

LIDO community archive + canal centre is where memories are celebrated,

Can conflict for a common social space generate shared objects of desire? How can heterogeneous groups with at times contrasting views relate to each other, to build networks and shared futures? And what role should the designer have within these encounters?

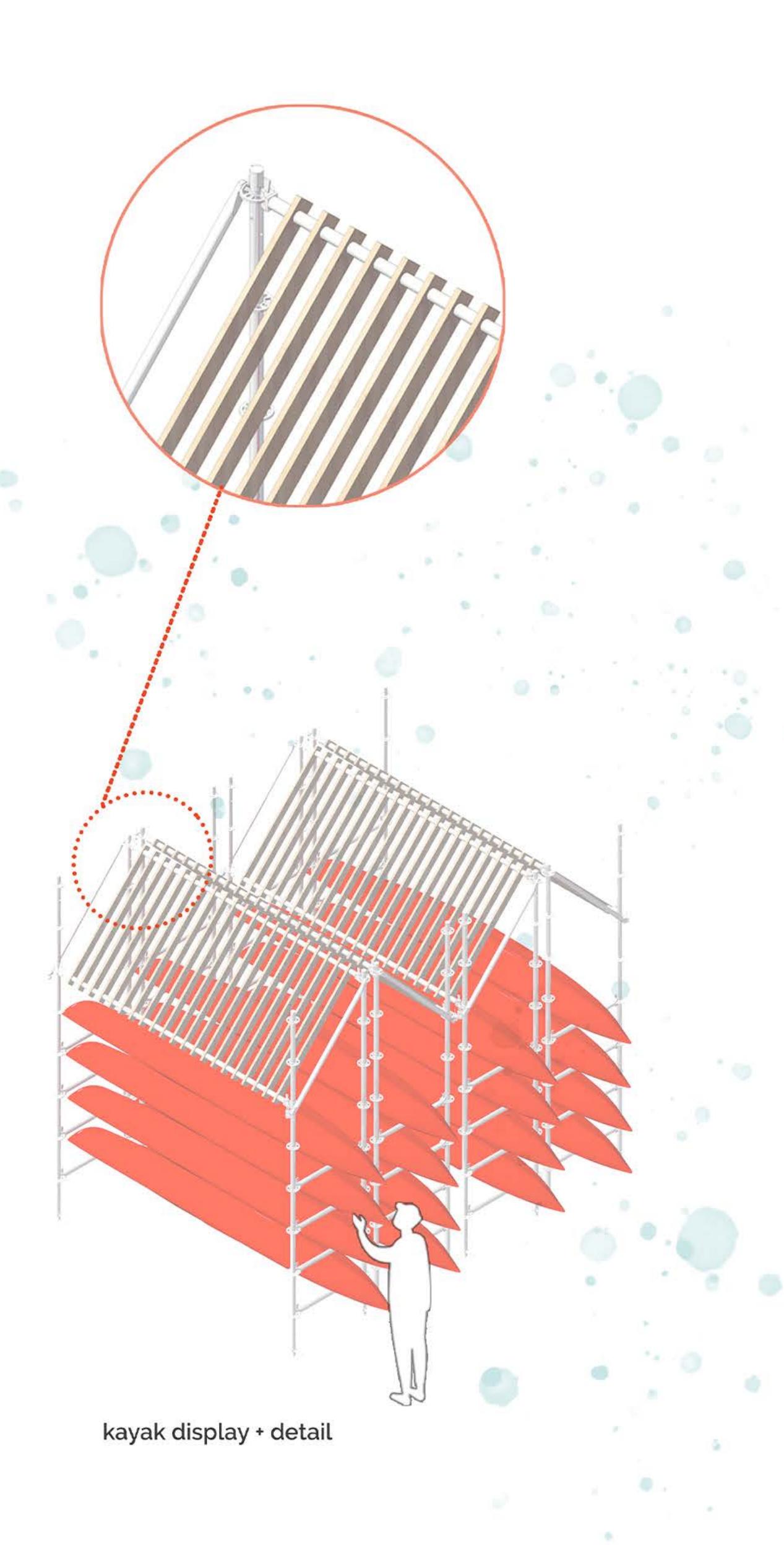
These are the questions that the **LIDO** projects investigate and explore, with strong consideration of local context and awareness of collective interests. Located in Ancoats, both proposals are the result of research into the location of possible anti-social realities due to gentrification. I discovered that the pre-gentrification residents felt a disconnect to the 'new' community and I learned that the latter was opposing to urban plans revolving the disused Central Retail Park. The rejection to the proposal brough together existing local networks and formed new ones linked to the objection.

