - Rukunan Maria BISSU Sin Sel
 - Olympia arts & sports annually

2010-2015 - INDONESIA

- PERSECUTIONS OF TRANSGENDER PEOPLE IN THE BANGSAMORO REGION
 - EXECUTIONS OF SOME TRANSWOMEN

2000-on:

Indonesia - advocacy started
- LGBT orgs

1960:

Indonesia - Bisexual org

intersex org

Persecuted
by DI/TNI

(radical groups)

1990s

Philippines
- Xth DISCRIMINATION BILL
- LGBT orgs emerged
* UP Babaihan
* Lagablab LGBT
network (同盟) allies
legislation, policy
advocacy

Malaysia:

- Fatwa on
transgender and
intersex
people
- PT TGP programme
- introduction
of syariah
law

2005:

Malaysia -
- association of
LGBT orgs
- introduction of
syariah law

Indonesia -
- introduction of
syariah law

2010:

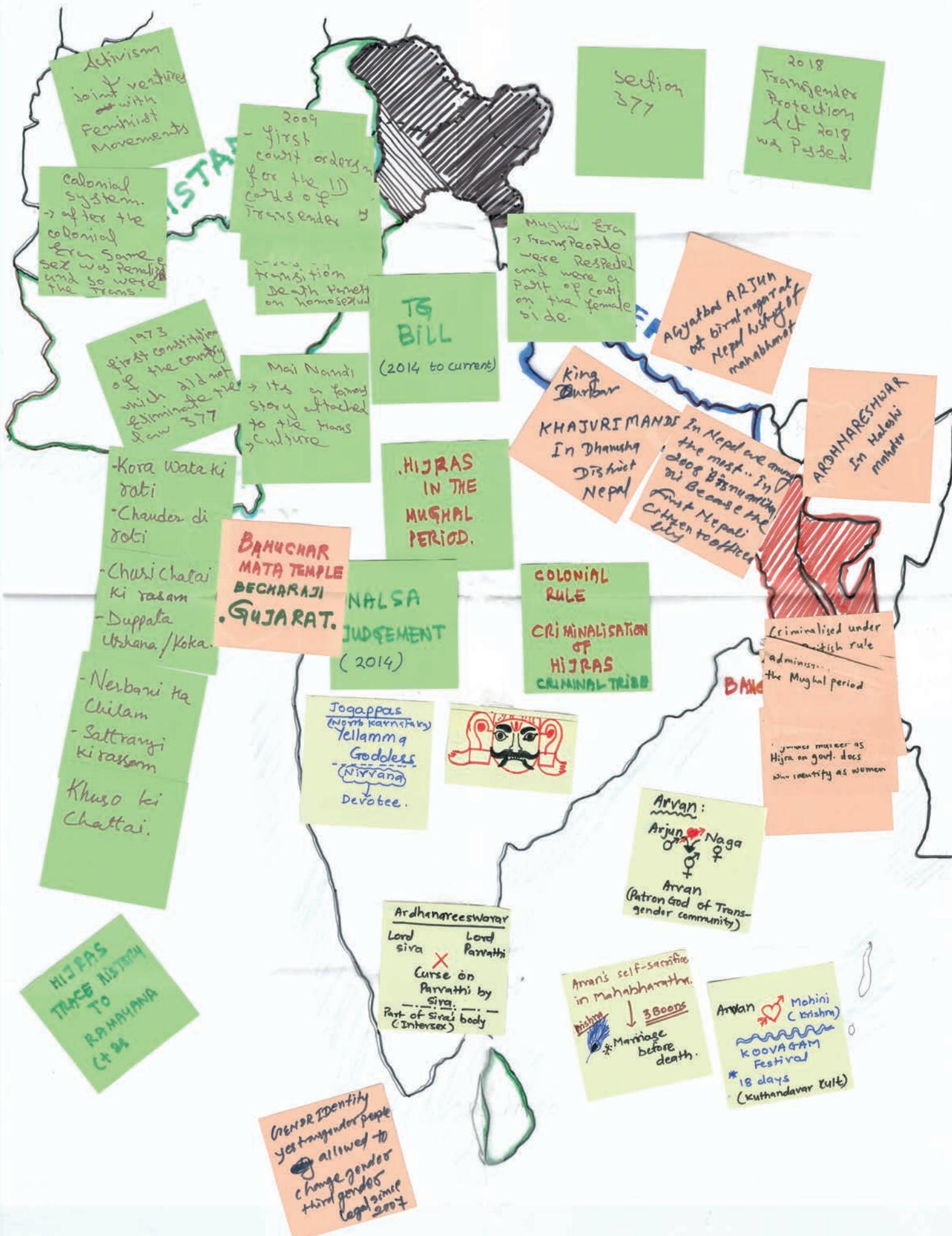
SG - Project X
set up 2010

Philippines org.
Malaysia - judicial
review of
syariah law

2010 -

Malaysia - Pushback
against
intersex
persecution

Philippines -
more networking
Indonesia - Consolidation
of LGBT orgs
(2020)



INDIA / PAKISTAN / NEPAL / BANGLADESH

PAKISTAN: tradition of transW dancing @ births / weddings / blessings

↳ source of income.

↳ genitalia removed

"BARDA" (urdu) = to hide something.

STORY | May Mandi: born intersex → bigger part of \$ (GURU)
Sheila: runs the house → low part of \$ (public money). smaller.

