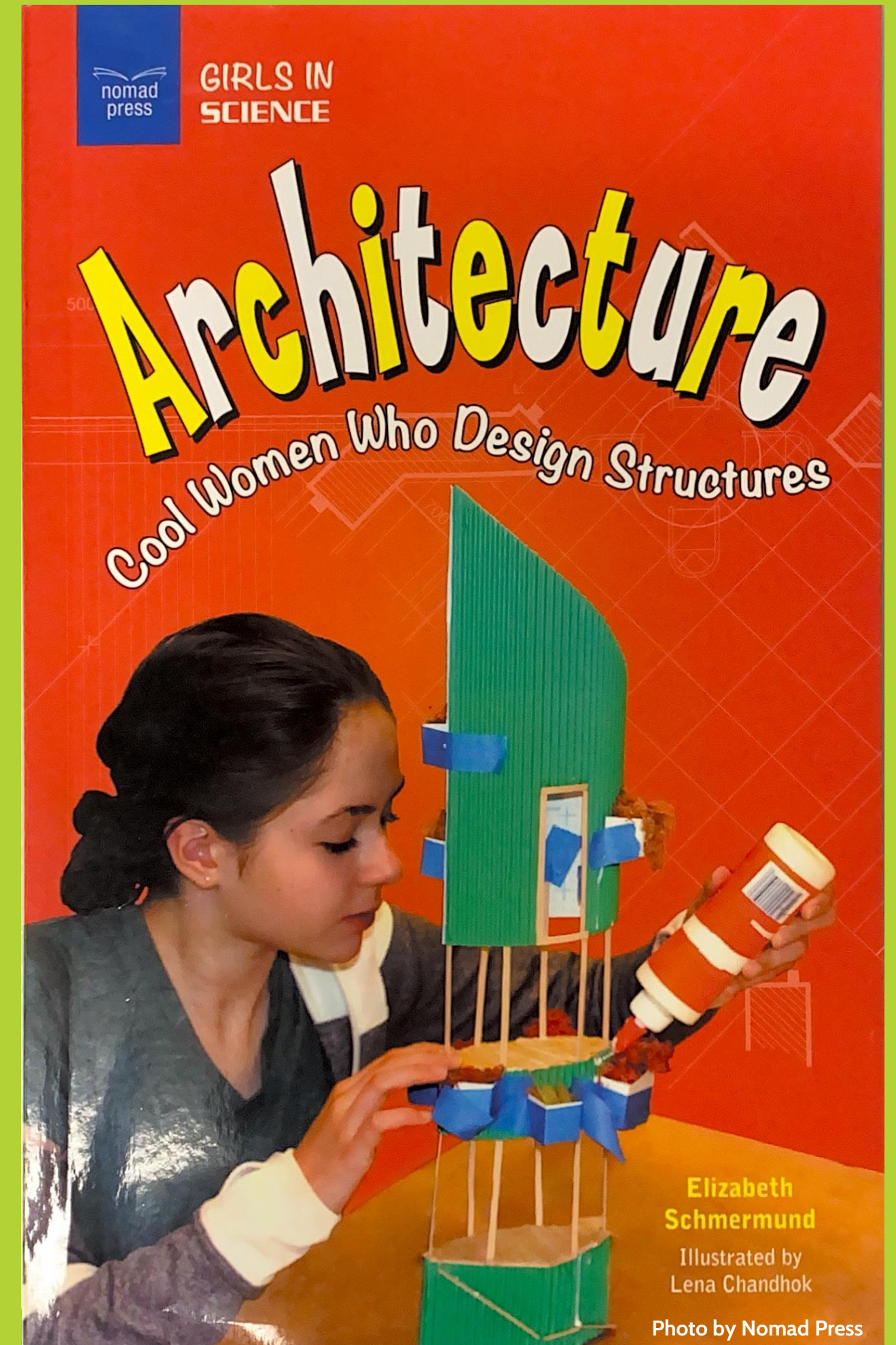


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Let's Learn About

Women in Architecture



What is Architecture?

Architecture is the art or practice of designing and building structures.

Who is an Architect?

