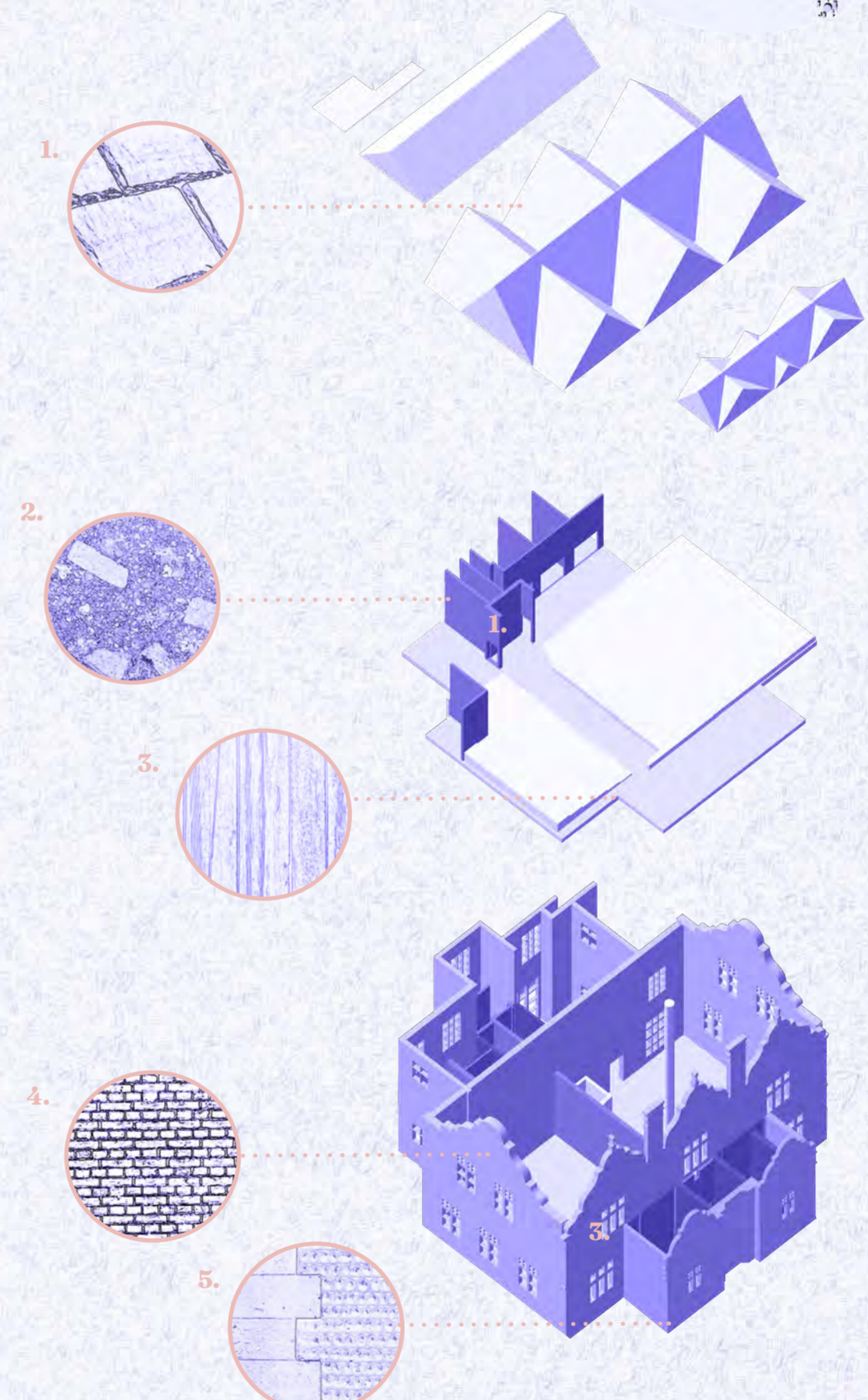




Site Analysis



- 1. Slate roof tiles**
Attributes:
- Low water absorption
- Resistant to frost damage
- Incredibly durable and weather resistant
- Last several hundreds of years
- 2. Bungaroosh**
Attributes:
- Mix of gravel, flint pieces, bits of brick
And stone held together with lime and Sand mortar
- Soft
- Weak
- Cheap
- 3. Hardwood Floor**
Attributes:
- Tough
- Durable
- Cost Effective
- 4. Brick - English Brick Bond**
Attributes:
- Thick In Depth
- Easy To lay
- Highly Durable
- 5. Knapped Flint + Brick Quoins**
Attributes:
- Resistant to wear
- Hard
- Durable

Tapping Into The Feminine Divine

This proposed hub located in the heart of Brighton, is envisioned as a sanctuary for women. It is designed to support their well-being and facilitate the development of meaningful support networks. Proposed as a space for the charity Brighton Women's Centre (BWC), the space aims to provide a safe, welcoming, and social environment for women who have faced challenges such as bereavement, trauma, homelessness, or discrimination.

The hub not only serves as a place of solace but also as a forward-thinking response to the evolving needs of communities, promoting resilience and empowerment among women.

The hub is aimed at supporting vulnerable populations, which promotes social justice and equity. By offering resources and support to women in need, the hub helps reduce the economic burden on social services. It also redefines community centers by focusing on holistic well-being and empowerment. Not only does it offer shelter, but a community-oriented space with essential services. It provides 24/7 wellness practices and mental health support.

This project addresses contemporary challenges, offering transformative impact for women and communities.

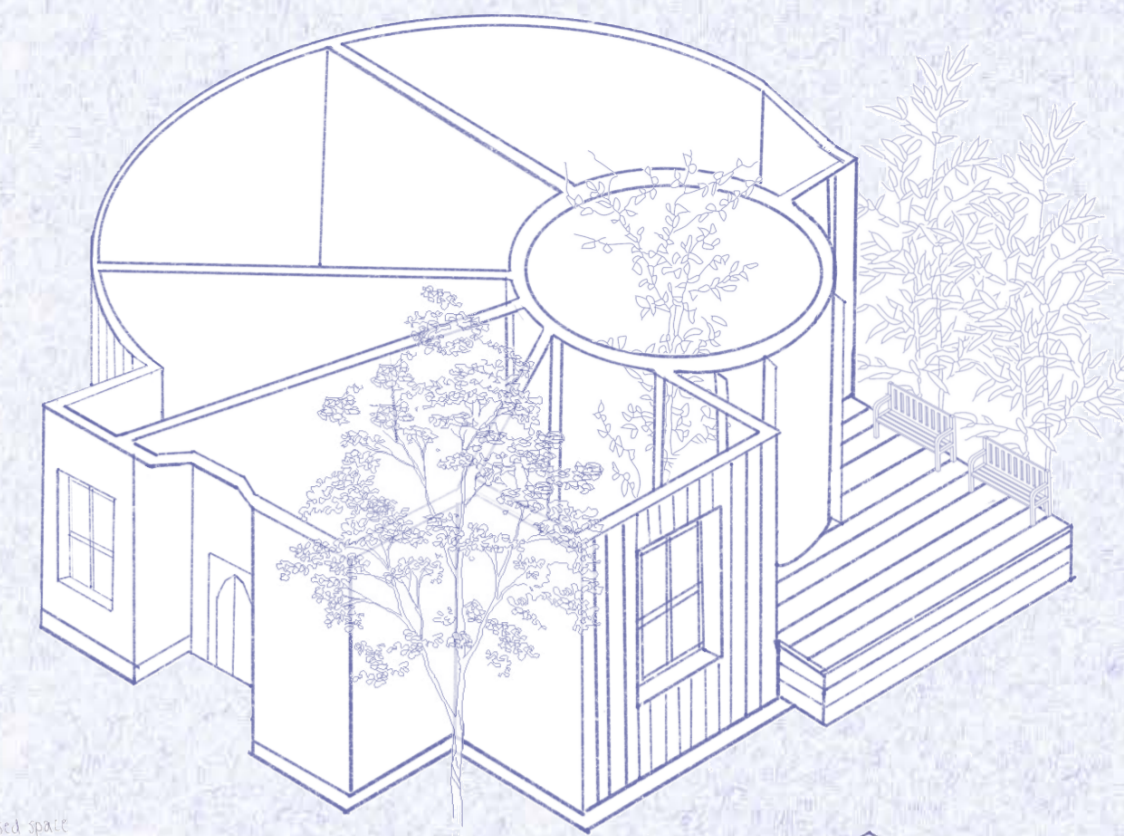


“In some parts of the world, being born a woman puts you at a disadvantage. Like in Brighton.” - BWC