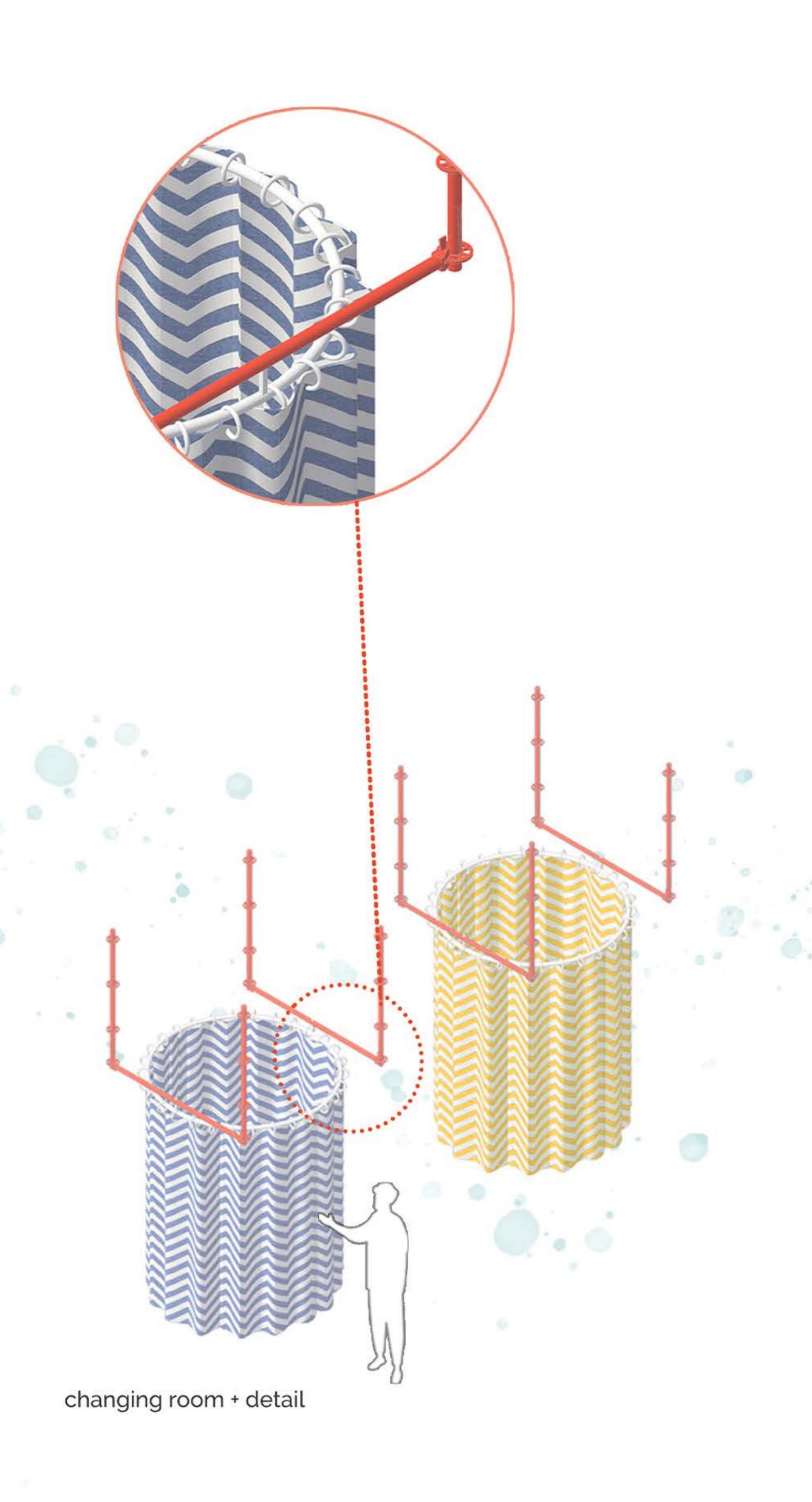
From these discoveries, the **LIDO** proposals were developed: **LIDO** community archive + canal centre in St. Peter's church, merging the memories of bathing in the canal, part of the natatorium past of the 'old' community, with the mobilisation and desires of the 'new' community, a space where confrontations and networks can continue to reveal; and **LIDO** at new islington marina, a shared object of desire and collective space for all communities (human and not human), connecting the canal to the people and the people to the canal.