A skilled professional who plans, designs, and oversees the construction of buildings or structures.

Why does it matter?

Where you live, work, and play is affected by architecture. Buildings which make up our “built environment” make a big difference in how things look and work. They can help us feel better, connect us to each other, and even do better in school. Good architecture is important for all parts of our lives.



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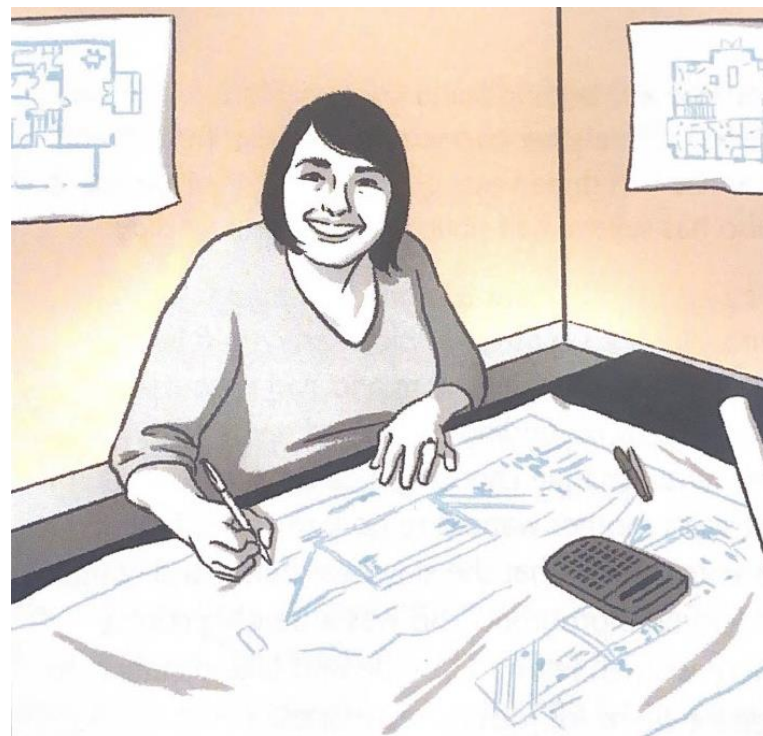
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Let's Talk About Architects!

In the book, Cool Women Who Design Structures, we learn about three amazing women in the field of Architecture: Patricia Galván, Farida Abu-Bakare, and Maia Small.

These women all work in very different parts of the field of Architecture. Let's dive into their wonderful accomplishments and discover the many different disciplines within architecture!

Patricia Galván



Farida Abu-Bakare



Maia Small



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Who is Patricia Galván?

Patricia Galván is a commercial and interior project architect in California. After going through school and the process of licensure, Patricia found her love for the smaller details of architecture and the construction process. Her career has given her many opportunities within her community, and she has taken advantage of this to advocate for women in the profession.

Here is what's special about Patricia Galván :

- Patricia is very passionate about architecture, but she believes that you need other outlets to take your mind away from the stressors of the profession
- Patricia knew that through architecture she could add a bigger impact to her community.
- After working at both small and large firms, Patricia decided that small firms were more efficient and beneficial to her career, so she has stuck with these smaller firms!



Who is Farida Abu-Bakare?

Farida Abu-Bakare is a Nigerian Canadian leader in the field of Architecture. Seeing the lack of representation and support for women in the field, Farida decided early on that she wanted to be the figure and support for other young women in architecture someday. Her hard work through her education and early career led to being an Associate and licensed Project Architect at HOK. She then moved on to be Director of Global Practice at WYX, a firm in New York.

Here is what's special about Farida Abu-Bakare:

- While pursuing her Masters, Farida had her mind set on 3 firms to work for. After many rejections she finally got hired on by one called HOK!
- Farida ended up founding BAIDA (Black Architects and Interior Designers Association) to promote diversity and inclusion in the profession.
- Farida credits her success in the field to her tenacity and acceptance of failing, being in the uncomfortable parts that allow you to grow and become stronger.