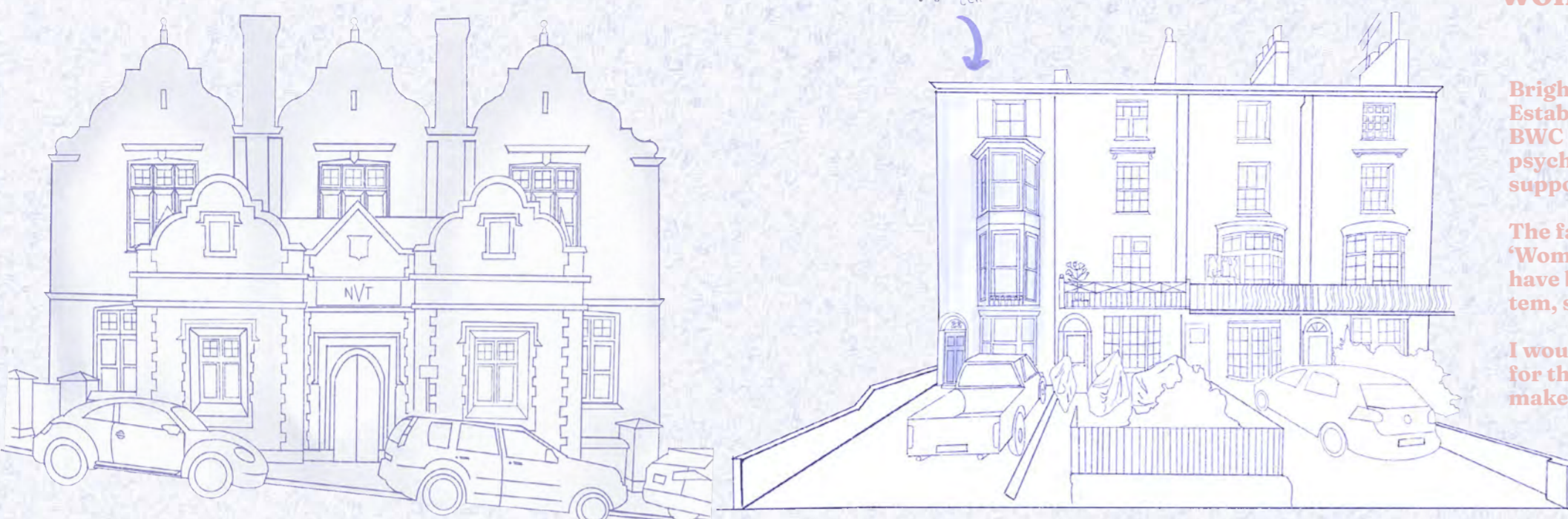
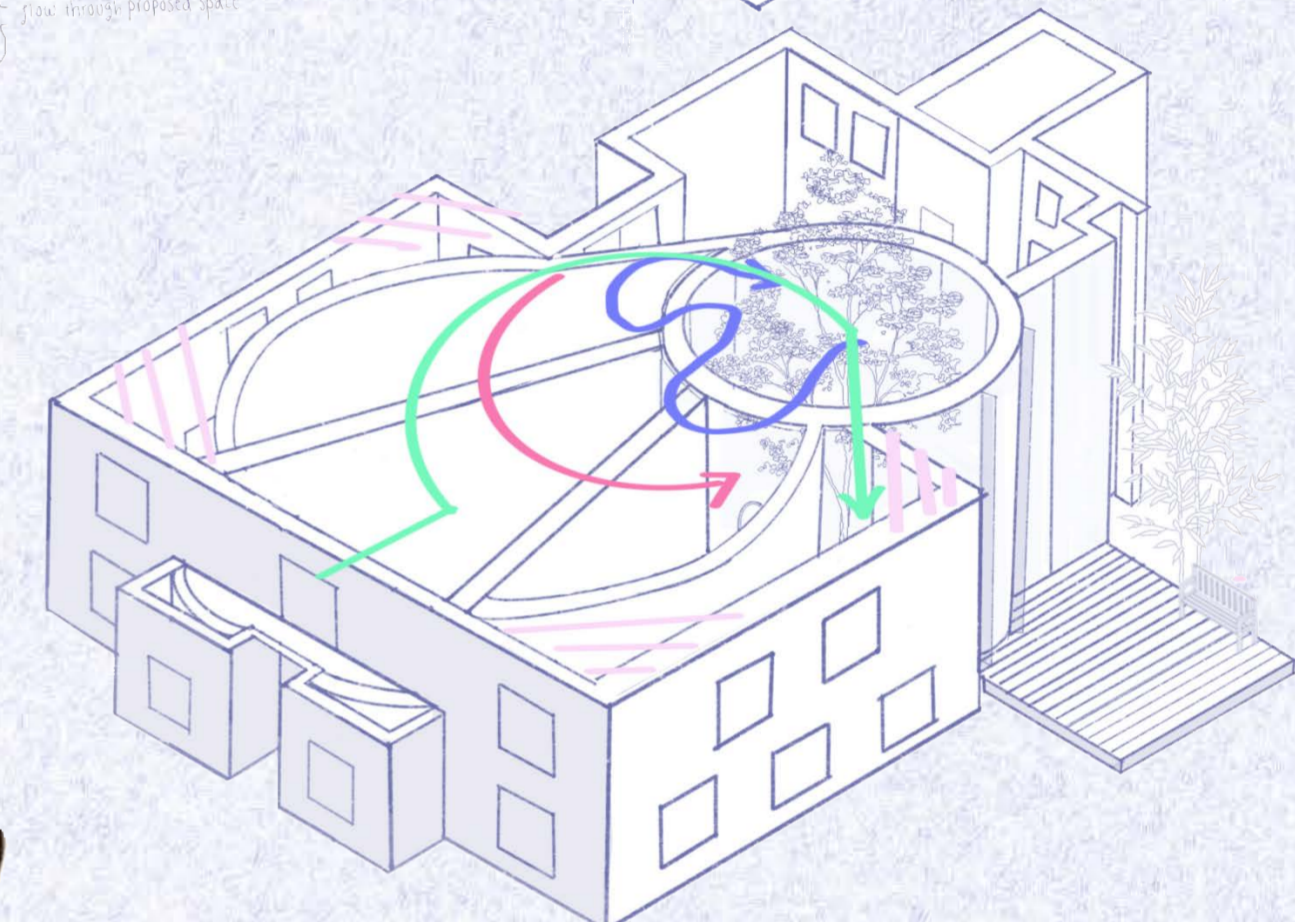
Brighton women's centre, located on 22 Richmond Pl, is an Establishment that has been thriving for the last 50 years. BWC provides support services, women's counselling and psychotherapy, a nursery (Toy-box), women's accommodation support, well being activities and support groups.

The facility accepts women from all backgrounds including 'Women dealing with bereavement or trauma, women who have been through homelessness or the criminal justice system, survivors of abuse or discrimination'.

I would like to propose my space as an activities and social hub for the women of BWC. A safe space to socialise, to heal and to make meaningful connections