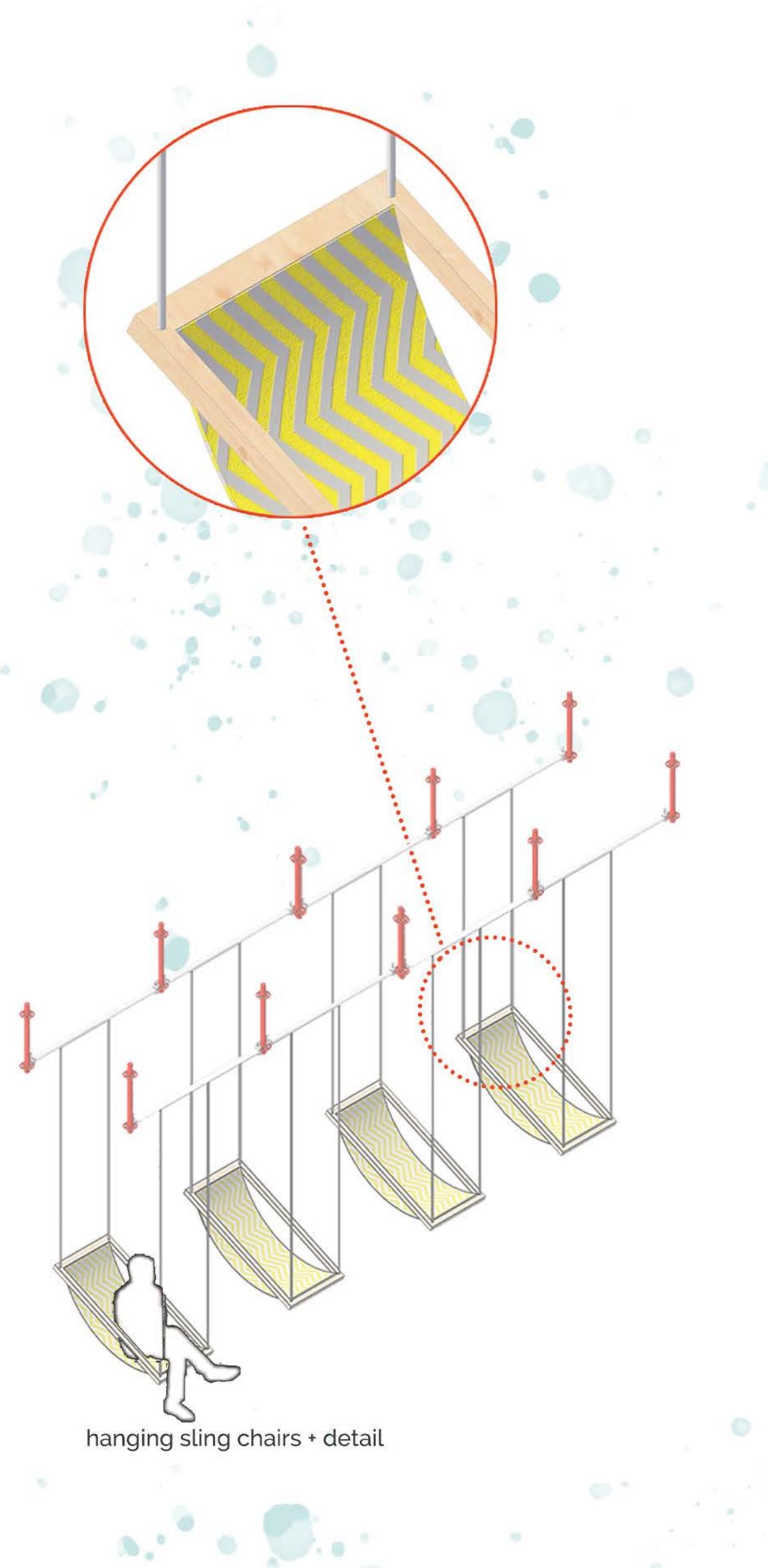
The proposals will hopefully contribute to create spaces and interactions where different – and often contrasting - groups can come together and develop transformative, meaningful futures.