Intersex / transgender ≠

↳ castrated himself to fit this hierarchy

Ceremony of castration

↳ GURU: not happy

→ Moghul era no ≠

"unnatural" →

→ Colonial: same-sex criminalized

cursed by God

Segregation (377) → law there but not applied

→ PAKISTAN =

in cases of rape → 377 is used against victim

→ SHARIA LAW: throwing off high place

↳ 1979 Dictatorship - political sharia

Hedou Ordinance: rape: witness / adultery: no > opposite of (3) Sharia

COURT: sex reassignment needs "clearance" - usually easier for intersex

2011: LGBT org in Palestine - 10 Cards

2018: transg. protection act / no access to content

BANGLADESH: • MTF + intersex: trans community

• Hijra: 3rd gender

• 1st Hijra pride parade

• Recogn. for I.D + sex change but only to "Hijra"

• Bank Loans for Hijra

• Voting Rights: M, F, Hijra / was harder because

segregated voting - passing I.D M/F

INDONESIA / SING / MALAYSIA / PHILIPPINES

Assimilation Hindu - Islamic tradition: BISU

SING: Backlash, persecuting DITII

MANYA = MA' + NUN'4
portug. chn.
malay.]

"MANYA" = TRANSW
Malaysia

WANITA + ADAM = WADAM

FATWA, SHARIA LAW MALAYSIA 85-2013 CRIMINALIZATION
CROSSDRESSING INCLUDED

TRADITIONS OF DANCING / CULTURAL PRACTICES / PUBLIC SPACES
90s Philippines: organizing LGBT parties - legislations

School-based LGBT organization - precolonial feminine spiritual leaders
arts + sports event - transW
regional advocacy for sex workers / SINGAPORE

2010 transm. philippines

2015/16 transm. of Malaysia

• GAY PARADE / SINGAPORE → visibility / Banning foreign donations
only open to local residents / Christians + muslims + gov against

[Exhibition] drama W Hate crimes (migrant grp) Philippines

↳ Muslim Liberalism group - "self determination" since long time from gov

Use of Sharia + Quran as justification

↳ LGTB in Philippines: Bangsamoro Region
organized

Undocumented persecution.

Police persecution - pressure from Islamic grp INDONESIA / BISU

Terminology change: local language → no persecution during event

- transW can run for parliament = HIIRA
- trans M invisible, not recognized - documented as woman

NEPAL: before 2001: transpeople "didn't exist" in the imaginary
BLUE DIAMOND SOCIETY → rights LGBTI
before: oppression. HN program. Difficult. JAIL.
LGBT → one community - rights are seen as for all -
no segregation - one status.

New constitution: 1 MP from community → pol. rep.
Muslims still no access to those rights - pressure from
groups "GIVEN BY GOD" "GOING TO HELL"
2 temples Hindu: "half man half woman" (2)
Arjun sent to a forest as penalty. there he (2)
lived as a woman for 14 days.

③ Depiction of same-sex activity. Evidence that this is
not "new" as claimed/asked by others
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AROUND?

INDIA: before Moghul: mythologies 6th c. B.C 1st references
then jump to Moghul.

Arwani culture. [Lord ARWAN. Born from 2 gods. ~ transg /
intersex. Sacrificed in a war because "special". Decides
to marry before dying 18 days later. transW identify
with his wife → celebrate for 18 days - get rid of their
ornaments, beyond his death. ARWANI: devotee wives

377 Penal code Singapore: crime MSM

COMMONALITIES:

• pre-90s similarity - TRANSW support

• focus on HN

• discriminatory law → advocacy, policy

• UPR: anti-discrimination law - HRD protection

FATWA → new term.
loophole.

Asian SOGI & causes

Human Rights Declaration - push to include SOGI

QUESTIONS:

CLIMATE CHANGE: access to services / held by rel. grp

SCHOOL / TRANSW: fear of persecution by Islamic grp

Indonesia
Philippines typhoons
- some work -
pollution/deforestation
in the other countries

Landslide. Earthquake. Flood. Tsunami

LGBT

Earthquake Indo: transW work w/ Relief to aid affected
environment groups

work on
reinterpretation of religion vs. radicalization (Indonesia)

trans people leading in Islamic grp

Reconciliation faith + identity.

WHAT TYPES OF SUPPORT AND SOLIDARITY DO YOUR MOVEMENTS OR ORGANIZATIONS GET IN YOUR REGION? PROVIDE EXAMPLES.

KEY EVENTS OR MOVEMENTS THAT GAVE YOU SPACE, WERE INCLUSIVE OR SUPPORTED YOUR ACTIVISM?

MOVEMENT

BUILDING

WHAT ARE THE COMMONALITIES THAT YOU SEE WITHIN THE REGION?

CHALLENGES AND BACKLASH.

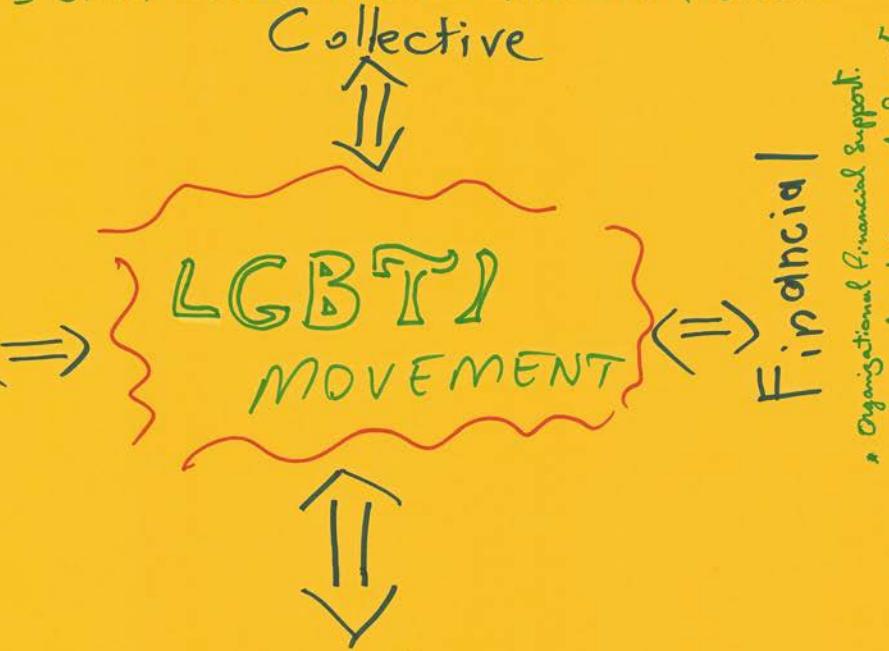
MENA

- NETWORK BUILDING
- COMMUNITY EVENTS /
- EMOTIONAL SUPPORT and EXPERIENCE SHARING
- GROUP DISCUSSIONS - UNIVERSITY GROUPS

ACADEMIA ???