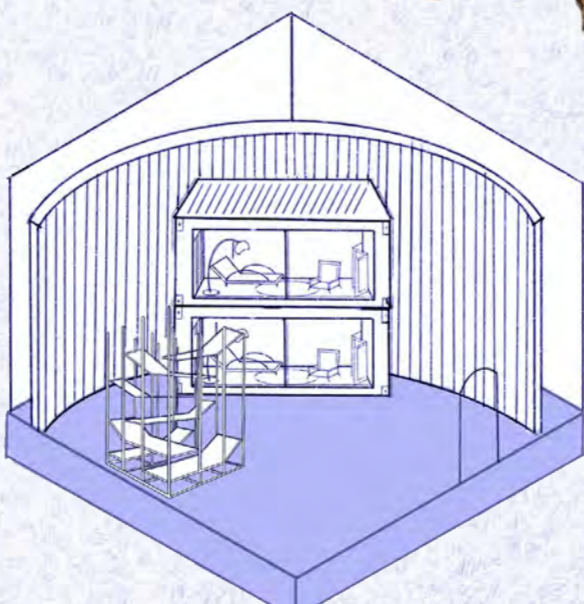
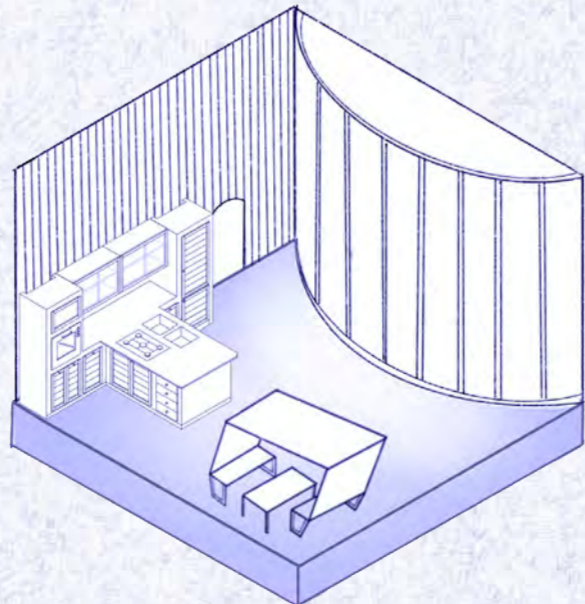
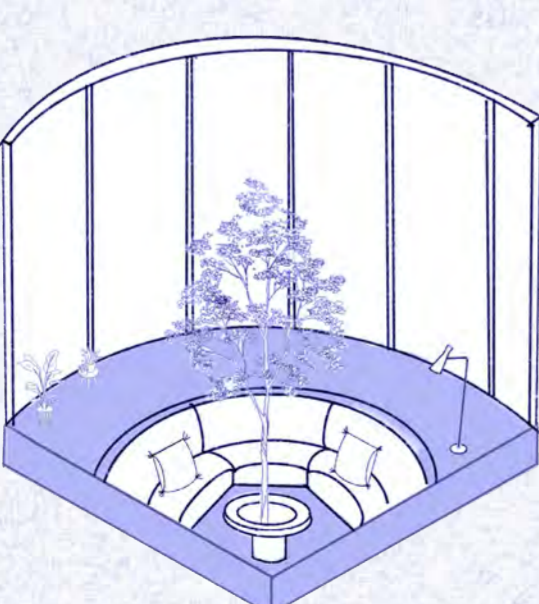
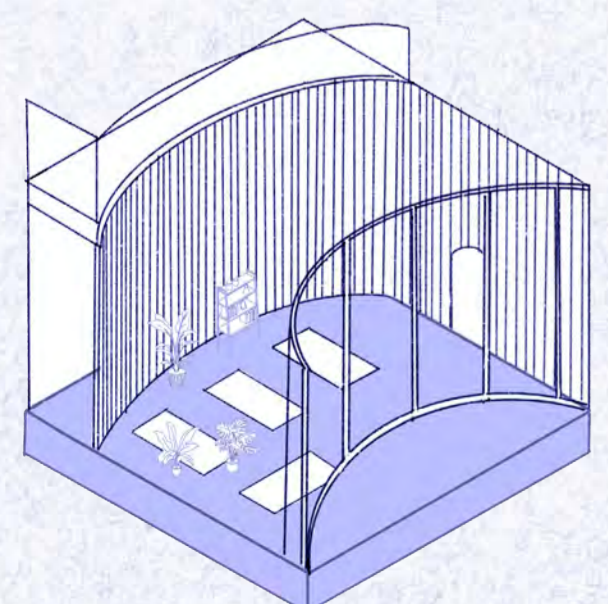
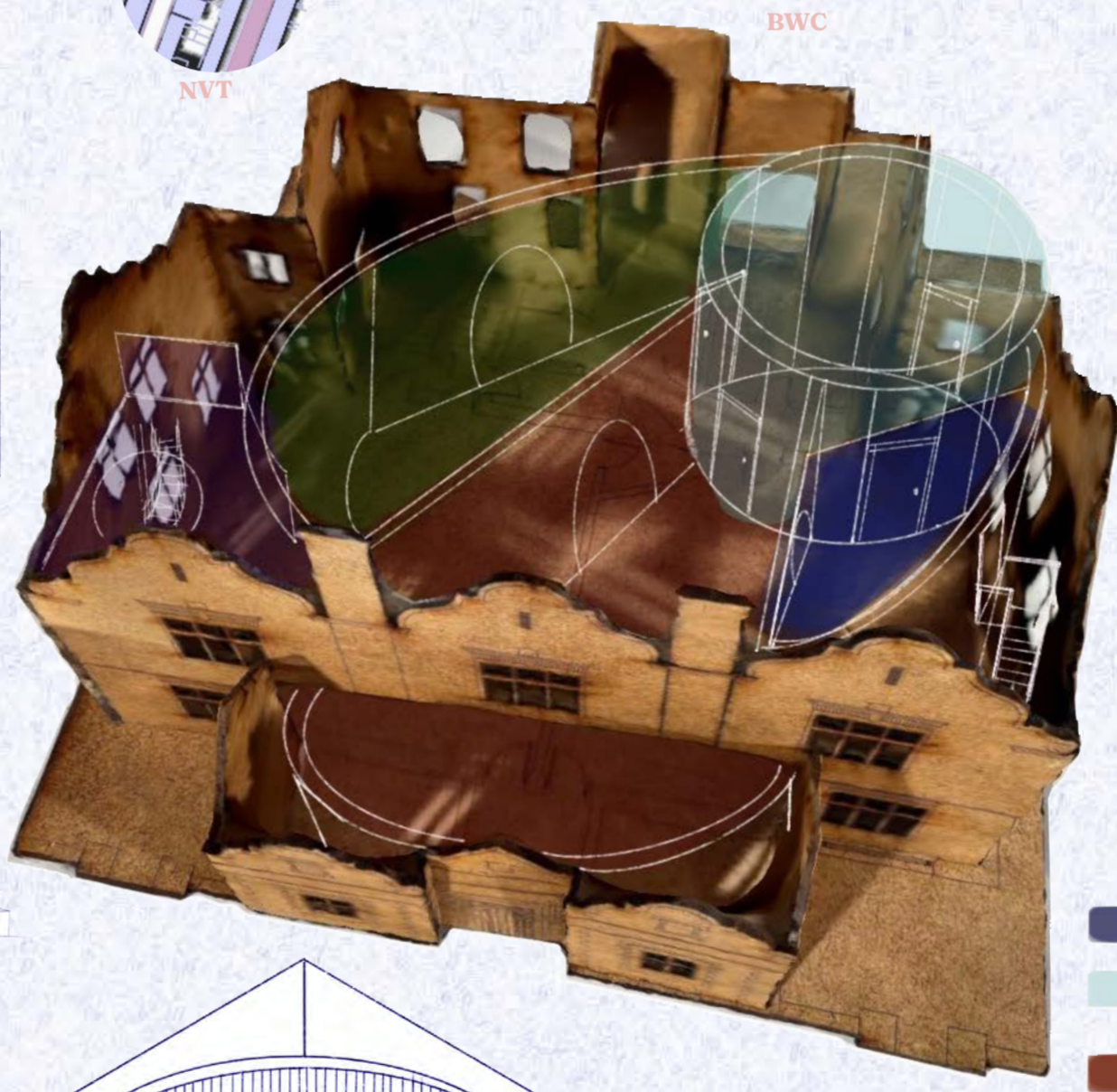
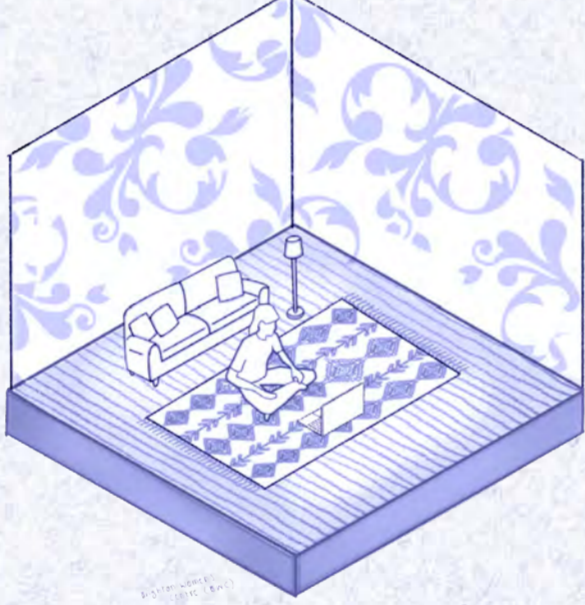
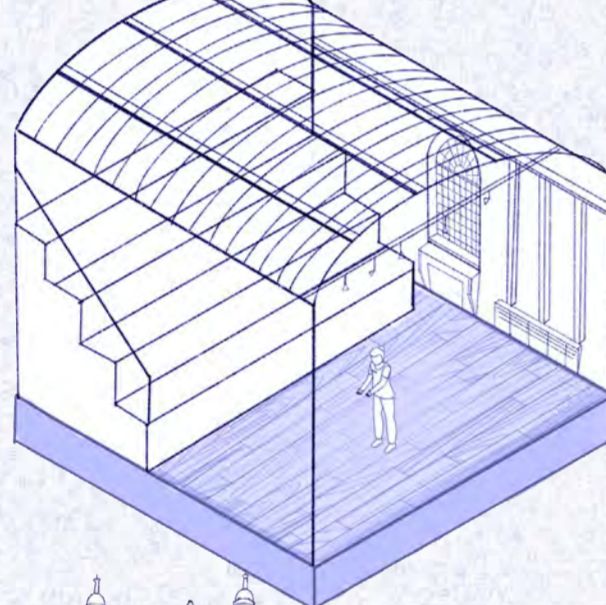
POCKET SPACES
 flow through proposed space



Existing Social Hub
 The BWC social hub is held at St. Mary's church in Kempdown. The women's peer support groups are hosted here as well as food banks, free tea, coffee and snacks and advice. The hub allows women to socialise and create healthy relationships as well as getting access to many different avenues of help and support.

