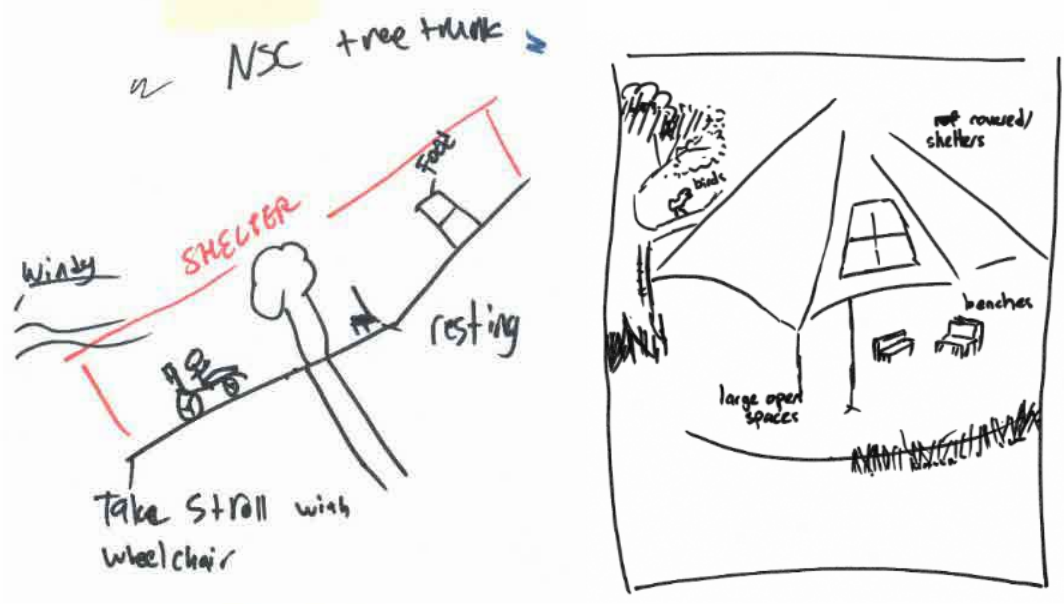


# DESIGN PRINCIPLES OF THE NSC

Design principles help to inform and guide the eventual building of NSC. They are based on what participants have shared around their needs and desires throughout the engagement workshops.

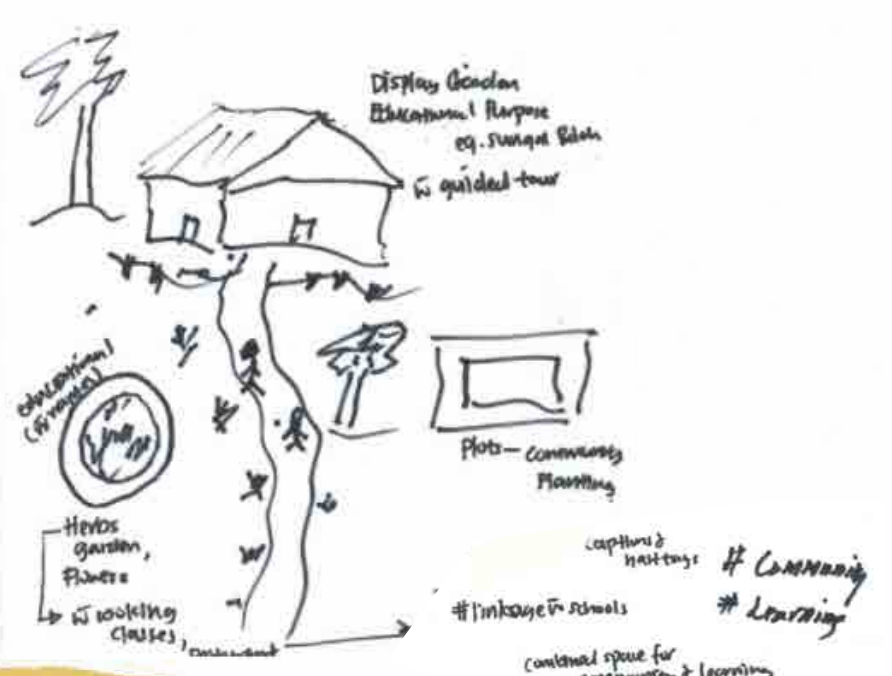


**Cooling spaces should be able to mitigate the heat and provide for better climate resilience. Having a cool space also helps to make it very appealing for people to want to journey in the space.**

**"To imagine the NSC is to envision an oasis where thought and innovation blossom through the concrete—where every user activity paints a part of the larger picture."**

**Flexible spaces that encourage participation**  
 Have multi-use or modular spaces that can be easily adapted and reconfigured for different purposes, such as community gatherings, markets, or recreational activities.