- TRANSLATION SUPPORT FOR LGTB REFUGEES
- PHONE / HOTLINE FOR COUNSELLING + PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT
- GOVERNMENTAL / ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES / SEXUAL HEALTH
- MEDICAL SERVICES / SEXUAL HEALTH + PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT
- SHELTER PROVISION / ACCOMMODATION
- INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT
- COLLECTIVE SUPPORT

Services



- * Organizational Financial Support
- * Individual and Community Support
- * International Fundraising
- * Scholarships for LGTB students

Political & Social Movements

- + Lebanon - Racist Party
- + Turkey - Kurdish {Dustas for LGBTI visibility}
- + Palestine - No laws criminalizing homosexuality / Trans
- + Tunisia - Individual Coalition
Homosexual Act
- + Sustainable Development Goals and IHRC

KEY EVENTS

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Pal - Arab Psych Association | 10/05 |
| Leb - legal events / allies | 01/05 |
| Tur - Gazi Occupation | 17/05 |
| TUN - CHOUFTOUNNA | 16/05 |
| - M QFF. | |
| - Bar chicka's BNET. | |
| - IDAHOT... | |
| - Color d'Avril: (IFT) | |
| - Projects with the community. | |

COMMONALITIES

- COMMUNITY ORGANIZING
- FINANCIAL SUPPORT
- ISLAM
- INSTRUMENTALIZATION OF LGBT MOVEMENTS BY POLITICAL PARTIES
- OPPRESSIVE REGIMES

CHALLENGES

- ① CRACK DOWN ON CONFERENCES EVENTS
- ② BACKLASHES from FUNDAMENTAL / RELIGIOUS GROUPS
- ③ HATE SPEECH in the MEDIA
- ④ PROVOCATIVE ATTITUDE FROM PUBLIC
- ⑤ EXPOSING PEOPLE
- ⑥ STREET HARRASSMENT and CHALLENGES in PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

SOUTH ASIA (1)

COMMONALITIES

- ⇒ SUBCONTINENTAL HISTORIES & LANGUAGES
- ⇒ SAARC FOCUSED INITIATIVES
 - # GPFATM 2011
 - # SDGs.
- ⇒ HIV-AIDS FUNDING
- ⇒ WORK W/I COMMUNITIES
- ⇒ ALLIES
 - # FEMINIST / WOMEN'S MM.
 - # H.R. [EXCEPTION: INDIA INCREASINGLY NOW]
- ⇒ COURTS
- ⇒ MEDIA
 - N: ✓
 - Pak: NOT GOOD
 - India: MIXED
 - BNG: MIXED
- ⇒ CIVIL SOCIETY → N+I
- ⇒ POLITICAL PARTIES → P+I
- [RECENT] → B
- N: PRIOR TO OTHERS

india - sources of support & Solidarity

FROM OUR COMMUNITIES + ALLIES

- ADVOCACY
- USE OF COURTS
- USE OF MEDIA
- NETWORK BUILDING
- HIV-AIDS FUNDS
- ORGANISATIONAL & CAPACITY BUILDING

COURTS

- 377 STRUGGLE
- NALSA
- TG BILL
- INDIVIDUAL CASES

MEDIA

- ENGLISH: ✓
- VERNACULAR: X

CIVIL SOCIETY

- FEMINIST
- DALIT-BAHUJAN
- UNIVERSITI SPACES
- MNC - DIVERSITY PROG

POLITICAL PARTIES

- INCLUSION IN MANIFESTO
- APPOINTMENT W/IN PARTY
- TICKETS TO CANDIDATES I & TS
- PRIVATE MEMBER BILL BY A SOUTHERN M.P. OF THE UPPER HOUSE.

GOVT

- NO POLITICAL WILL OVERALL
- NACO | HIV → MSM / TS
- NHM | TG CLINICS
- MNIEGA
- * Global agendas: UNESCO

NEPAL

Sources of Support of Solidarity

Our Communities

- Advocacy
- Use of media
- Networking
- HIV funding
- LEGAL RECOGNITION
- INCLUSION IN NEW CONSTITUTION
- CITIZENSHIP
- HEALTH CARE
- H.R.C
- POLITICAL PARTIES
- SUPPORT OF LOCAL GOVT.

SOUTH ASIA (2)

SUPPORT

- BANDHU SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY**
 - WORKS WITH SEXUAL MINORITIES
 - ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE
 - ACCESS TO SAFE HOUSE
 - ACCESS TO LEGAL COUNSELLING
- POSSIBILITY - LBT PLATFORM**
 - DOING FUNDS FOR MOBILISING
 - MOSTLY IN RURAL AREAS BECAUSE ACCESS TO INFORMATION, HEALTH CARE, LEGAL ASSISTANCE IS ABSENT
 - SAFE HOUSE + LEGAL COUNSELLING
 - SANJIDA & PUJA CASE (ONGOING)
 - GENDER EXPERTS AVAILABLE TO COUNSEL TRANSMEN
 - FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR TRANSMEN SEEKING HRT & SURGERY
- DE BANDHAN HIJRA SINGHA**
 - TRANSGENDER RIGHTS GROUP
 - WORKS FOR HIJRA COMMUNITY + TRANSWOMEN
- SHADA KALO**
 - NETWORKING ORG. TO HELP HIJRA COMMUNITY TO ACCESS COUNSELLING + HEALTH CARE

