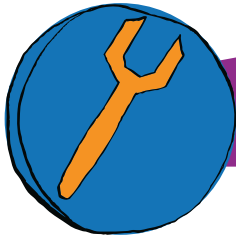


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TOOL 4C: FRIENDLY MAPS

LINKED TO:

- Sections 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 & 5.13



WHY?

- To gauge how child-friendly your space is
- To get feedback from kids about what spaces feel safe and those that don't
- To get ideas on how things might be improved for children



WHO WITH?

- Children aged 5 to 14 years



TIME?

- 10 mins to 40 mins depending on ages

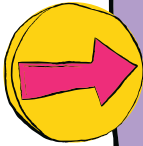


YOU'LL NEED?

- A3 sheet of paper,
- coloured textas or crayons



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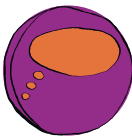
WHAT TO DO:

- Get the kids to map out the space that you're interested in understanding, be it your refuge, their home or the children's centre they go to after school.
- Then get them to make their way around the space drawing things on the map that (1) make them feel safe and (2) make them feel unsafe. They can choose how they represent this: workshop ideas like clouds and suns, different colours, hazard signs, smiley and sad faces
- Have a discussion as a group:
 - What are the spaces where kids **feel safe**?
 - What is it about these places that make them feel safe?
 - Do all kids feel safe there?
 - Are they always safe? If no, when aren't they?
 - What are the spaces where kids might **not feel safe**?
 - What is it about these places that make kids feel that way?
 - What could make these places feel safer for kids?



SOMETHING DIFFERENT?

- Give the kids a video camera and ask them to make a documentary about the space. Invite them to be reporters or secret investigators on a mission to uncover unsafe spaces. They might want to interview their family members or other kids to get different opinions.



TO THINK ABOUT:

- Kids need to know that your service is keen for feedback and that it's safe for them to do so. It might be helpful to give them some ideas to start with: "I never like going out near the back fence because the dog next door barks and makes me feel scared" or "my favorite space is sitting under the window in the sun".