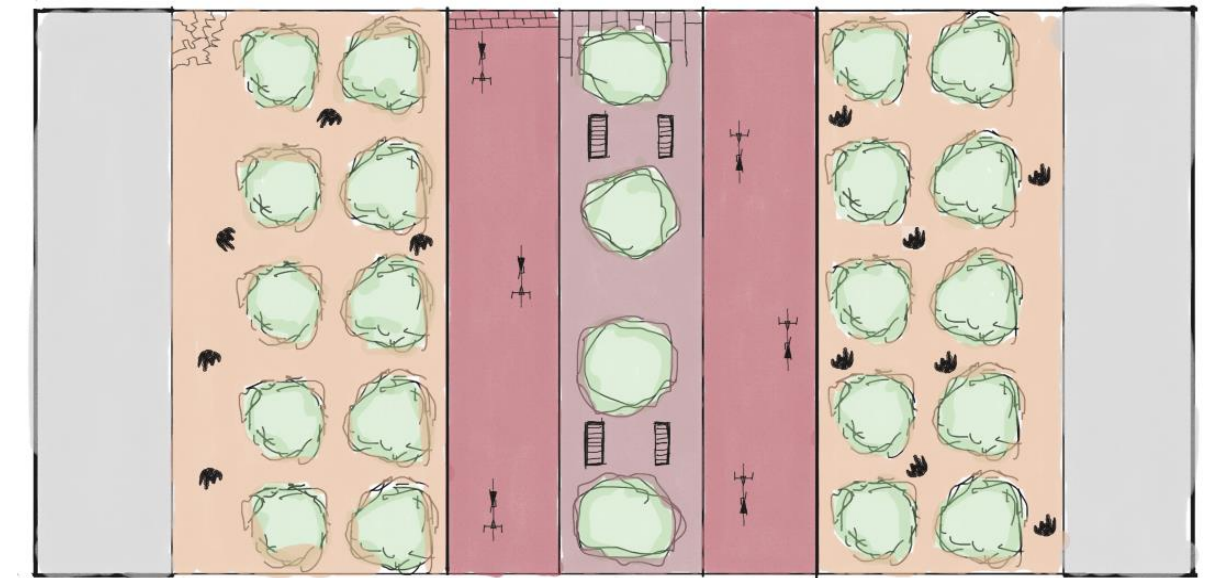
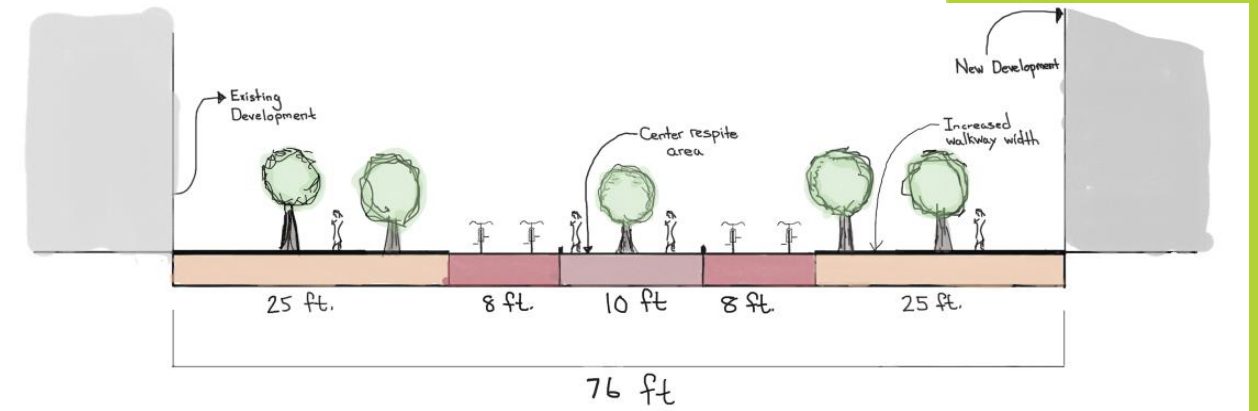
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Who is Maia Small?