GOVERNMENT

- SDG GOALS**
 - WORK AROUND EMPOWERING HIJRA COMMUNITY THROUGH EMPLOYMENT, ALLOWING TO STAND IN PARLIAMENT, VOTING RIGHTS, LEGAL NAME + GENDER CHANGE
- NHRCB**
 - LEVERAGING THE EMPOWERMENT OF HIJRA COMMUNITY TO BEING AWARENESS OF TG COMMUNITY FOR PUSHING GOVERNMENT TO FULFILL SDG
- EVENT**
 - HIJRA PRIDE PARADE**
 - # PRIDE PARADE**

Support / PAKISTAN

Government level

- From Inclusivity - Health care and SUPPORT *
- CIVIL SOCIETY *
 - Supports on Major level.
 - UN Based Agencies like UNDP - UNHCR - Global Fund, UNAIDS - UNAIDS - have helped a lot *
- I + all started with the HIV funding.
- Political Representation *
- SDG - has Gender & Minority component to be at Priority in Pakistan
- Manifesto of Political parties are being redesigned in a gender friendly way.
- Feminist Parties
- Spaces provided by NGOs

WATER SPACE to Activism

- Esha case
- Alisha case
- Julie Repe case
- Meesha case
- others
- Media related Programs on homophobia - and invading space of transgenders
- Extremist parties and people giving hate speeches against the trans and other dalit people

SOUTH EAST ASIA

COMMONALITY

①

SUPPORT & SOLIDARITY

- Human rights groups
- Women & feminist movement
- friendly media
- Legal Aid
- HIV group
- LGBT group
- scholars
- Arts & Cultural movement
- NHRI (national human right institution)
- Sex worker

②

Backlash & challenges

- State
 - : scapegoating
 - raids
 - Policies: cover
 - heavy-handed actions
 - Religious extreme
 - extremist
- Non-state
 - : religious extremist
 - state-linked
 - alter / women march
 - Regulate expression due to safety, backlash & security.
 - Hate crimes
 - Online hate speech & gender biased violence
 - organized organized cyber army
 - state-linked x Religious extremism.

DIFFERENCES

Indonesia : Islam against Discrimination
· Church & Theological school.
(Statement PGI 2016)

SG : concerned agencies / ~~government~~ working
to engage & discuss

Phil : anti-discrimination ordinance
(local law)

Malaysia & Indonesia :

* Conversion therapy funded by government

Indonesia & Singapore :

* civil society regulation - access to funding.
* regulation for marches.

Indonesia, Malaysia & SG :

* Criminalization : British law (SG)
state law (INDIA)

Key events :

SG : - Pink Dot

Phil : ~~March 4~~

Phil : pride March &索性 orientation.

All : ~~CEDAW~~ CEDAW, inclusive trans movement

· Women day

· May day

· International human rights day

non binary

NON-BINARY OPEN SESSION

☰ Terms & Self

Discovery

→ Transition / Gender Expression
+ Access to Health Care

→ Stigma (inside + outside)

→ Solidarity / Allies

non binary

non binary

1- terms and self discovery:

- The term & the binary
- what non binary means to you
- Personal experiences

2- Hrt/ gender expression/ and access to health care:

- exclusive language in health care
- The Agenda of scientific organization
- relationship with gender

3- stigma and cisnormativity

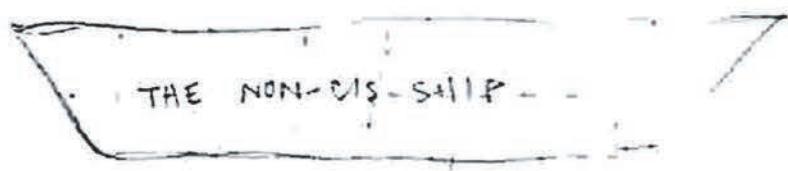
- stigma within the community and outside of it
- passing

4- non binary allies

- making effort
- listening to every folk
- things to say to non binary people

non binary

non binary



ACCEPTANCE OF NON-BINARIES

ON STAGE

HETEROTOFIA

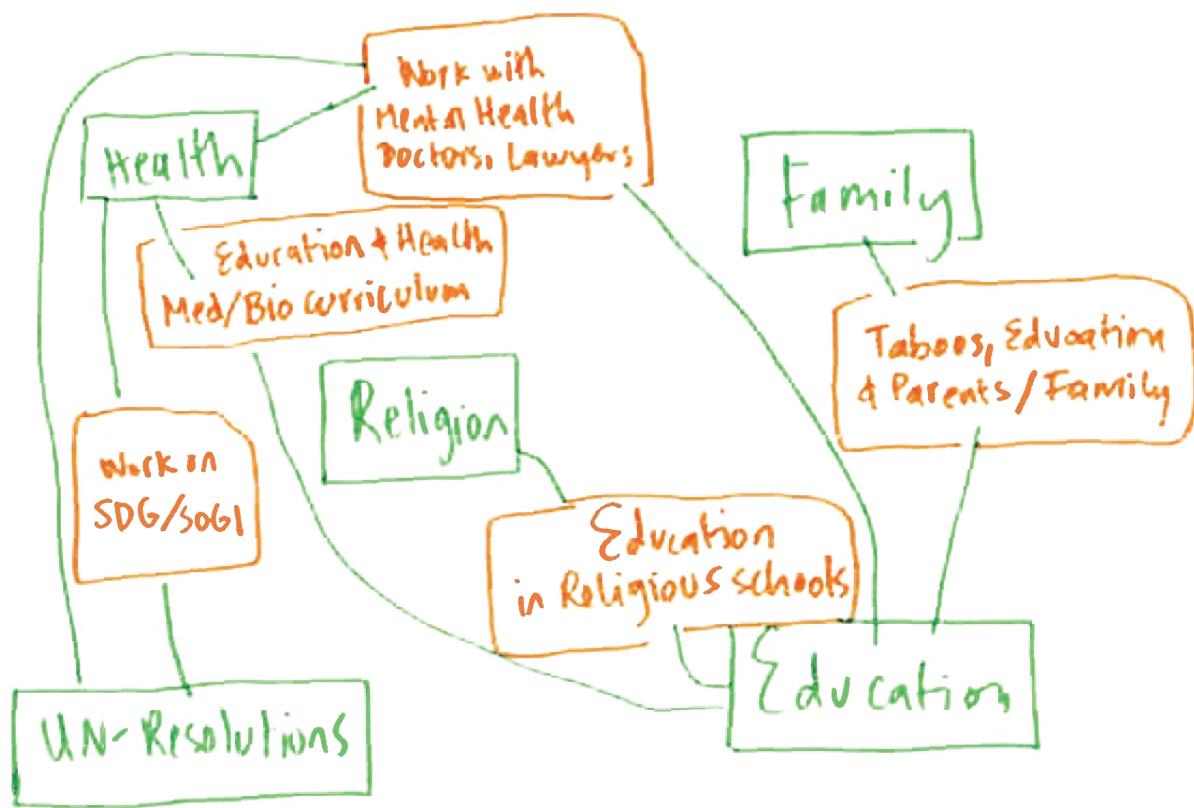
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MEDICAL PROCEDURE

