

WHAT
WOULD
BE

HOUSING



LIKE
in A

WORLD

WITHOUT

PRISON?

AT HOME

Breaking All The Rules

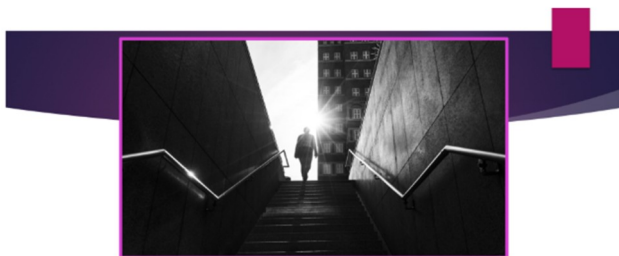
CREATING POSITIVE
CHANGE IS AN ART

This zine features the collaborative collages created by participants of **Making a transformative housing justice zine with collaborative speculative design workshop** at

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The workshop is part of the project **“JUST HOME: Mapping collective housing journeys of gender and criminalization”** by Dr. Sarah Gelbard (University of Ottawa). This workshop uses arts-based co-creation as an abolitionist practice of transformative justice; to move beyond just documenting the many intersecting and bi-directional experiences of housing insecurity and criminalization and to imagine possible futures.



Transformative justice is a community-based approach for addressing the systemic reproduction of harm and generating meaningful, transformative solutions by centring the knowledge, experience, capacity, and strength of those most affected.

Looking for a

HOMIE SWEET HOMIE

You can do it—
and you will do it.

DO-IT-YOURSELF
GET ORGANIZED

in pursuit

the
great
escape

in your
grasp

WE'VE GOT YOU SURROUNDED

The easy way to protect

ACCORDING contents
to plan

Dollars & Dreams

THIS IS THE PLACE

ready for a change?

ALWAYS

~~institutional space.~~

WORD GETS AROUND

Just for You

more room



Dream Home

UNCOMPROMISING

HAVING FUN AND

SAVING LIVES

giving you & me a chance

every month free.

BUILDING for TOMORROW



we left the mainstream

CHEO

Cool Climate Celebration

YOU ARE HERE

The community will feature walkable green spaces, a trail park

A New World

-Affordable and Diverse!

more livable community

City BuildHERS.

A TRUE family affair



Our

LOCATION

Location

transformation.

innovation



For Friends

AN OMEN OF
VERY GOOD THINGS
TO COME.

WORLD'S MOST ADMIRABLE

GIVE



THEIR VARYING GLORIES

Make it Right

build your own

Grow your own veggies & herbs!

improve health

Always delicious.

good honest

st Endless possibilities.

Enhance communities they go
really well together.



CREATE AND ELEVATE



In a world without prisons, housing would entail the same values
as the society that has transcended/abolished prisons and
be organizing spaces for further progressive organizing
and engagement with critical questions and prefigurative solutions

In a world without prisons, housing would be available to everybody

In a world without prisons, housing would be surrounded by community
+ social supports

In a world without prisons, housing would be a basic human right.

In a world without prisons, housing would be delicious food &
spaces to cook & eat together

In a world without prisons, housing would entail the essential supports
of health care, harm reduction, mental health support, voluntary
socialization, food sovereignty, and career development.

In a world without prisons, housing would be affordable, accessible, inclusive,
available for all, with everyone getting a needed space to
live before anyone gets seconds

In a world without prisons, housing would feature affordable and
accessible spaces and be linked to transit
that enable mobility throughout society

In a world without prisons, housing would meet residents' diverse
needs.

In a world without prisons, housing would feature opportunities for
connections with nature, and other spaces for
connection and contemplation

In a world without prisons, housing would not be a commodity.

In a world without prisons, housing would have free music lessons
and other art classes

In a world without prisons, housing would encourage community

In a world without prisons, housing would have more diverse needs to support people

In a world without prisons, housing would be a different kind of crisis

In a world without prisons, housing would be collectively owned.

In a world without prisons, housing would be safe, well maintained and accessible.

In a world without prisons, housing would humanize people

In a world without prisons, housing would be geared to income and affordable.

In a world without prisons, housing would not harm the land or environment.

In a world without prisons, housing would build community by being a more cooperative experience (shared or communal living)

In a world without prisons, housing would be a place of healing.

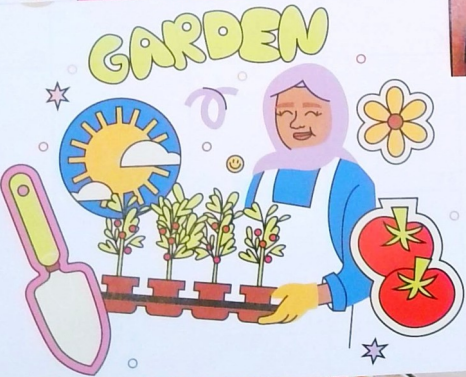
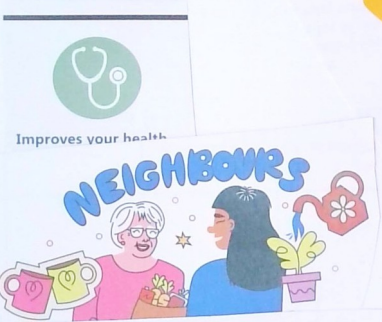
In a world without prisons, housing would be community + care oriented

In a world without prisons, housing would be even less available

Welcoming environments that nurture
learning, unlearning, and community
organizing!



Tasty, healthy, organic
friend
feasts!



Raspberries
Arugula
Potatoes
Radishes
Lettuce
Kale

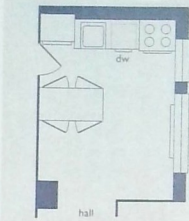


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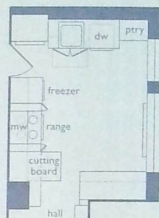
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The final thing to consider before looking for tenants is whether you can stand to be a landlord.

Room For Rent



BEFORE



AFTER

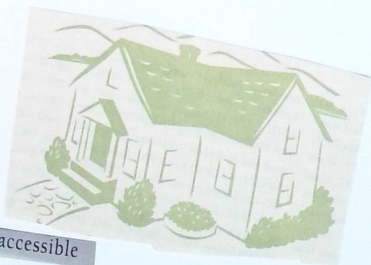
& After

HELPING

SATISFYING AND HEALTHFUL

IF THIS HOUSE
could talk,
IT WOULD TELL YOU

Better Homes



accessible

ALL YEAR ROUND!

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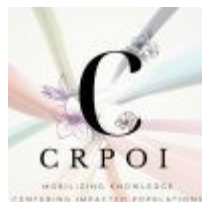
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Making a transformative housing justice zine with collaborative speculative design

The speculative question—**What *would* housing be like in a world without prisons?**—opens space to explore our diverse past experiences through future visioning and freedom dreaming. The collaborative, creative, and material process of making collages opens space for us to share, to listen, to think through, and to make (representations of) those futures together.

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LET'S GROW TOGETHER

building on the **past** ∞ restoring the **balance** ∞ creating the **future**