Existing Event + Activities Space
 The Corn exchange in Brighton Dome is a hosting space for the BWC holding social events and activities such as women's talks, dance sessions and choir sessions.

Existing Therapy + Meditation + Mindfulness Sessions
 Therapy and meditation sessions are held over zoom from home. Some face to face therapy appointments are available at the Richmond Place BWC building however, the waiting list is 10 months currently and is underfunded and understaffed.



Concept

For the concept floor plan, I wanted a space where you can walk in and out of every room to enable maximum social interactions and opportunity. This is why each room connects into each other and the sole purpose behind the round shape. I wanted to keep pocket spaces within the building so that there is a mix of private and public spaces.

My first concept helped me understand the circularity and flow I wanted. It helped me understand how each room may connect to each other. However, the second concept felt more sustainably conscious and interesting.

Each room is based around the well being of the clients. I was inspired by the support that the BWC provides; I used this to help shape my space.

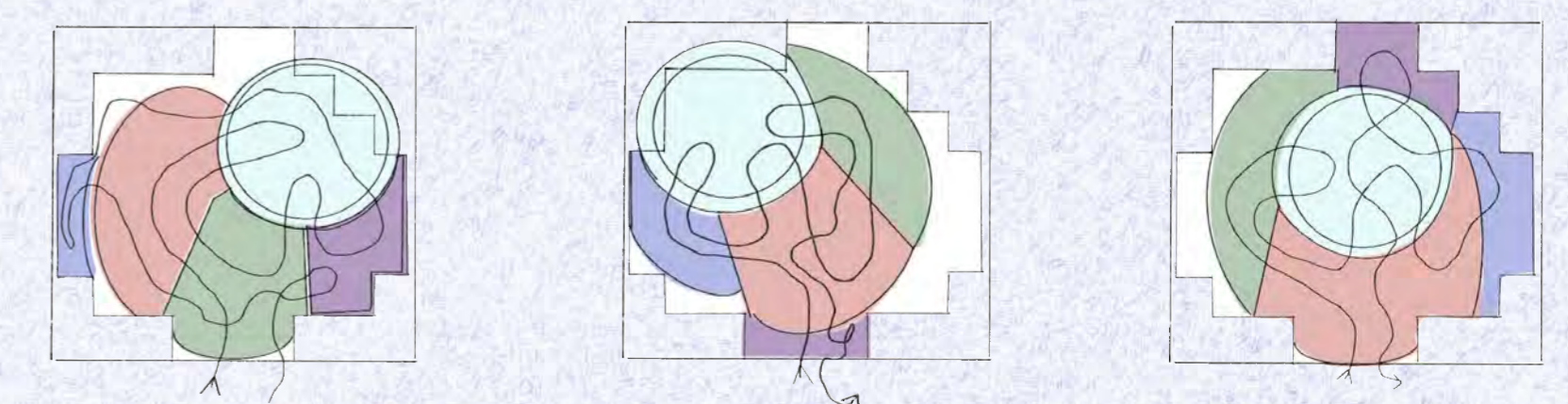
- Therapy cubicles
- atrium with social seating
- communal kitchen/social space
- Yoga/meditation space
- MCSA line

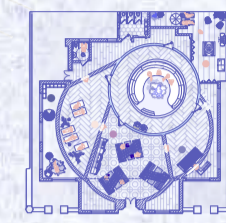
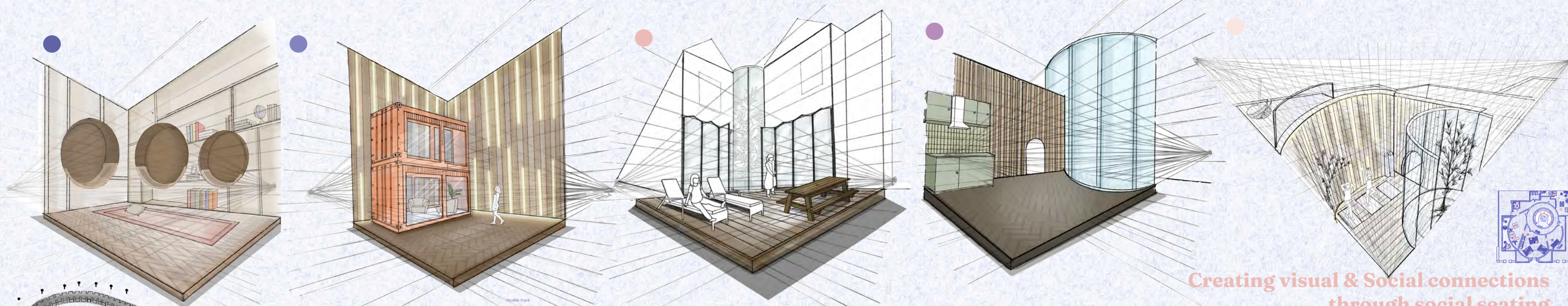
Proposed activities space - The yoga, mindfulness and dance studio can be altered to bring in different equipment and can be tailored to any activities.

Proposed social + events room - The atrium space is a lounging area for the and also used as a hosting and lecture space to aid women's talks and any events related.