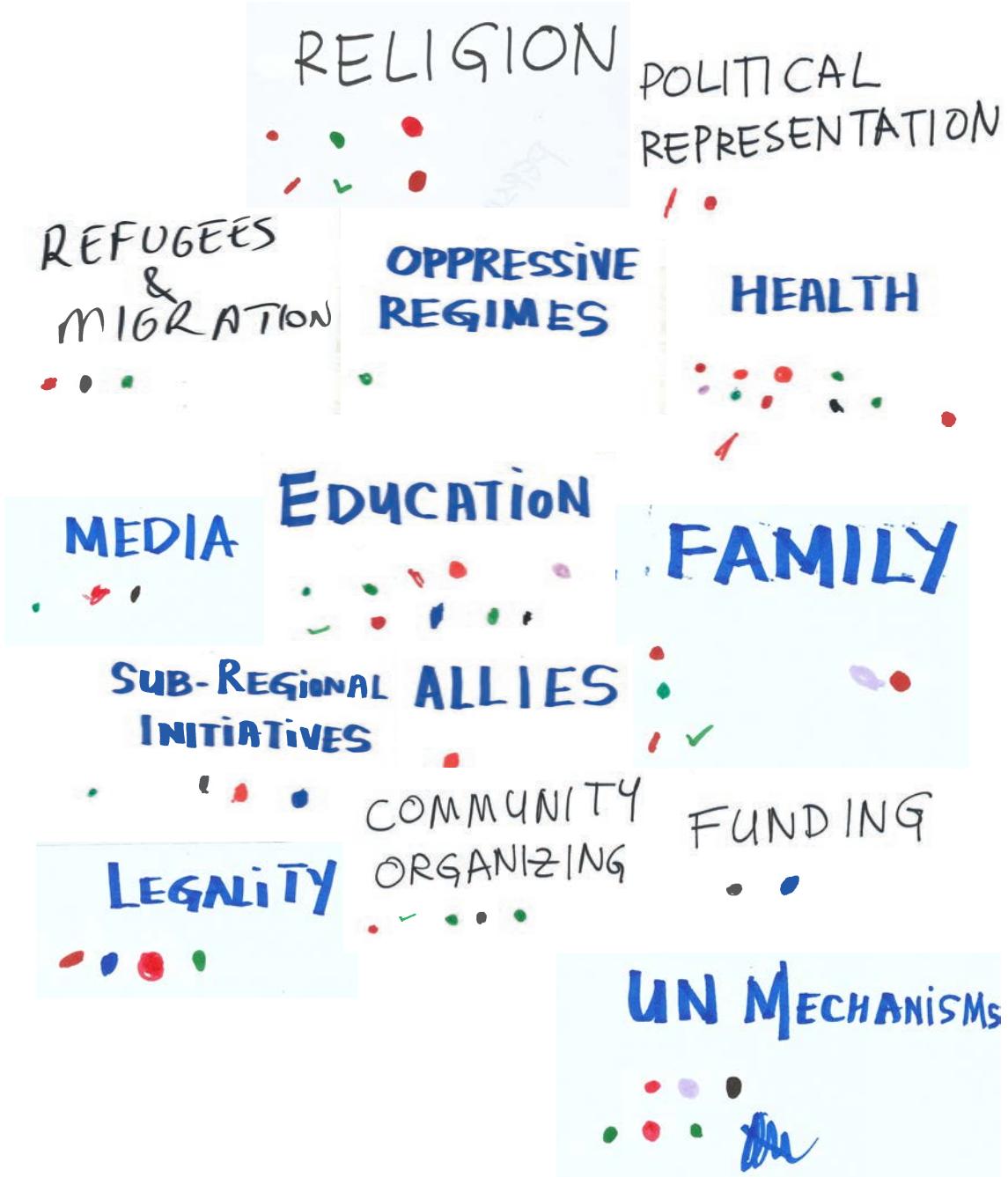
RESULT

non binary

ADVOCACY



THEME VOTING



EDUCAT^oN

Chaps in

- sexual education curriculum
- Awareness of mental health & trauma issues.
- Regulation
- Information
- Accessibility

(in the community)

- Lack of visibility → lack of knowledge of trans-related needs.
- Legal knowledge.
- Health services
- Lack of space/access to utilise capacities.

Trans-led projects.

- Optimalise community organising
- Map: mental health specialists, doctors, lawyers. Keep them aware of the needs, situations, etc.

Workshops by & for trans people

- Visibilise trans diversity in the career fields.

Push for anti-discrimination rules in schools/unis/

formal E.I. informal

Push for an inclusive sex. ed. curriculum.

