

SOUTH TO SOUTH KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION THROUGH ART-BASED PEACE-BUILDING APPROACHES

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BACKGROUND

Global Context

The Migrant Crisis: No End in Sight

By RUSSELL GOLDMAN FEB. 3, 2016

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Internally Displaced Person (IDPs)

- Mainly from Northern and Eastern province
- Tamils, Muslims and some Sinhalese
- ~11,000 displaced due to the civil war
- Most have been resettled or returned
- Also, natural disaster related IDPs (temporary)
- 120,000+ newly displaced people in 2022

Refugees

- 1,100 registered refugees
- 800+ asylum seekers
- (more remains unregistered)
- From Pakistan, Afghanistan, Myanmar
- Belonging to Rohingya and Ahmadiyya communities
- Remains in urban settings (settled)

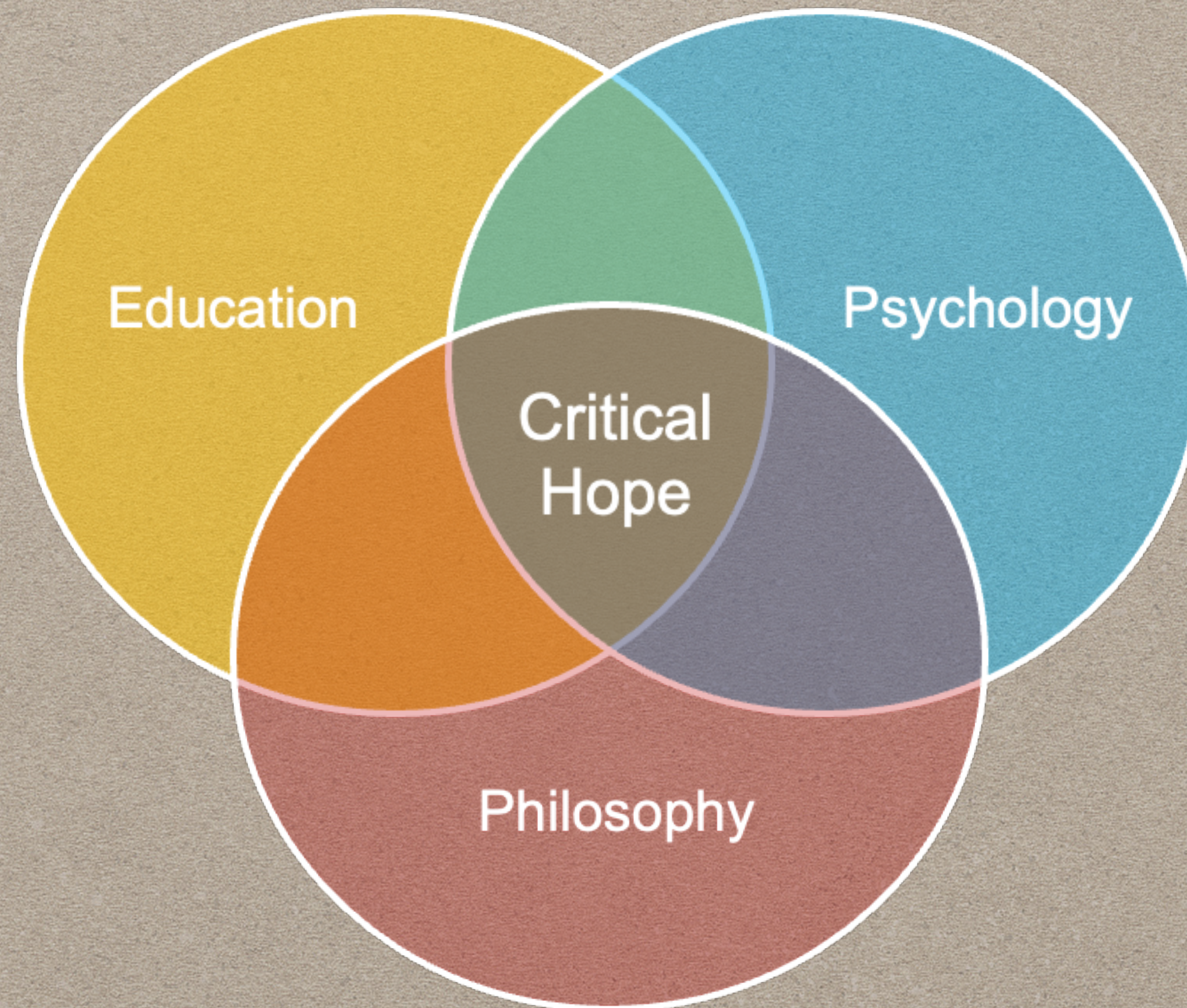