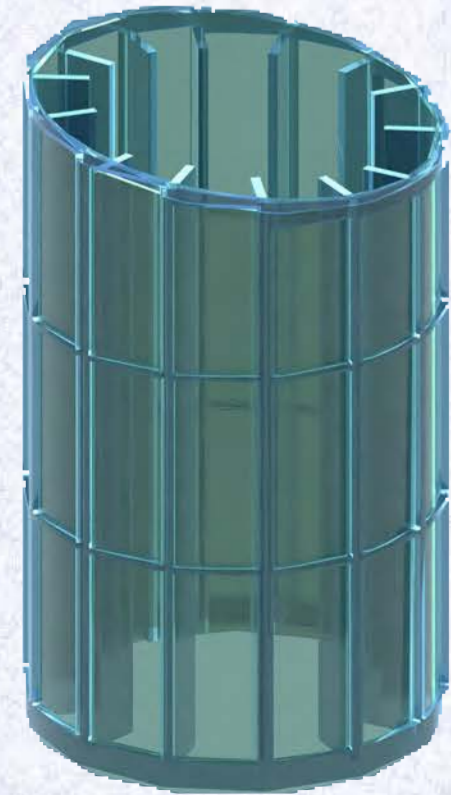
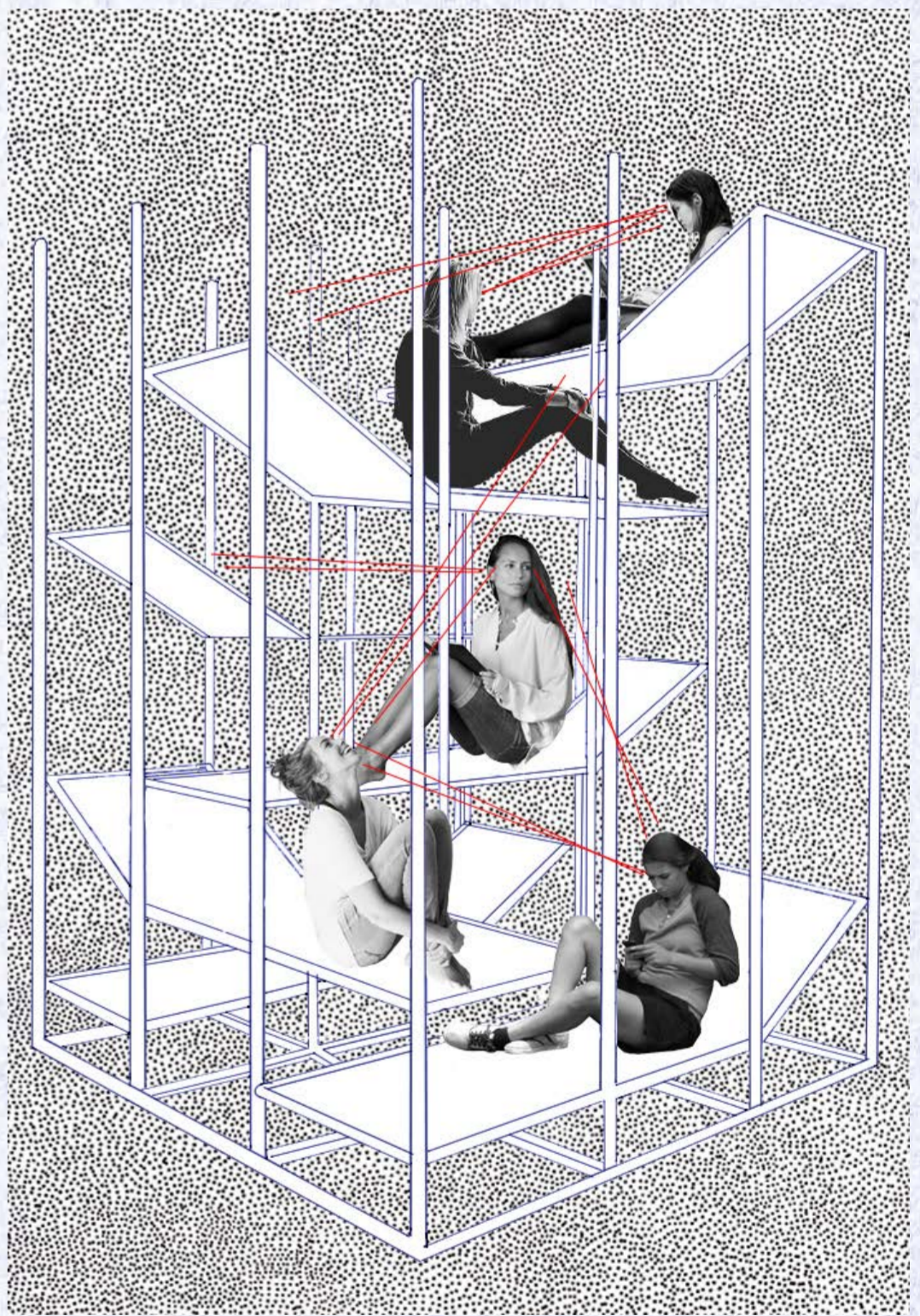
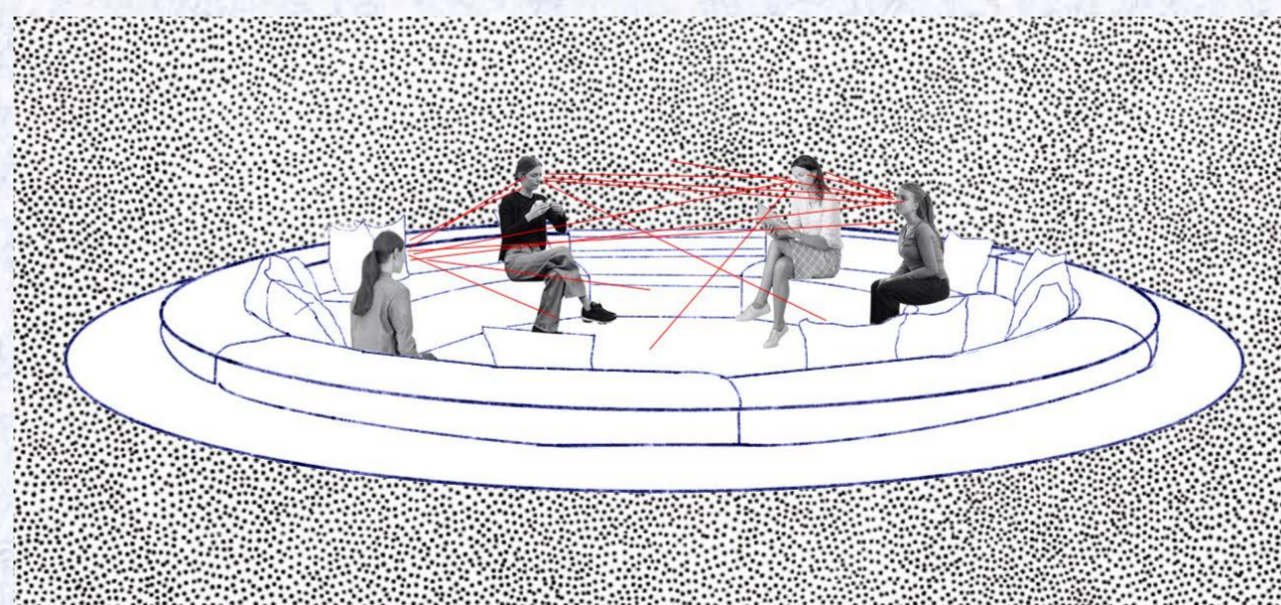
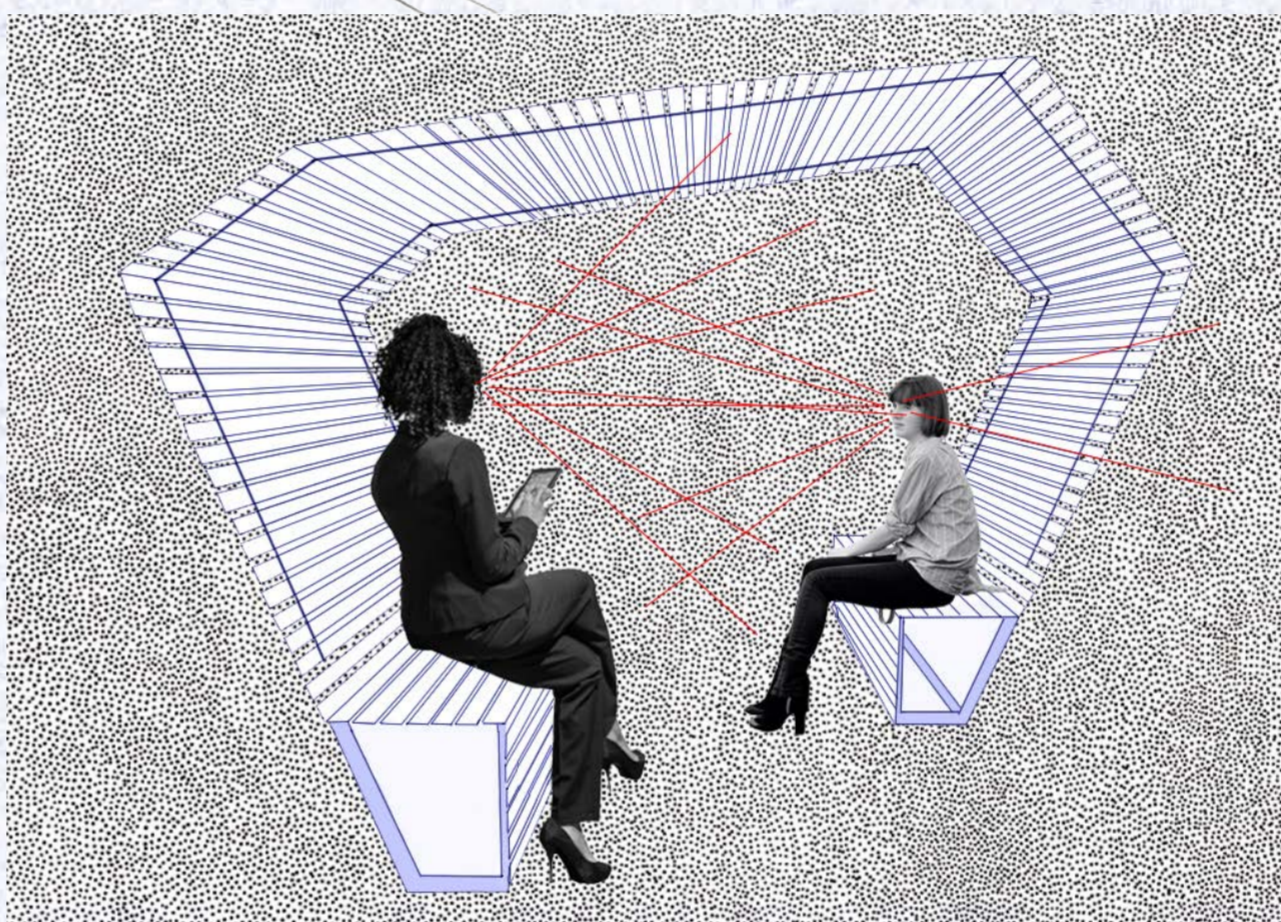
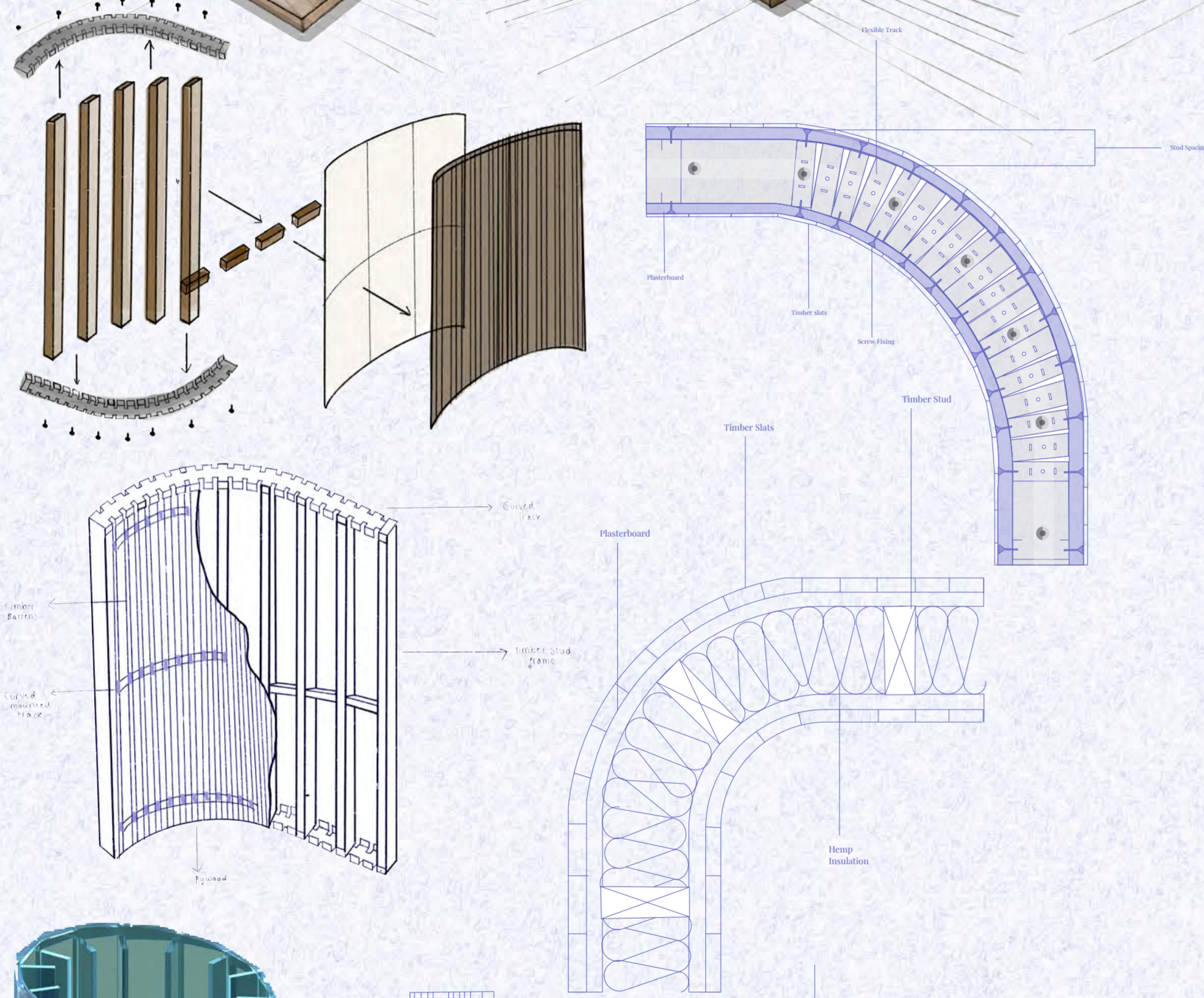
Proposed dining + hosting + food bank space - The dining hall is a space for women to socialise, eat and drink similarly to the existing social hub. It can also double up as a hosting space.