Maia Small is a well-rounded architect, from developing her own firm to teaching at universities like Harvard, she has seen it all! Today, she has found her calling as an urban planner in California. After many trips around the country, Maia saw how architecture and design affects the surrounding town, this led her to discover Urban Planning. Maia has been working within the built environment for over 30 years and is committed to bringing equity to the communities where she works.

Here is what's special about Maia Small:

- She co-authored the San Francisco Urban Design Guidelines.
- Maia's parents designed and built her childhood home, even though they weren't architects! This was what initially sparked Maia's interest in design and construction.
- At 26, Maia led her first project, which was designing the first urban national park in Canada.



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What Inspires Architects?

An architect's design may be inspired by elements such as location, history, purpose, nature, story, shapes or objects.



Kern Veterans Memorial

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St. John's Lutheran Church

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Shogun Palace

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Work Examples

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Convention and Visitors Bureau

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Crescent Elementary School Office

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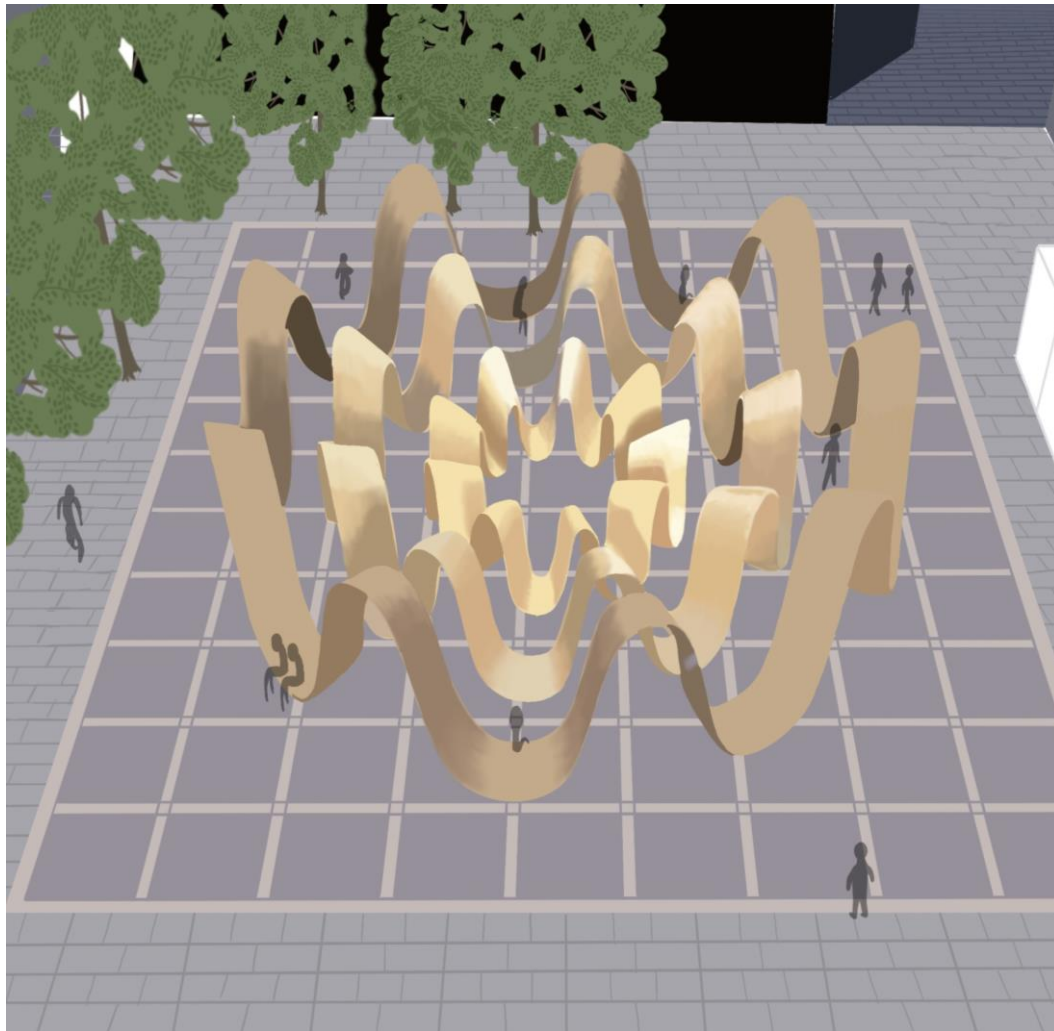


Grimmway Corporate Office

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What Inspires You?