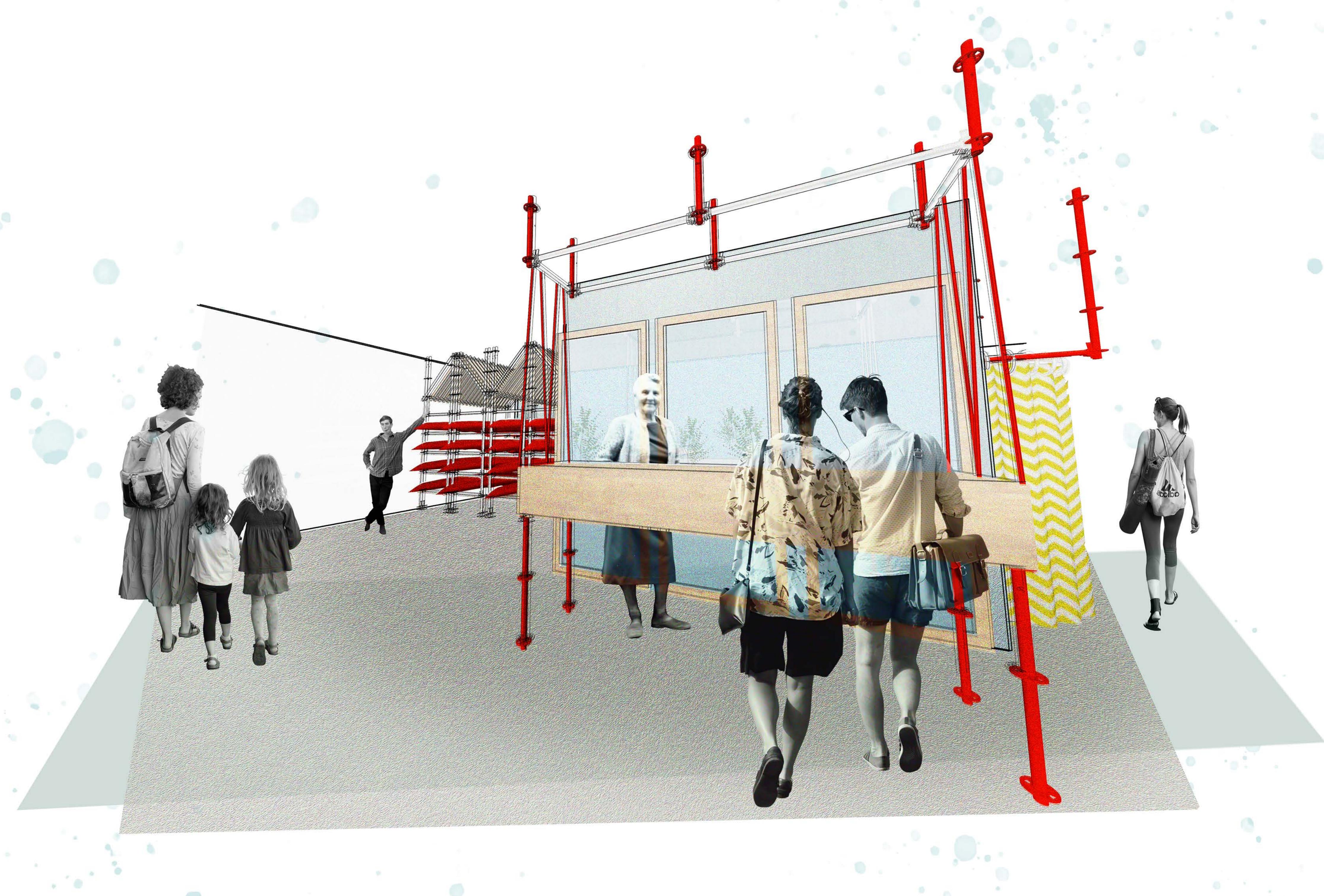


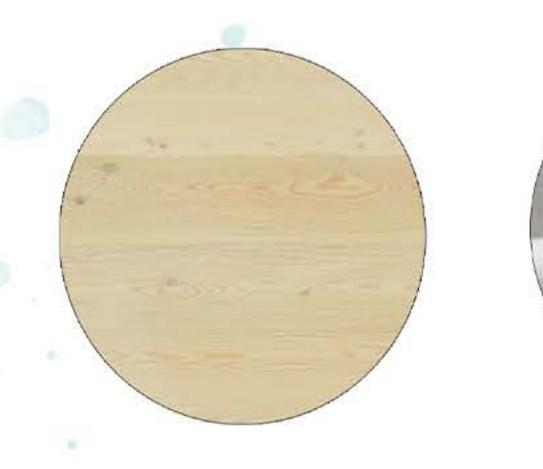
CONTEXT + SITE New Islington Marina Mansion House New Islington Marina Mansion House UNIT 3 + 4 LIDO community archive and canal centre at st. peter's connecting the PEOPLE to the CANAL and the CANAL to its PEOPLE 2. life vests stand 3. paddles display 4.litter picker stand reception desk 6.changing rooms 7.lockers 9. stockroom 10. multiuse wall 11. sling chairs 12. seating area kayak deck floating aquaponics feeder dispensers observatory