**Being outdoors is even better than being indoors**  
 Outdoor spaces surpass the comfort and appeal of indoor environments, integrating elements like natural shade, wind corridors, comfortable seating, and scenic views. Use the NSC to mitigate the urban heat island effect, designing for nature rather than structure to create a softer and more sheltered environment.



**Reciprocal relationships with nature**  
 The corridor to not just coexist with nature but to enhance the biodiversity and the greenery. This helps to showcase a symbiosis between urban development and the natural environment. The greenery also provides an escape and stress-free space for visitors.

**"Imagine a photo spot in the NSC where the backdrop is a narrative that celebrates the intersection of nature, community, and movement."**



**Disconnect to reconnect with family and friends**  
 Environments that encourage social interaction and are free from the distractions of digital technology. These communal spaces that promote face-to-face and serendipitous interactions.

**Well-maintained and taken care of**  
 Maintain well-kept spaces to promote continued utilisation of the space and demonstrate a sense of pride in upkeeping the NSC.

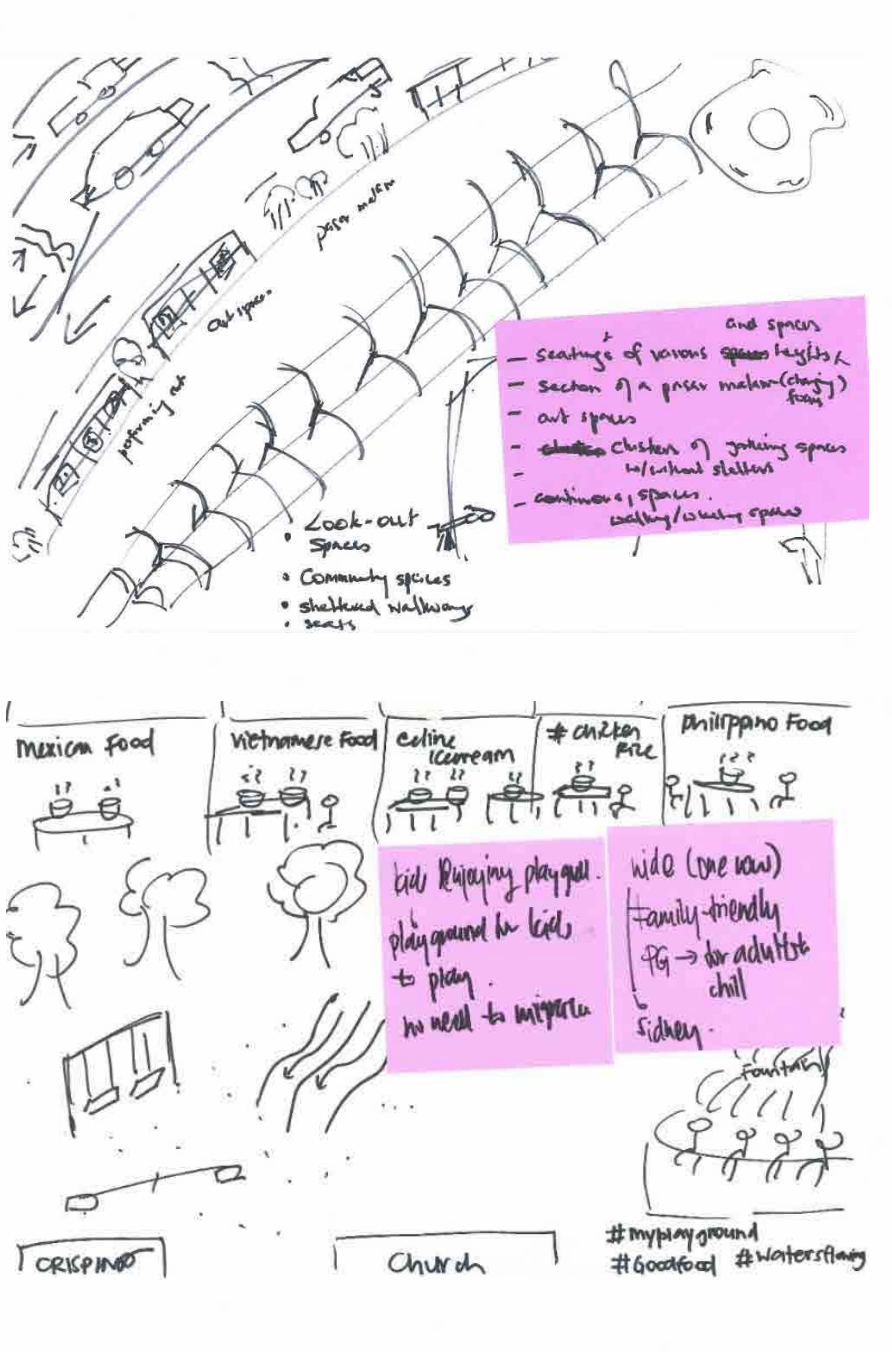
**"We should ensure continuity of the space, not have a big opening with cameras and then stop using the space within 3 months. We need to take care of the space and ensure the growth of it."**