BACKGROUND

Local Context, Sri Lanka



CRITICAL HOPE AND DESPAIR

Critical hope is a practice of teaching that supports meaningful dialogues in which we can confront our own biases and complicities, and together find actionable solutions that are just and hopeful (Martin, 2018; Duncan-Andrade, 2009; Zembylas, 2014).



KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION (KMB)

(Pipps et al., 2016; SSHRC, 2024)

Knowledge Mobilization bridges scholarly research into usable and useful information for the impacted community so that they can advocate, respond, and exchange their ideas with policymakers (Martin, 2024).

ART-BASED METHODS

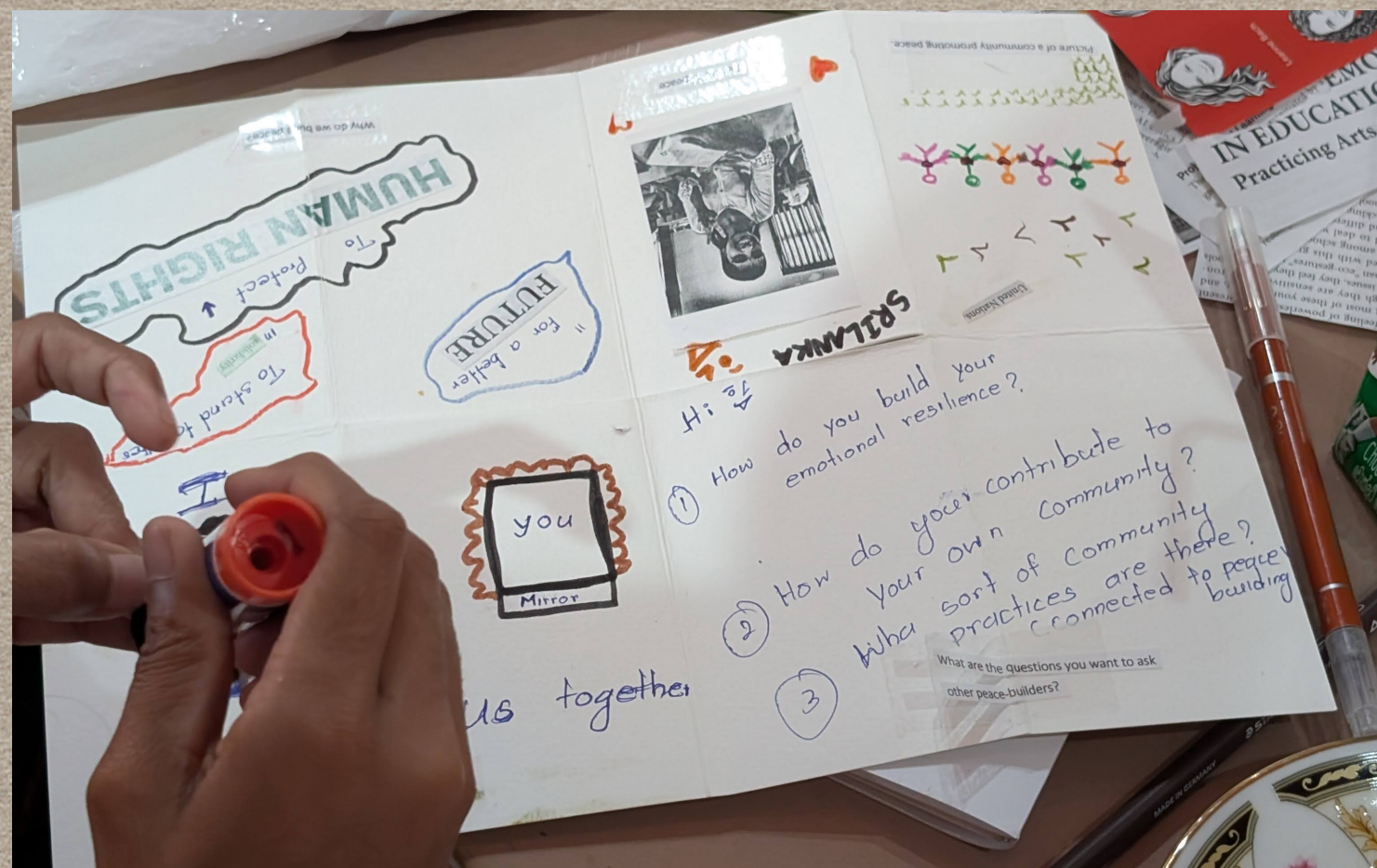
Art-based methodologies provide space for not only tangible resources but the intangible (e.g., feelings, knowledge, stories) often unreachable by traditional methods (Martin, 2023)