Map: "friendly" psychology institutions to work with in the future. Holistic health

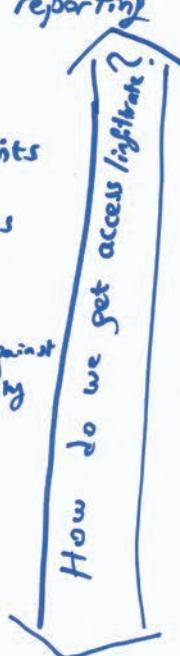
Talk to the parents.

FAMILY



UN Mechanisms

- + ICD 11 - WHO Committee approved but UN member states need to approve it, too
 - + UPR - Importance CSO contributions
 - Recommendations by other countries - regional reaching out to foreign ministers
 - Being present in Geneva during UPR session
 - (Outreach OutRight Action, ILGA, COC Nederland, Arc International, RFSL, CREA)
 - + CSW - CEDAW - engaging with shadow reporting
 - Challenges & Trans Movements
 - + Lack of interest
 - + Lack of resources
 - + Lack of capacity
 - + Language barrier
 - + Push back against gender inclusivity & sex work
 - + Get more information on SDGs
 - + Train our community and allies on SDGs
 - + Instrumentalize SDGs for advocacy
 - + UN Independent Expert on SOGIIEC - upcoming voting on the status of IE.
 - + Country visits by UN - IEs.



RELIGION

CONNECTING & ENGAGING
WITH FAITH

Identifying
Persuadable
majority

Historical
approach
proving that
LGBT existed
in Islamic
Civilizations
written in
classical
Kitab. -> alq
alq laq
alq laq

Localize LGBT terms
within Islamic discourse
coming from classical
text:

eg: giving new perspective on
mukhannata & khunsa,
mukarrifat & urba minanji.
- Hadith narration which it
transgender: Thousand.

Push more/campaign
on religious terms:
tolerance, Peace,
harmony,
diversity, justice,
human rights.

How to Make
religion more supportive
to us

Creating safe space
for LGBT people to
do praying. it could
be in mainstream mosque
or specific mosque

Producing more open
interpretation/
Counter narratives:

* Lot people / Sodom & Gomorrah:
- Disregarding other human life,
hostility.
- Rape, robbery, etc.

* Surgery, harman is not a sin,
it's part of the way we thank
God for what God gives.

* God's creation is not binary:
(5 genders in Indonesia)

* Being LGBT is not against nature
God's creation is not binary.

Use soft
diplomatic
strategy

Reaching out
(Islamic/religious
scholars)
who are
open
and
less
rigid

Encourage more
dialogue/diologue
with the
organizations within
the muslim
communities

Educating
LGBT
community
to help
them
reconcile
their faith
and
gender &
sexuality
also about
political/
mobilized
group

HEALTH

TRANS H.C

GEN H.C

SEXUAL & REPROD

H.C.

- CULTURAL TABOOS / LANGUAGE
- INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF CARE.
- CURRENT PATHOLOGISED CURRICULA. WITH COMMUNITY NO UNDERSTANDING OF TRANS/NB. INPUT.
ALL CONCEIVED w/i BINARY. - w.r.t. GENDER EXPRESS + SEXUAL PRACTISE
- REGULATORY BODIES - NO UNDERSTANDING OF INTERNATIONAL S.O.C & NO CO-ORDINATION.
B/W THEM. & THE PUBLIC HOSPITALS & CLINICS.
- REGARDING GENDER AFFIRMING PROCEDURES

④ DIFFICULTY OF MEDICO-LEGAL FRAMEWORK

④ MANIPULATION ^{DISMISSED} IN THE SYSTEM

④ KNOWLEDGE & QUALITY OF SERVICES / ^{KEEPING} SATE

▷ COMMUNITY WORK WITH HEALTH PROF.

▷ USE PLATFORMS LIKE SHARC

▷ SDGS - LINK ?
(Sustainable Developmental Goals)

▷ REF. AGAINST YOGYAKARTA

▷ UNL. MECHANISMS

▷ 'PRECEDANCE' OF LAW

▷ INITIATE RESEARCH

▷ INITIATE CURRICULA DEVELOP.

▷ INFORMATION & ACCESS TO
INFO. | AVAILABILITY IN LANGUAGES

and

STRATEGY

- ④ NO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/ GOVT. INSURANCE SCHEME.
[INDIA - FEN MNCs - EXCEPTION]
- ④ NO CONTINUAL M.H. PRE
WHILE
POST | G.A. Part.
- ④ TRANS MASCULINE PEOPLE - NOT SEEN AS EVEN "TRANS"
- ④ INTERSEX: NO LAW AGAINST COMPULSORY REASSIGN. @ BIRTH | LACK OF KNOWLEDGE
- ④ HEAVILY DEPENDENCE ON "QUACKS" | N/I
- ④ A LOT OF SELF-MEDICATION | COMMUNITY
- ④ v. POOR HEALTH-SEEKING BEHAVIOUR
- ④ HEALTH SYSTEM - ALREADY STRESSED.
∴ INCLUSION IN EXISTING NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMMES.
- ④ N/IN THIS - DEDICATED BUDGET FOR TRANS HEALTHCARE.