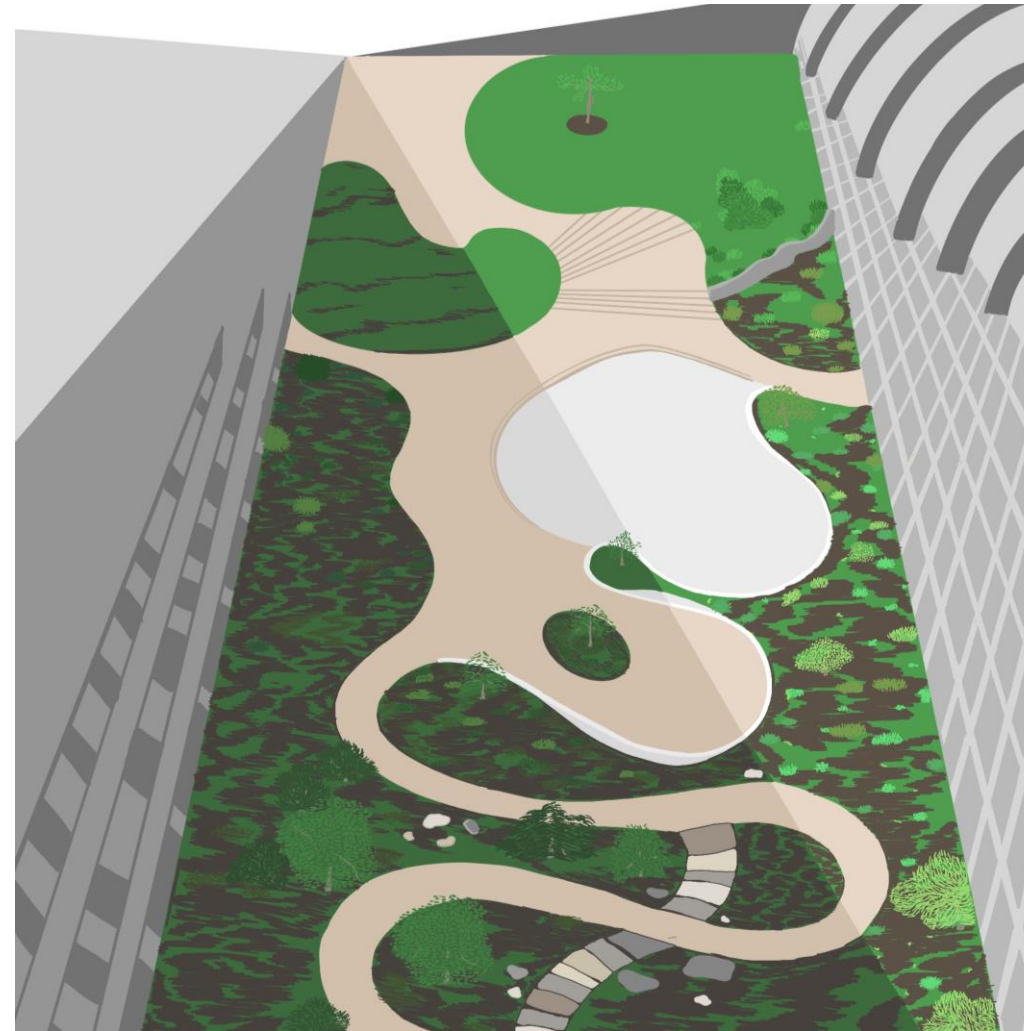
The people?