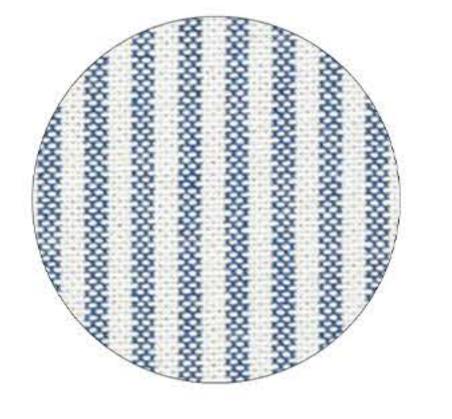




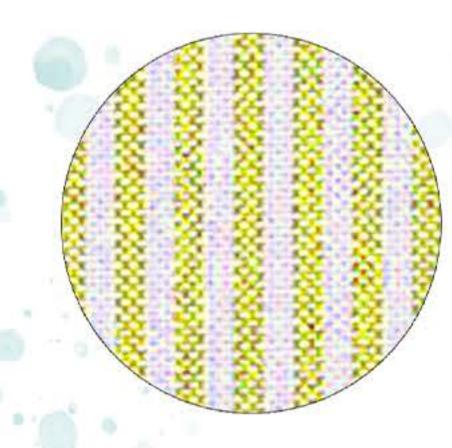


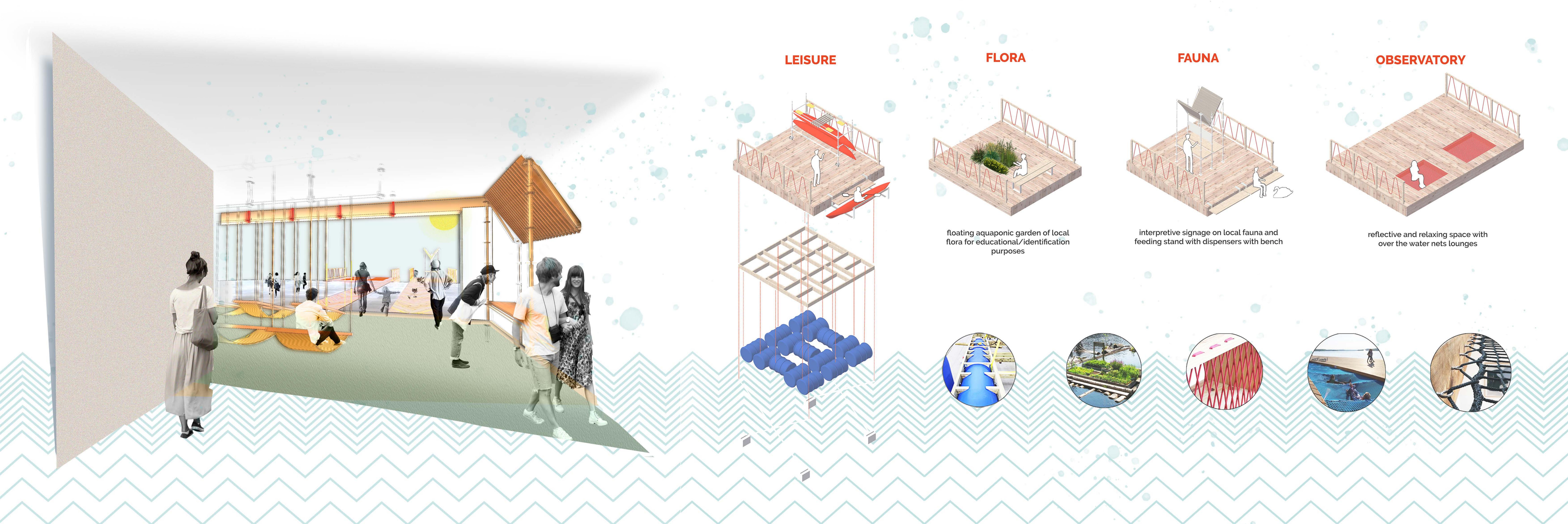