ADVOCACY LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION

FAMILY (LB, PALESTINE, SAUDI ARABIA)

- > PARENTS AS OBSTACLES + RESOURCE
- > PARENTS LISTEN TO OTHER PARENTS
- > FAMILY, MOTHERS & CHILDREN CENTERS
- > FAMILY SUPPORT SOMETIMES STAYS UNDERGROUND INDIVIDUAL
- > ORINAM (CHENNAI): CONVERSATIONS ON VIOLENCE
- > INFORMAL CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AMONG PARENTS

EDUCATION (INDONESIA, LEBANON)

- > EDUCATION + PARENTS - TABOOS
- > EDUCATION & HEALTH = MEDICAL/BIOLOGICAL CURRICULUM
= WORKING WITH MENTAL HEALTH SP.
DOCTORS
LAWYERS
- > INDIA: WOMEN'S MOVEMENT DID WORK, ANALYSIS & INTERVENTIONS ON EDUCATION LEVEL
- > EDUCATION IN RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS: CHALLENGE CONSERVATIVE DISCOURSES TO THE PARENTS

ADVOCACY

HEALTH (INDIA, NEPAL, PAKISTAN, BANGLADESH)

- > SDGS / UN MECHANISMS
 - ↳ SOGI COMPONENT
- > HIV & TRANS-PERSONS
- > DEPATHOLOGIZATION + ACCESS TO SERVICES
- > INCLUSIVE RESEARCH ON MEDICAL CARE OWNERS CURRICULUM
- > INITIATE INCLUSIVE RESEARCH

RELIGION (PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA)

- > DIPLOMATIC SOFT STRATEGIES | BACKLASH UNDERRING PREVIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS
- > EFFECT OF SCHOOLS OF RELIGION / ISLAM / INTERPRETATION
 - ↳ LOCAL / AZHAR / NASAF / ISLAM FOR ALL / FATWAS
- > COMBINING & SYNTHESIZING & INTERPRETATIONS (QURAN + HADITH)
- > ISSUES OF MORALITY THAT ACCOMPANY THESE ISSUES
- > SEPARATION OF STATE & RELIGION

UN-RESOLUTIONS (LEBANON, TURKEY)

- > CSW: STATE PRESENCE, DETERMINING H.R. LANGUAGE
- > CEDAW: CSD, SHADOW REPORTING. NEEDS TO BE RATIFIED
- > UPR: STATE, multiple CSO, NHRI OHCHR: COMPILATION
- > SDG 16: INCLUSIVENESS & EQUALITY
- > UN-INDEPENDENT EXPERT / SOGIESC
- > UN + FOREIGN MISSIONS // COLLECTIVE STATEMENT BY THE REGION
- > RELATION TO LOCAL CULTURE: DRUGS, FAMILY, "CULTURE" INDIRECT IMPACT, USING U.N. AS JUSTIFICATION TO CRIMINALIZE / ANTI-TERROISM
- > WORK WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WORKING UNDER U.N.

EDUCATION PT 2

- > NEPAL: IGBT INCLUSION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SOLIDARITY SCENARIOS
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Online Platform



Requirements

Awareness about sex education

→ VISIBILITY OF TRANSMEN

+ LGBTTQ+ COMMUNITY

→ CREATING A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY
WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

→ BRIDGING COMMUNICATION GAP &

ESTABLISHING ACCESS TO INFORMATION

→ LEARNING NEW MECHANISMS OF

STRATEGIZING WITH UN BODIES

→ LINKAGES WITH MEDIA

→ FOR COMMUNITY PEOPLE TO
HAVE A SAFE GROUND TO COME
OUT IN

→ Research Methodology
and Engagements of the
students.
→ Owing space for monthly meetings

Expectations

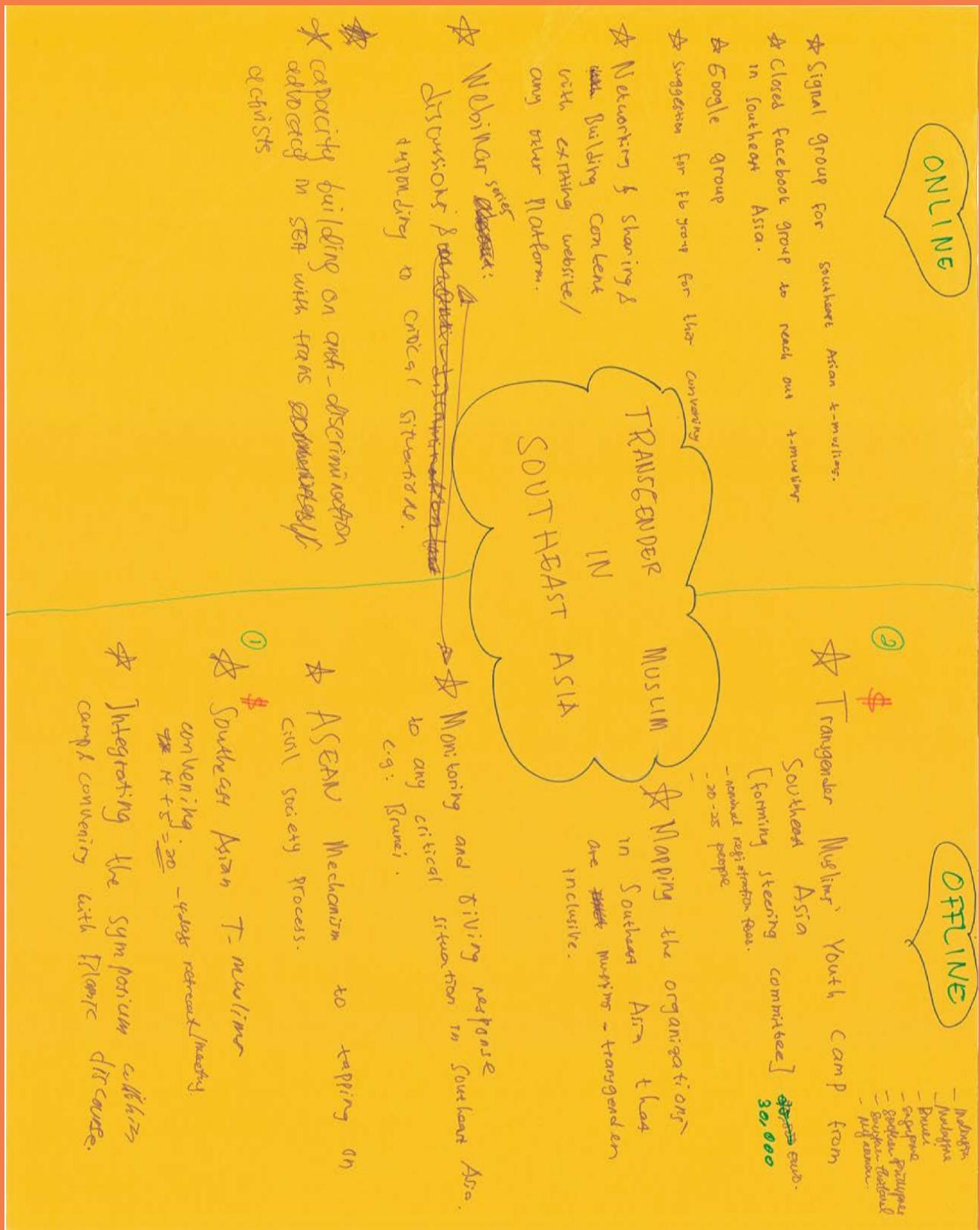
→ Let us know what
can be done.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