QUESTIONS POSED

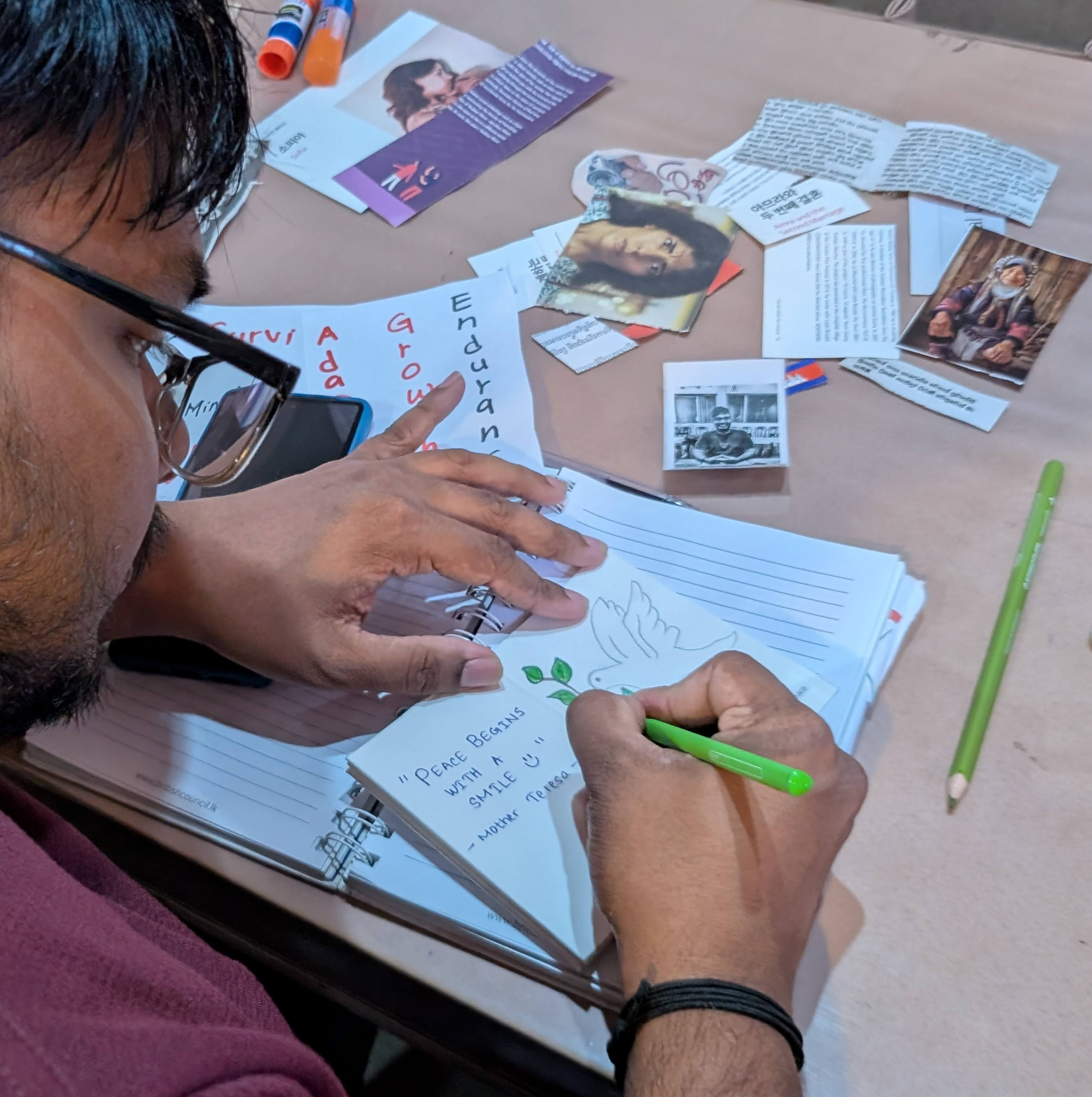


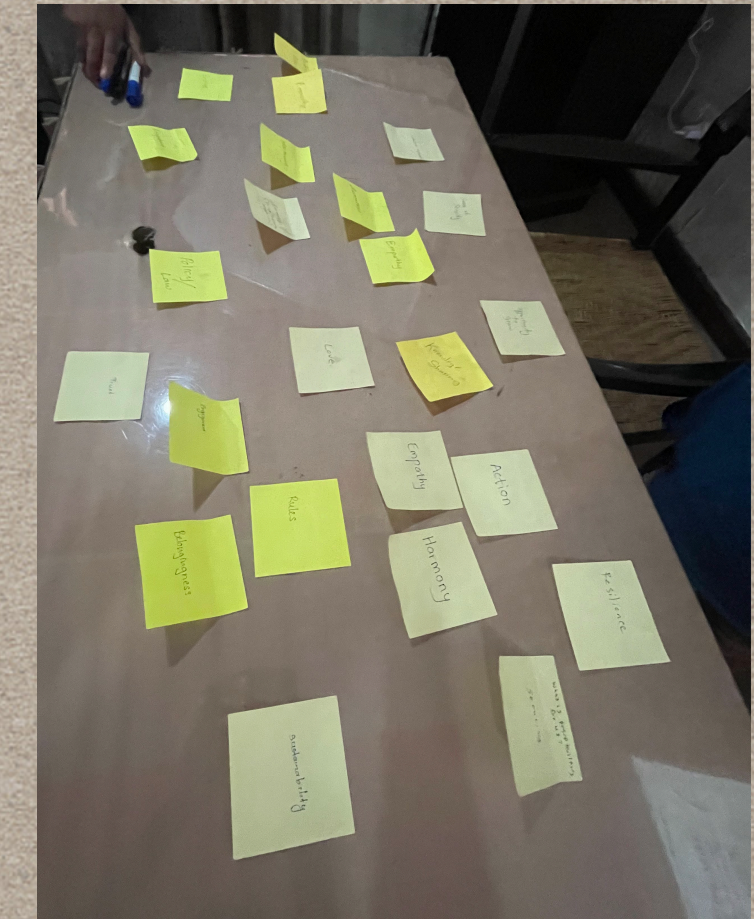
PILOT PEACE-BUILDING BOOKS

Marga Institute, Sri Lanka



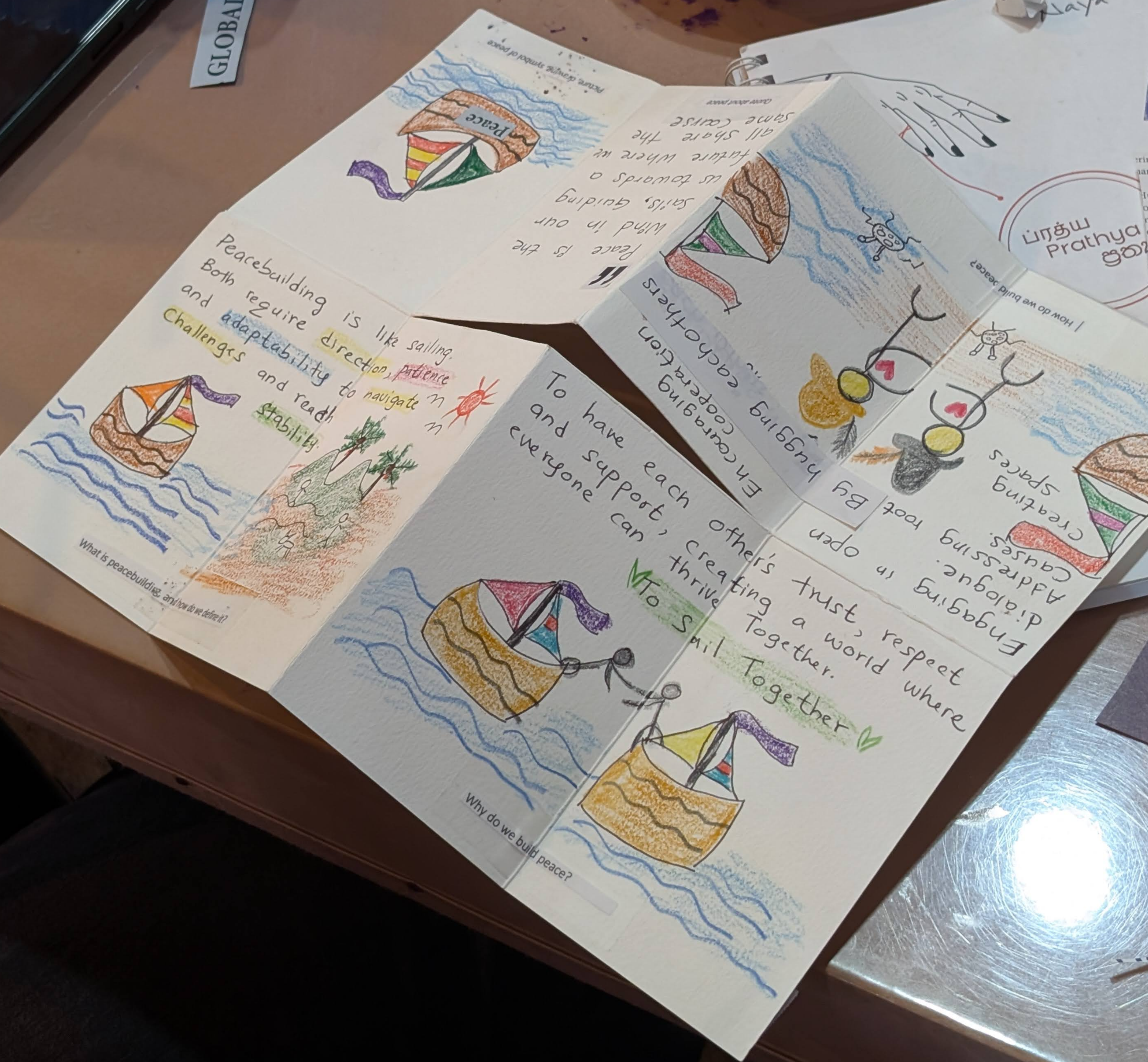






Peacebuilding is 3) Process
 2) Continuous
 1) Collective

→ understanding the values & diversity of communities to create a future oriented space where people are all accepted, respected & secured for who they are.





NEXT STEPS

- SOAR research and implementation will continue to happen in SE Asia (Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam)
- Possible funding for Kenya, Uganda, and Indonesia
- APIF
 - Seeking future funding to expand peace books to Sri Lanka and beyond