“Please Be Seated” London Design Festival

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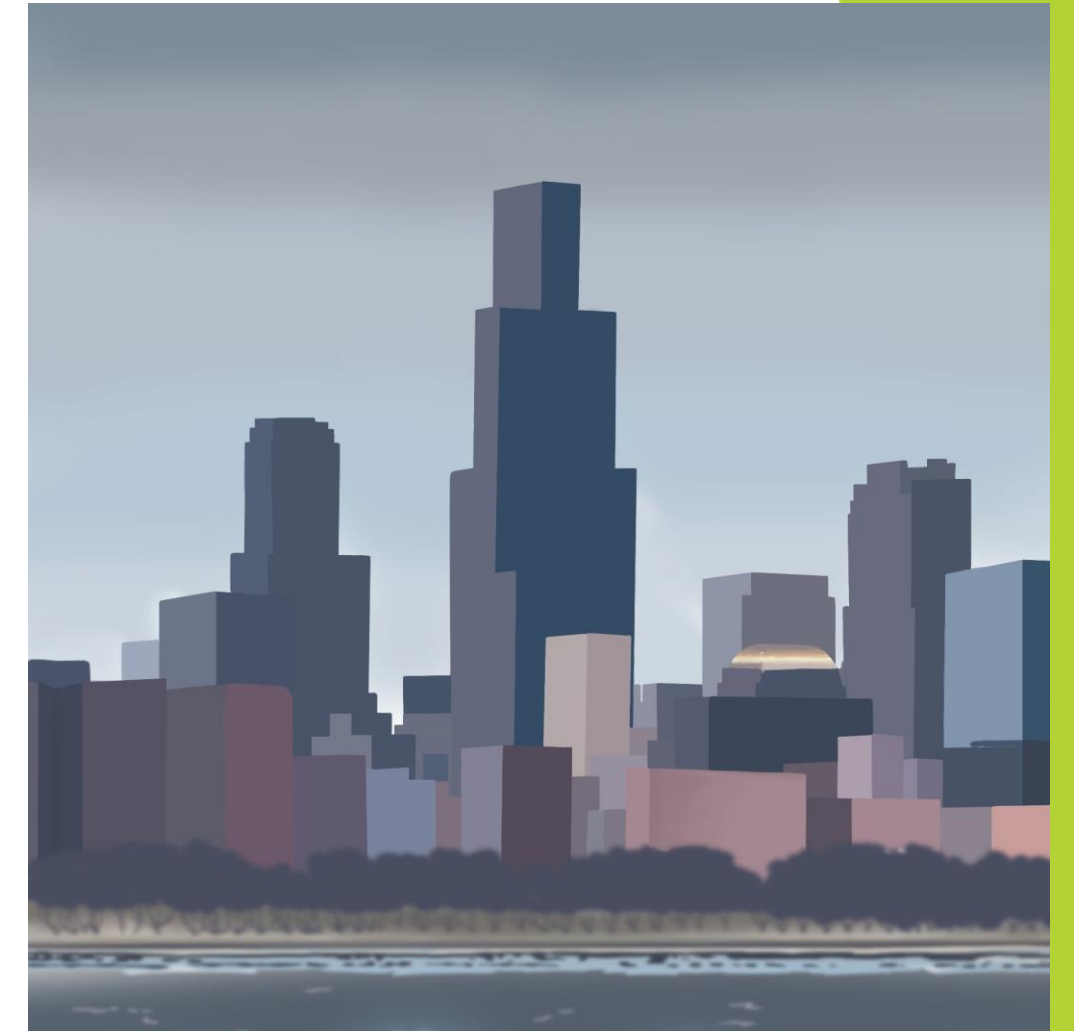
The environment?



Via 57 West courtyard

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The world/money?