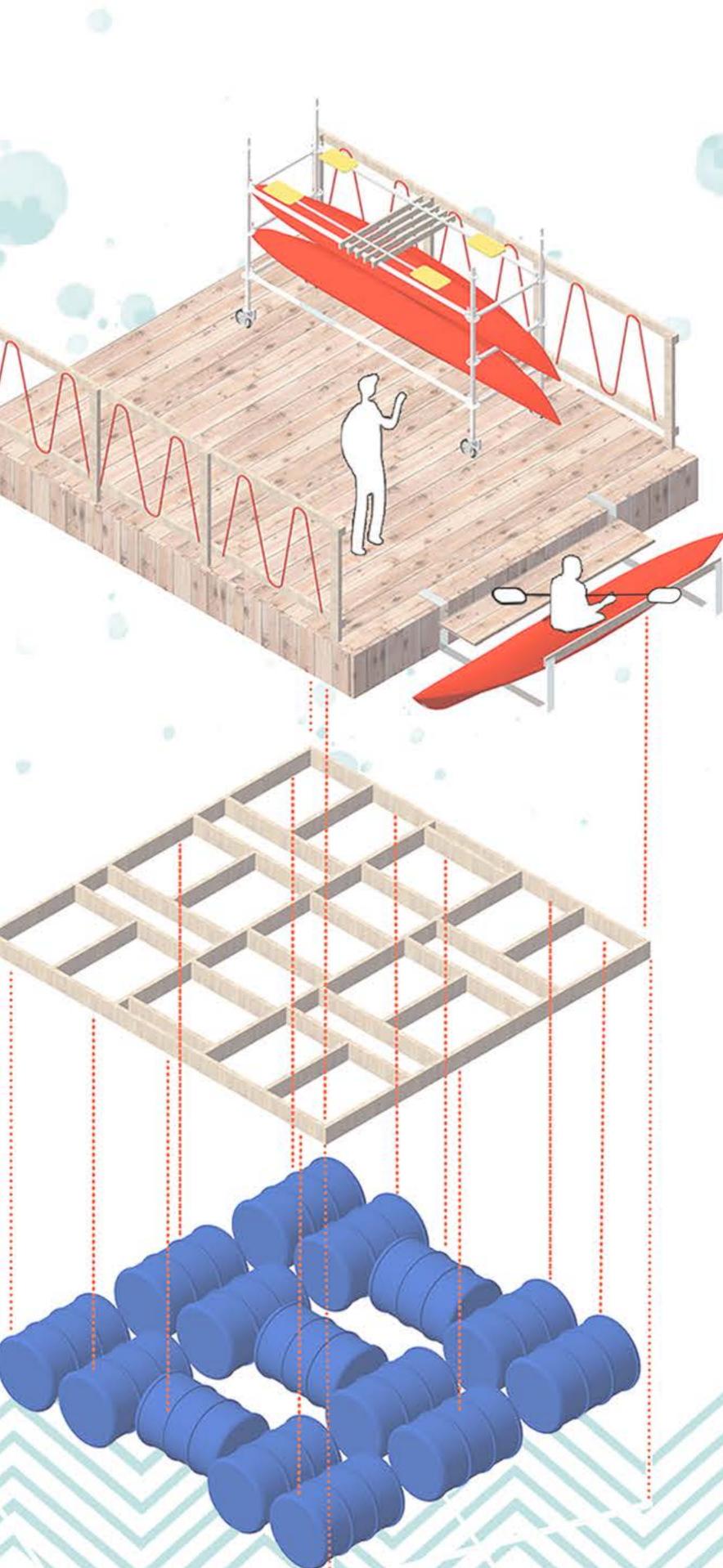










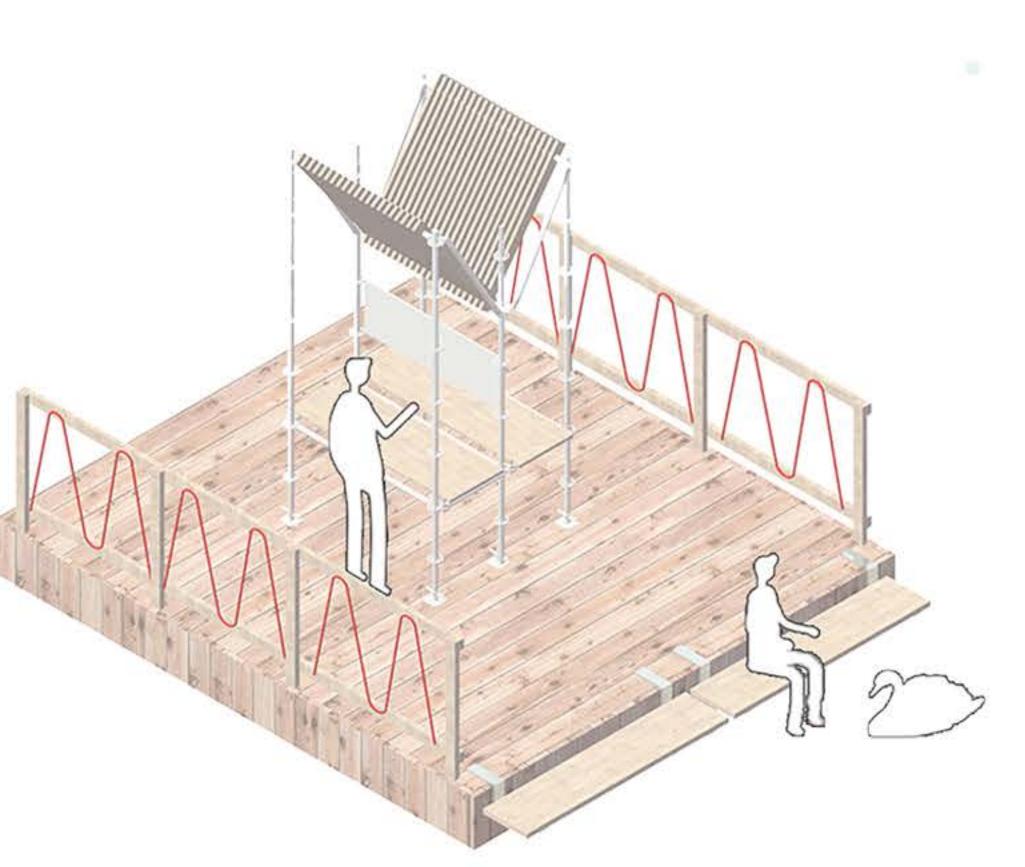


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