SATMA
(South Asian Trans Muslim Association)

REGIONAL (SOUTH ASIA)

REGIONAL (SOUTH EAST ASIA)



REGIONAL (MENA)

ARABIZE
TRANS-SPECIFIC
LANGUAGES/
TERMINOLOGIES

SHARING
CALLS
—
"HOW-TO'S"
—
SOLIDARITY FUND?

SHARED
DOCUMENTS
ONLINE
—
GROUPS PROFILES
& CONTACT
DATABASE

CONNECTING
PEOPLE
OFFLINE

INTERNATIONAL
+
LOCAL MECHANISMS

SHARED ONLINE
CALENDAR
+
MAILING LIST

PLATFORM

Platform (1)

BLOG

FORUM

MEMBERSHIP BASED

SUBMITTING WRITINGS

SERVICES DATABASE (DOCTORS, LAWYERS...)

* DIGITAL SECURITY, [APC, TACTICAL TECH] + LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS
(OUTLINE APP: INDIVIDUAL + INSTITUTIONAL ≈ VPN)

SHARING CURRICULA HEALTH-CARE

MEDIA + ARTS / ALLYSHIP / MEDIA/NEWS PLATFORM

INTERFACE + ARCHIVE + SHARING W/ RESEARCHERS

SIGNAL GROUPS

CLOSED FACEBOOK GP (MENA, SA, SEA / OUTREACH FOR TRANS
IN MUSLIM SOCIETIES)

SHARING INFORMATION / GUIDES / MEDICAL

GOOGLE GROUP?

COLLABORATE W/ EXISTING WEBSITES

WEBINARS: LANGUAGE, CONTENT BUILDING

CAPACITY-BUILDING / SHARE TRAINING METHODS + MATERIALS

CONTENT BUILDING

ONLINE PLATFORM

MAPPING ORGANIZATIONS INCLUSIVE OF LGTB
SUPPORT OFFLINE CONVENINGS (OUTREACH, ARCHIVE, DISSEMINATE)
FOLLOW-UP ON LOCAL EFFORTS' PROGRESS + OUTCOMES
INTERNATIONAL + NEWS PORTAL
(SOME EXISTING)

EMAIL LIST

PROPOSAL-WRITING SUPPORT + CONNECTIONS/ACCESS
SAFE MEDIA SPACES CONNECTED TO OFFLINE/RURAL
SHARING RESEARCH METHODOLOGIES

*GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE / PROTECTION STRATEGY
LEAKAGE WITHIN GROUP: size, screenshots, ...

OPEN TECHNOLOGY FUND (OPENTECH.COM)

LINK WITH JOURNALISM AGENCIES / MAINSTREAM MEDIA
FUNDING/FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUNDING
TRANSITIONS

SHARING ADVOCACY STRATEGIES

SHARED CALENDAR TO MOBILIZE DURING EVENTS

ORGANIZE OFFLINE ENCOUNTERS/ACTIVITIES

ZOOM

CHATTING

DIGITAL SECURITY

DATADETOXKIT.ORG

TOOLS

WIRE/SIGNAL/OUTLINE/SSD.EFF.ORG / MYSHADOW.ORG

PLATFORM (2)





MOVING FORWARD

knowledge production

1. new steering comm
 - support by current steering comm, GLADAS, CSBR
 - finding & forming connections
 - experience, institutional capacity] CSBR
 - linking & facilitating of networks ↗

2. SOUTH ASIA

- regional convenings to take it to other people in the region
- add people in the comm
- SATMA - South Asia Transgender Muslim Association
 - * work with other groups
 - * focus on the points that were discussed & what are clashes? ↗ to avoid clashes to reach out to other groups
 - * deepening the conversation
 - * get mandate from other ↗ add other people

Committee → give timeline to get agreement to continue or not
↳ the shape of the steering comm

- ① Number for the SC?
→ 2 people will continue
→ the new SC to meet and have a convo
- SC could also outreach to get more people/reps on SC

ZINE

- overview & rationale of the meeting
- documentation of the convening



→ hoping to connect & collaborate
with ASEAN & other groups

→ progressive Islamic understanding - GOAL

SOUTH EAST ASIA

→ a steering comm to be ~~established~~ formed

INTERREGIONAL NON-REGIONAL

- ① global convening is important
- ② online platform
- ③ health care providers working on trans related issues
- ④ UN mechanism → co-learning from Turkey on UPR - before
- ⑤ health seeking behaviour & barriers in seeking health
 - Turkey
 - private health care organization

- using "authorities" in the room →
healthcare providers in the convening
to create access & inclusion

platform with a lot of topics & ideas
→ geographical card & when you click
you get:

- argent numbers
- support

→ matching system ~~to be added to the~~ people in group
→ live chat for emergency

- what is the link aside from being from
muslim context
principles of network

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