Exploring participatory, arts-based approaches to engage youth and identify opportunities to build resilience in Cape Town.

Despite increasing efforts, youth perspectives remain largely excluded from decision-making processes concerning their future, and the social-ecological challenges they are set to inherit. The need to include diverse perspectives and values of human-nature connections in projects that shape the urban environment is critical, especially in rapidly urbanising areas of the Global South. Surfacing these emerging perspectives is critical for understanding leverage points to move towards a more just and sustainable future that creates the enabling conditions to become a water sensitive city.

**WHAT?**

This collaborative project between academics, artists, facilitators, city officials and conservationists seeks to explore youth visions of nature-futures in Cape Town in a changing climate.

**Aim:** Explore participatory arts-based and immersive approaches to surfacing youth visions of nature-futures

**Objectives:**
- Co-create project design and implementation
- Conduct immersive living labs for individual and collective reflection to foster systems thinking on local natural systems and our diverse connections to them
- Surface key drivers of change to understand where change can happen
- Offer creative, safe spaces for creative reflection and storytelling
- Present collective visioning using public art

**WHY?**

"I'm so excited to be here again, it's a thing of community even though the people in that space can come and go." - YVCC participant

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