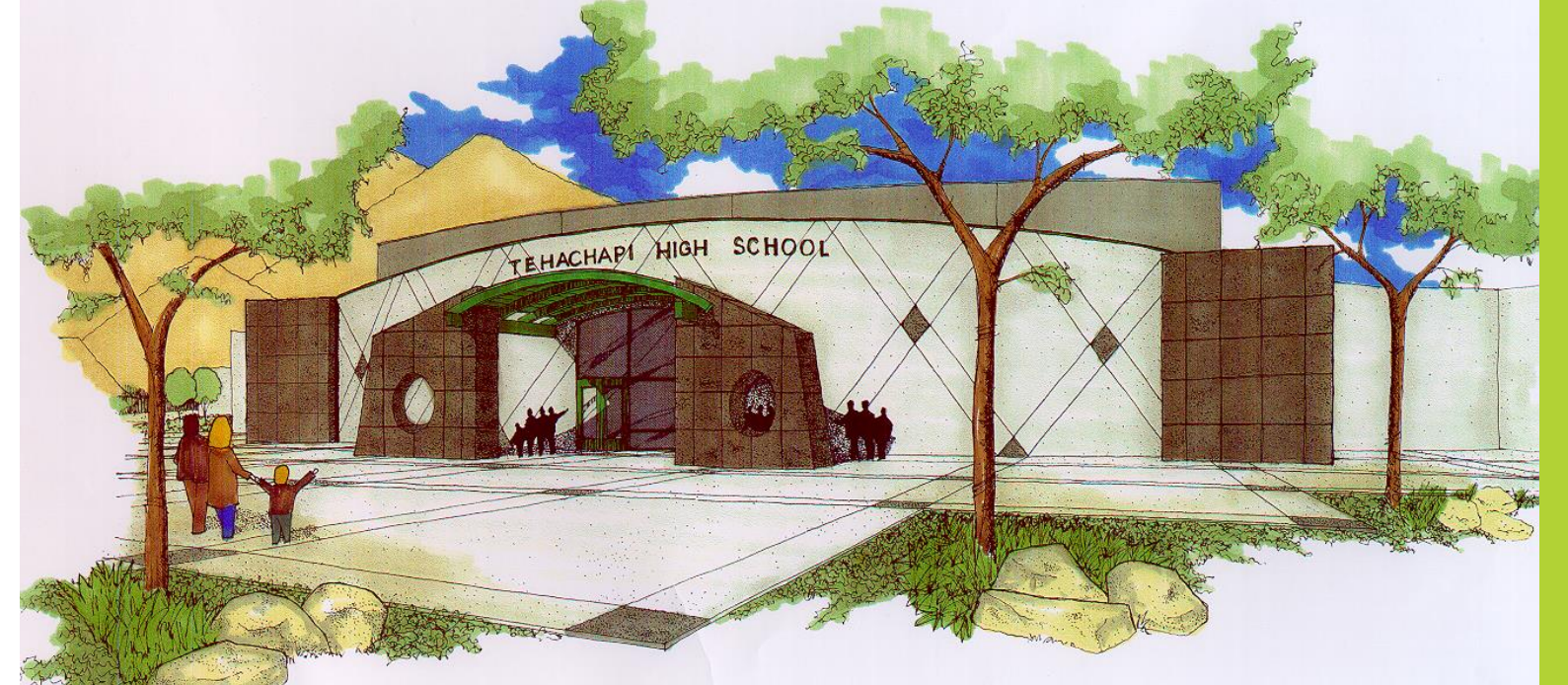


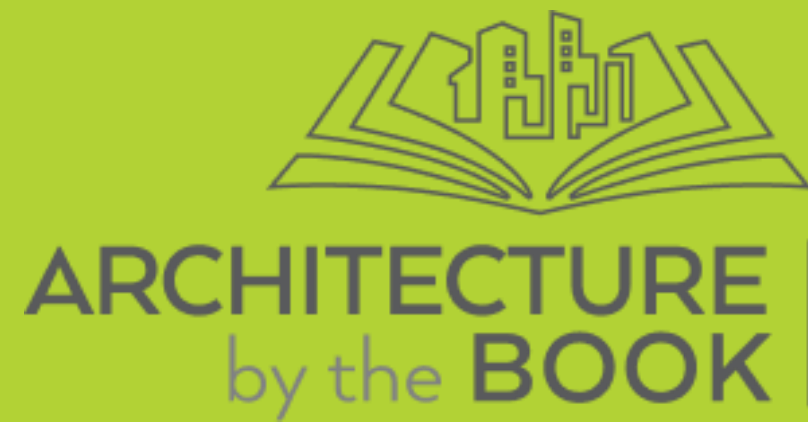
New York Skyscrapers

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