

She Can Create: Our Milton

This project had a special focus on architectural designing in collaboration with Guest Artist Clara Ziada from Art House Halton.

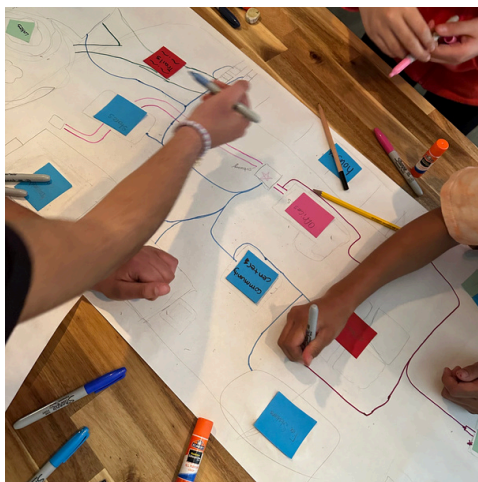
She Can! girls were a part of “She Can Create: Our Milton” Project to imagine, research and create what youth would like their Milton to represent using the context of ‘interconnectedness’ throughout this 8-week session. Participants explored and engaged with various art materials, encouraging them to comfortably share their thoughts, emotions, and ideas through their unique artistic expressions by lending their voices and experiences to this architectural design and planning project. This project was featured and exhibited in our HEDR (Halton Equity Diverse Roundtable) and MCR symposium on June 6, 2024. Country Heritage Park, Milton.

She Can Create Artists, ages 11-13:

- Ariel
- Gabriela
- Disha
- Youmna
- Dina
- Salma
- Abbigail
- Sonja



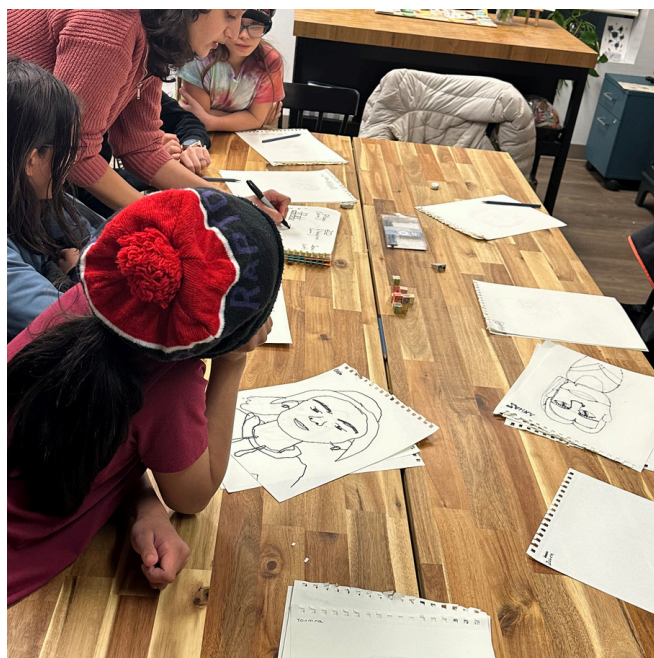
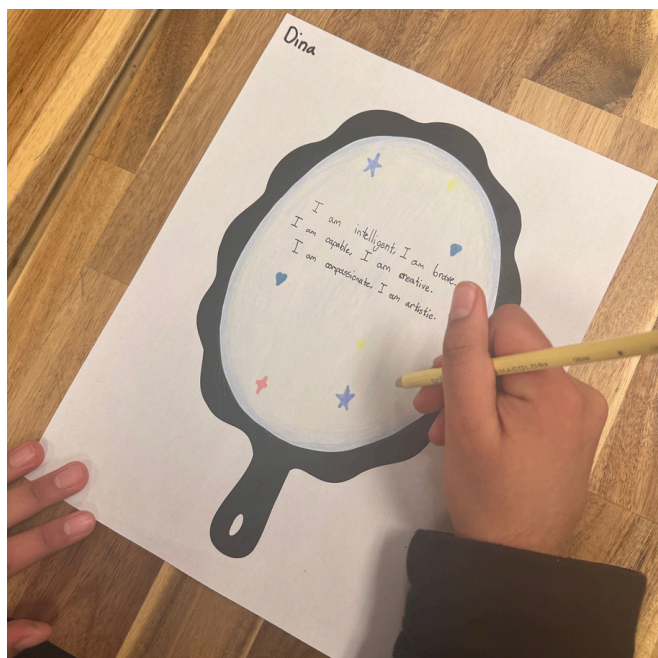
Session four of the “She Can Create: Our Milton” program, brought together enthusiastic female youth in the Milton community to explore the concept of “Our Milton”. The focus was on envisioning a more vibrant town/city by engaging in discussions, collaborative activities and mind-mapping sessions. The participants exhibited deep involvement, sharing insightful perspectives and generating powerful ideas aimed at enhancing the overall quality of life in Milton.



*"The buildings in our Milton are all different,
just like the people."*

-She Can Create! participant

During the mind-mapping sessions, participants actively participated in a mind-mapping exercise, identifying key elements that contribute to a livable city. The session aimed to visualize and organize thoughts on various aspects that make a town/city enjoyable and sustainable. Delving into the characteristics of a livable city, participants discussed and highlighted aspects such as green spaces, community engagement, accessibility, infrastructure, and cultural amenities. For example, a She Can! participant pointed out the importance of community spaces like the Milton Community Resource Centre, stating that “these spaces bring together members of the community; MCRC has programs for children, youth and families and it has the much-needed Infant Food Bank”.



A segment of the session was dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the positive aspects of Milton. Participants shared their perspectives on what makes Milton unique and enjoyable, emphasizing its strengths and positive attributes, including things like the Milton Community Resource Centre, Jay's Ice Cream in Downtown Milton and Mill Pond. Participants also critically assessed the current state of Milton, identifying areas that may require improvement or enhancement. These discussions were constructive, focusing on topics such as traffic delays, more public transportation accessibility, anti-littering, and a need for increased funding for community services. The participants demonstrated a high level of engagement throughout the session, contributing thoughtful and powerful ideas. The collaborative atmosphere fostered creativity and innovation, paving the way for a more vibrant and sustainable future for "Our Milton".

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