Proposed therapy + group therapy space - The therapy cubicles provide 24/7 1 on 1 support and privacy if needed. The social seating is proposed for group therapy a more interactive way to talk to each other

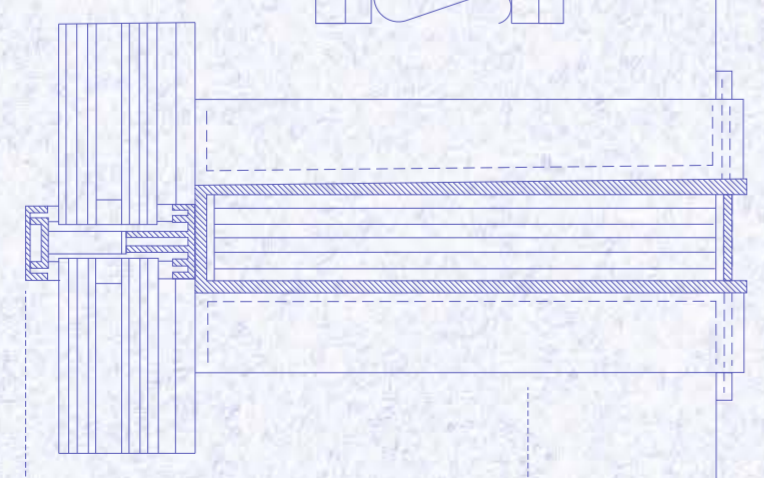




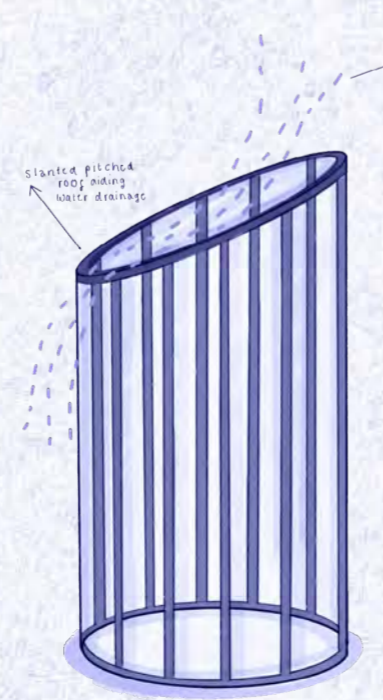
Creating visual & Social connections through social seating



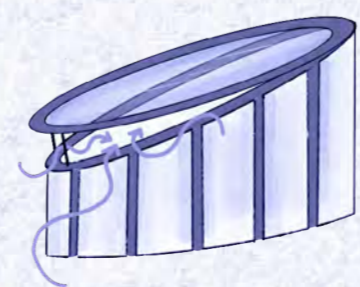
Metal fixture connecting facade glass to glass support beam



Glass support beam

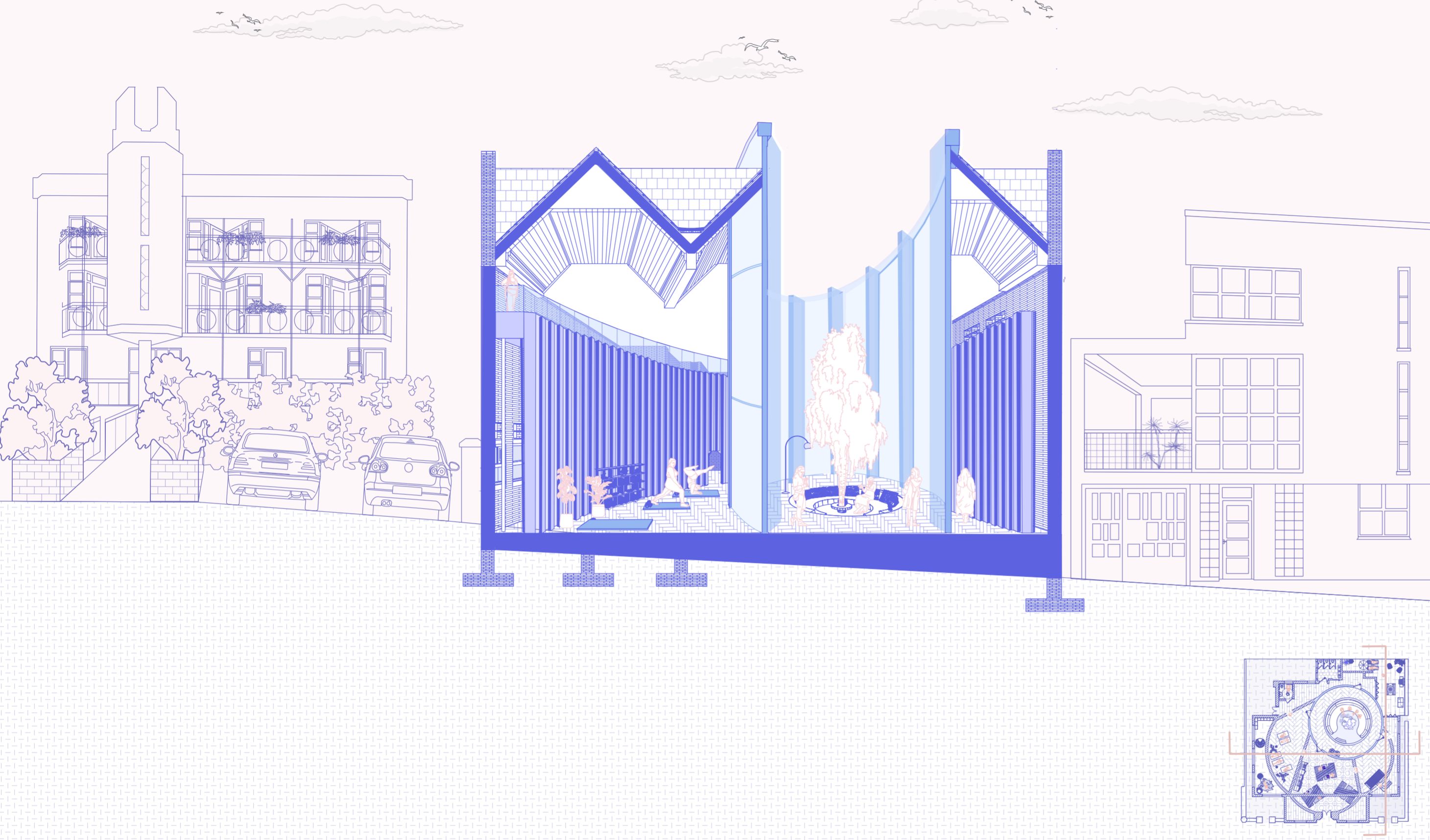
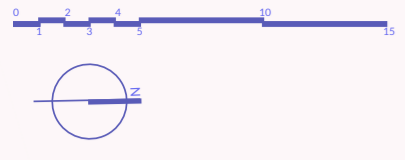