**Community expression and sharing**  
 The spaces tell the stories of the local community, including its history, achievements, and aspirations. They are 'expression zones' where individuals and communities can be involved.

**Inclusive, seamless and accessible design**  
 Ensure that all spaces are and feel accessible to individuals of varying ages and physical abilities—adequate rest points, entry / exit points. Safety for all is also top in mind.

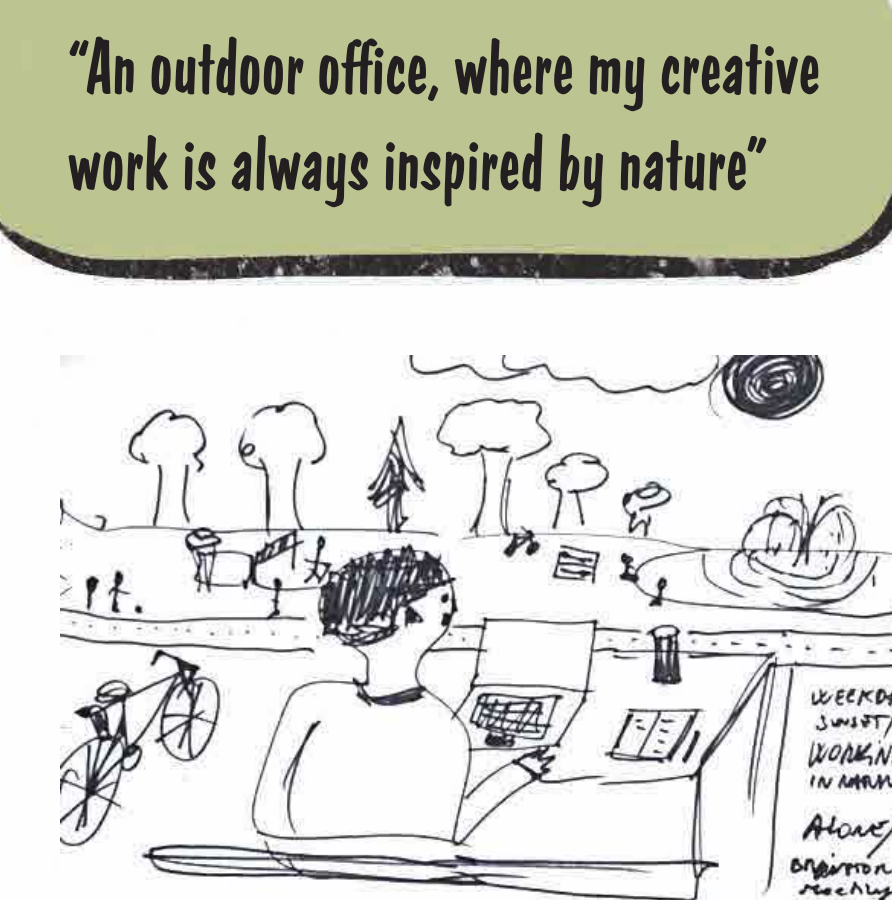
**Calming and rejuvenating**  
 An escape from the urban spaces where people can reset, recharge, and return to the world feeling refreshed and revitalised. The air feels fresher and the urban noise fades away.

**"The serenity of a park lies in its ability to rejuvenate our spirit. Stress no more here."**



**"This is more than a corridor; it's a stage for expression. It could allow for expression. Temporal things could revitalise the space. Possibilities could be endless."**

**"Connectivity to the unique locals, connectivity begins from the home to the destination, if the path to the destination is not known to be 'accessible' it will be difficult for users to imagine making a trip there."**



**"Come rain or shine, you are welcome here."**