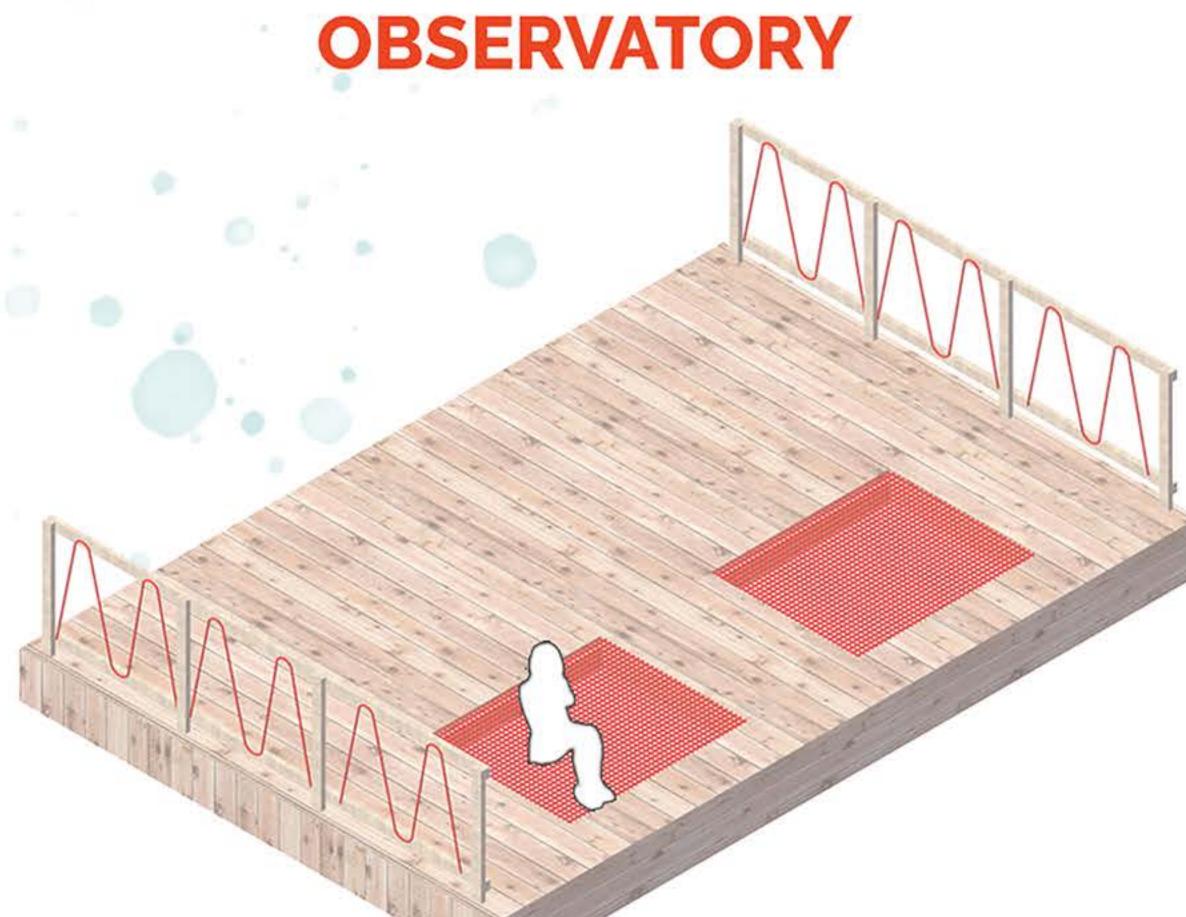


floating aquaponic garden of local flora for educational/identification purposes





interpretive signage on local fauna and feeding stand with dispensers with bench



reflective and relaxing space with over the water nets lounges