Slanted pitch to allow water drainage

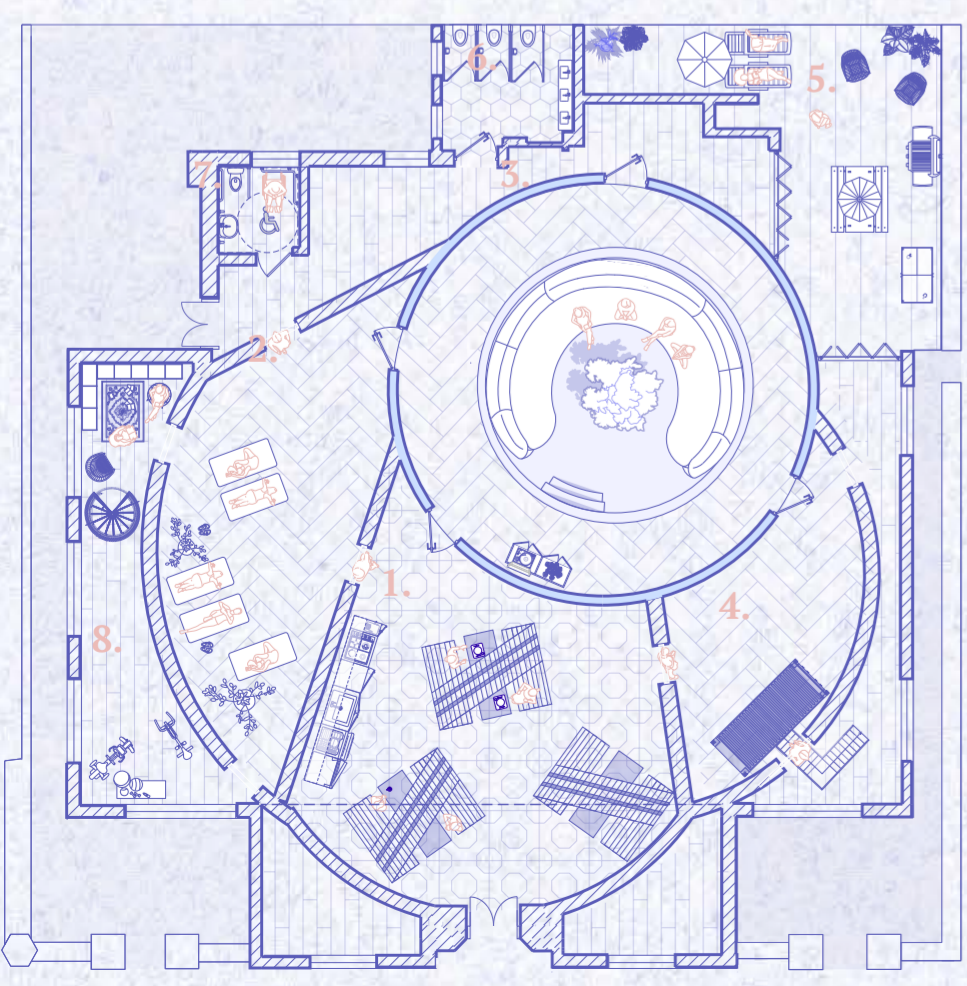


Installation - movement of wind rain before storage placed top

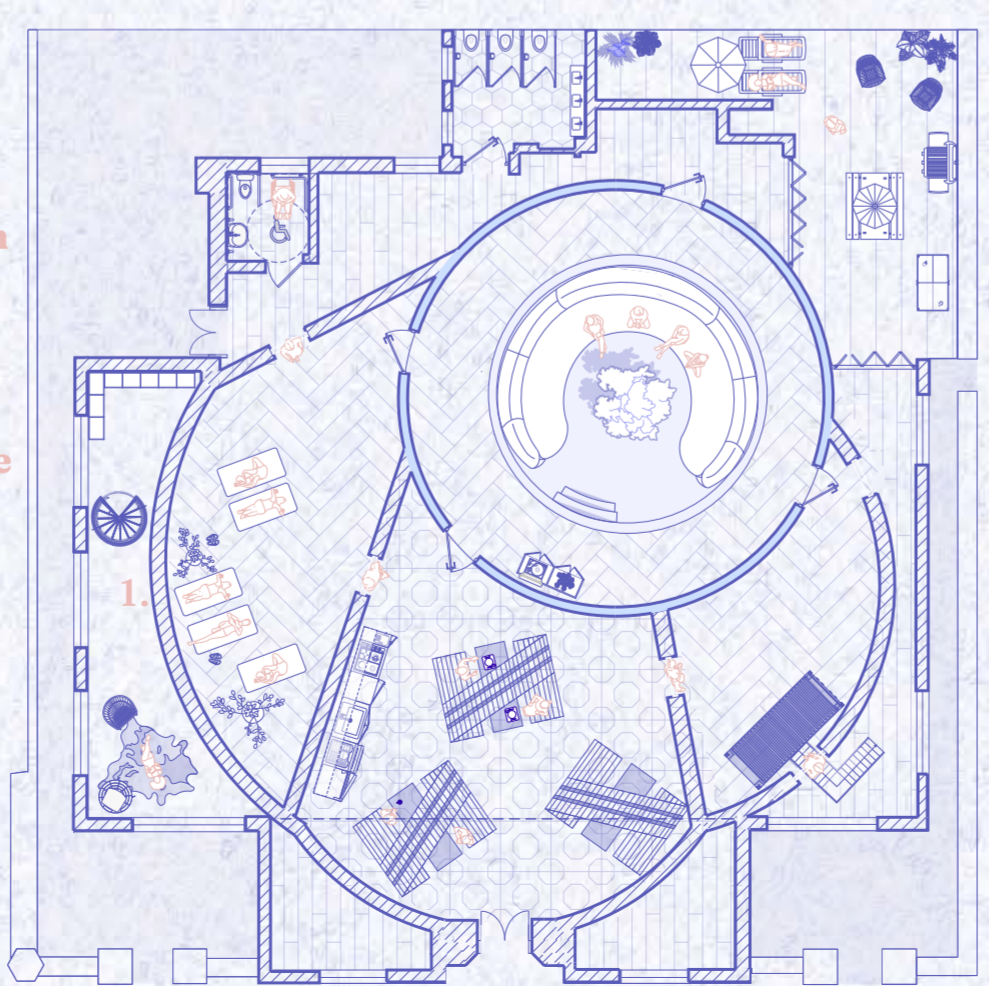
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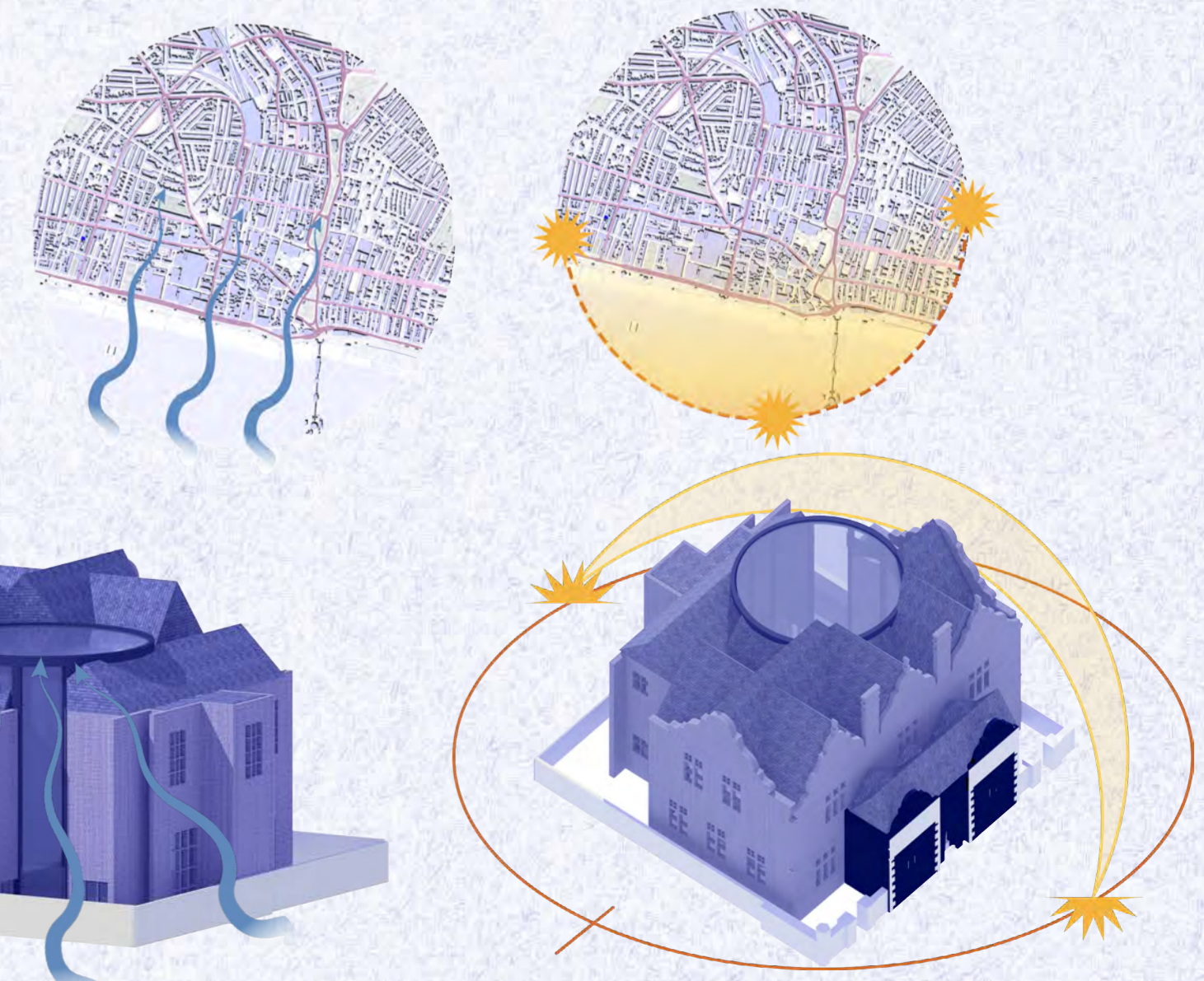
- 1. Parquet flooring
- 2. Sunken seating
- 3. Timber garden Decking
- 4. Integrated walls (Timber stud frame, plywood + timber batten cladding)
- 5. Mezzanine
- 6. Glass atrium



- Ground Floor Proposal**
- 1. Social Dining/Kitchen space
 - 2. Yoga/Meditation/Gym room
 - 3. Circular Glass Atrium with Sunken Seating
 - 4. Private Cubicals and Group Counselling Space
 - 5. Outside Decking/Garden Space
 - 6. W/C
 - 7. Accessible W/C
 - 8. Library Space/ Gym Equipment Storage



- First Floor Proposal**
- 1. Mezzanine



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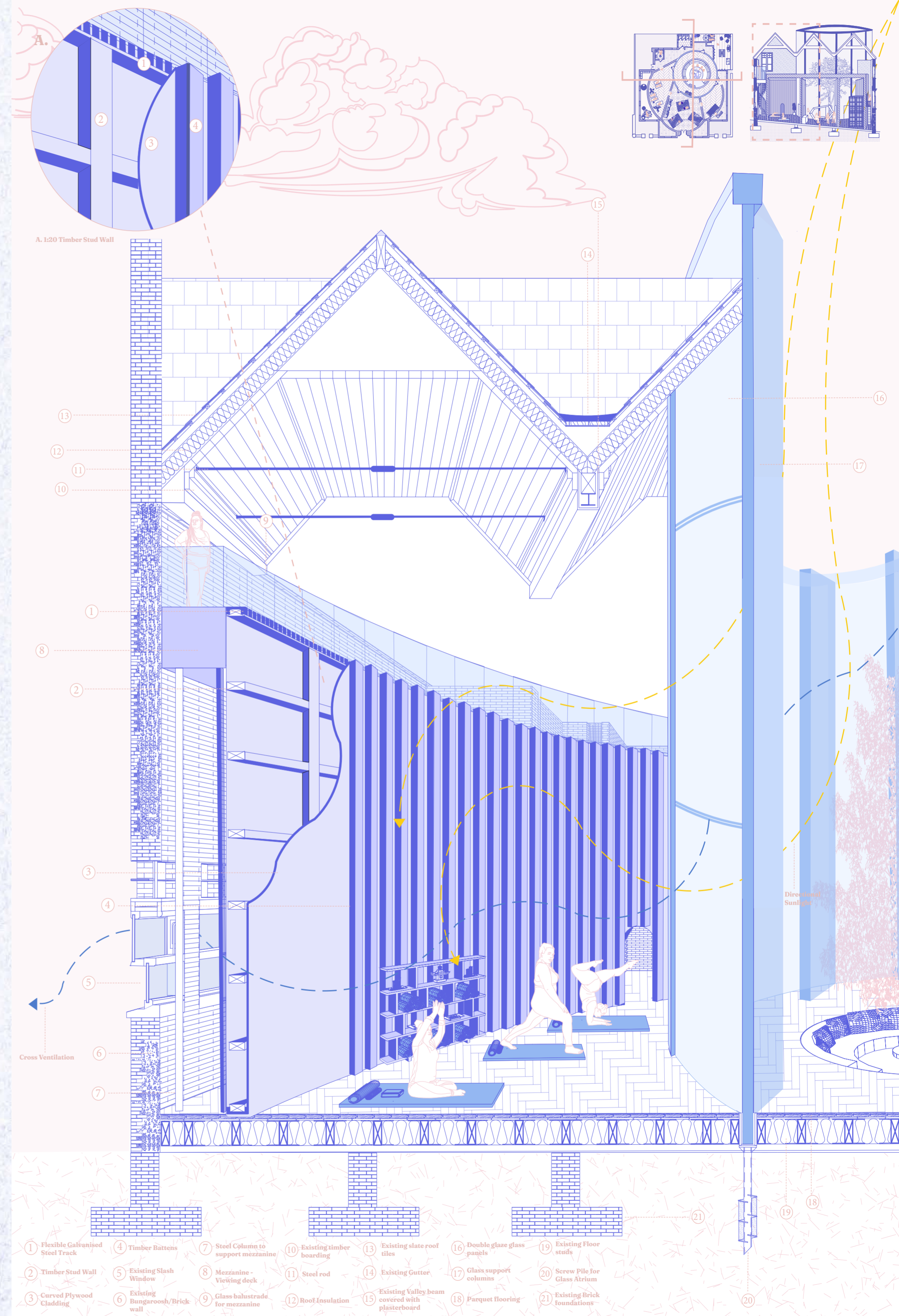
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- 1. Social Dining/Kitchen space
- 2. Library Corner
- 3. Outdoor Decking/Seating
- 4. Yoga/Meditation/Gym room



- 1 Flexible Galvanised Steel Track
- 2 Timber Stud Wall
- 3 Curved Plywood Cladding
- 4 Timber Battens
- 5 Existing Slush Window
- 6 Existing Bungaroooh/Brick wall
- 7 Steel Column to support mezzanine
- 8 Mezzanine - Viewing deck
- 9 Glass balustrade for mezzanine
- 10 Existing timber boarding
- 11 Steel rod
- 12 Roof Insulation
- 13 Existing slate roof tiles
- 14 Existing Gutter
- 15 Existing Valley beam covered with plasterboard
- 16 Double glaze glass panels
- 17 Glass support columns
- 18 Parquet flooring
- 19 Existing Floor studs
- 20 Screw Pile for Glass Atrium
- 21 Existing Brick foundations