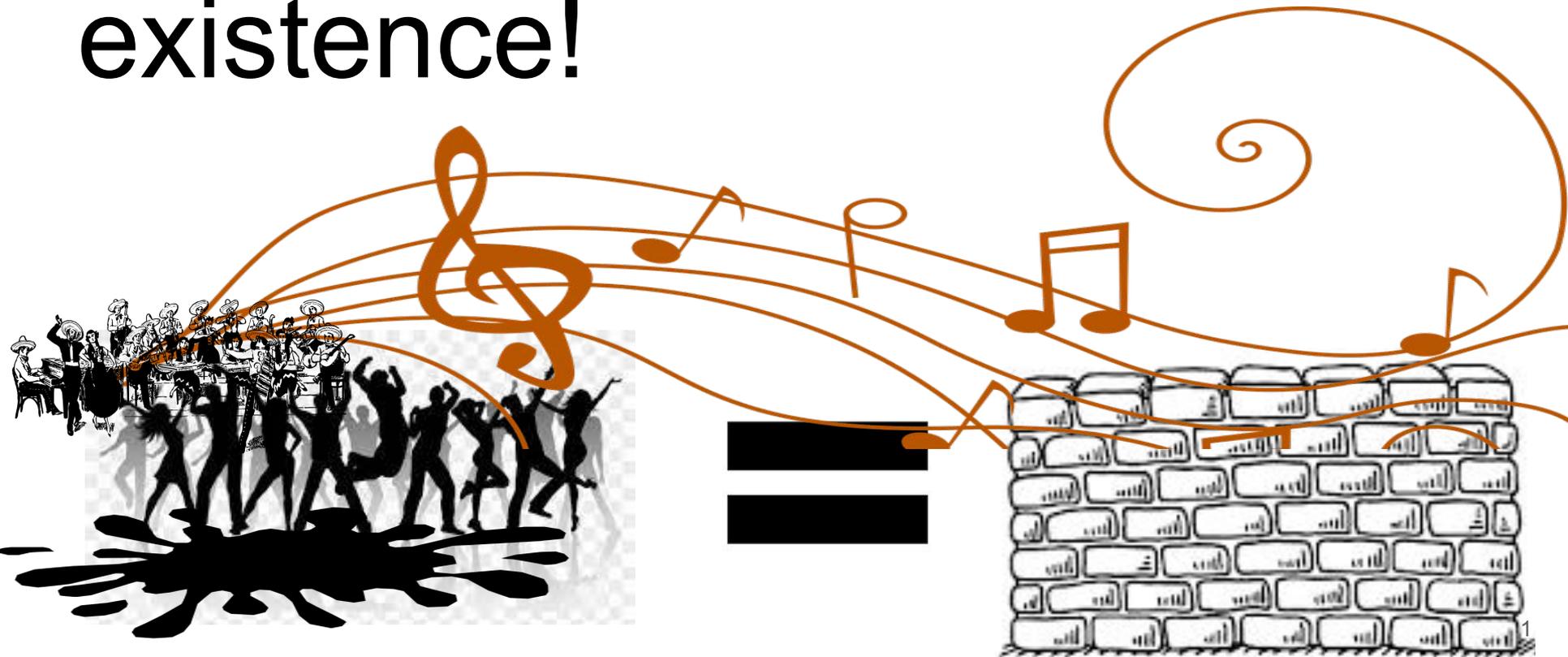
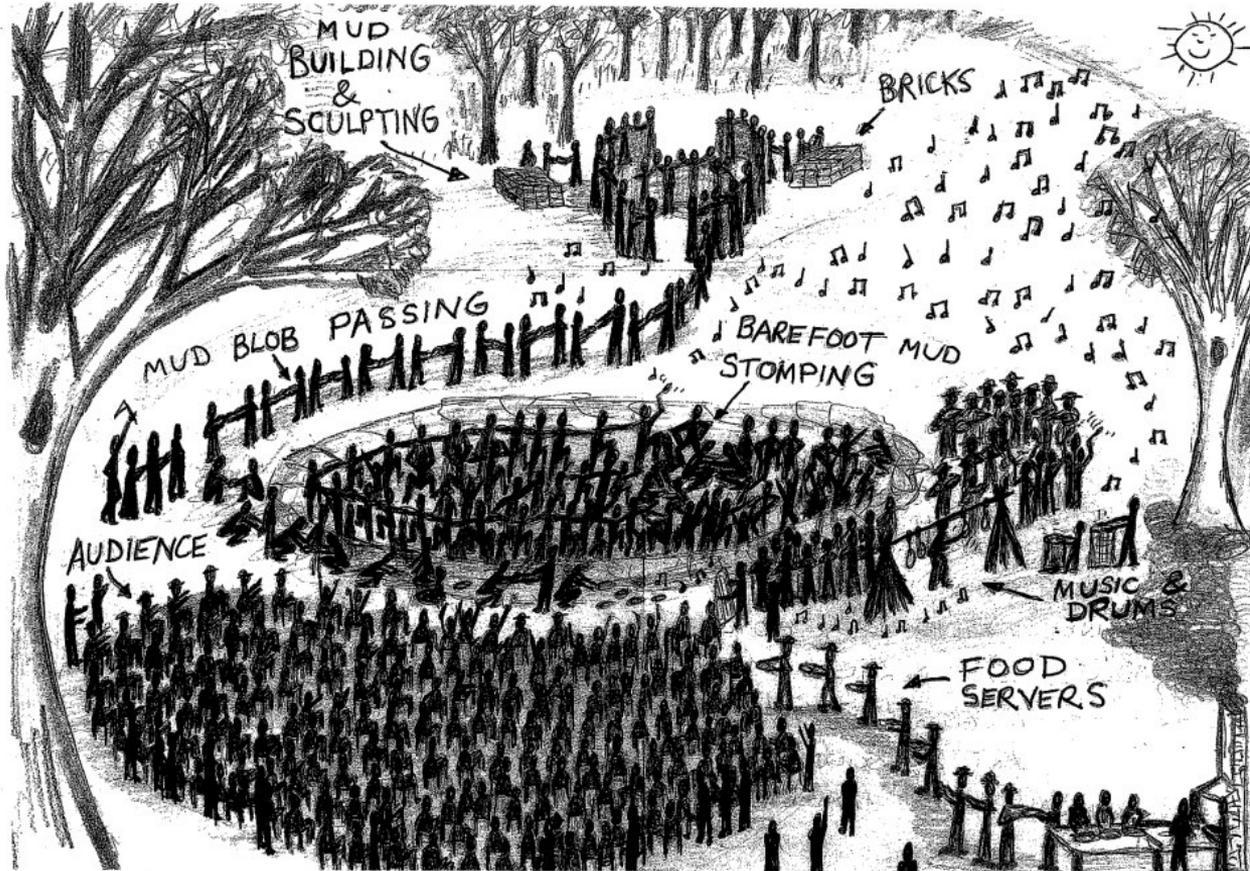


Mud Fun: Dancing walls into existence!



The musical mudstomp event revives heritage construction methods.

The live musical orchestra fuels the dancing which churns the mud for building and sculpting with.



All Welcome Here!
Get in where you fit in.

Look at the picture. Where do you see yourself?

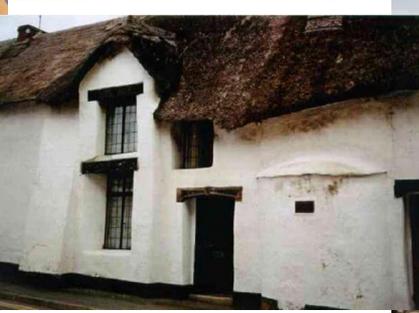
Muddy Roles:

Barefoot mud dance mixing, brick making, wall building and sculpting.

Non Muddy Roles:

Audience, food servers, music and drums.

This is everyone's heritage



Q: Why are all the world's oldest continuously inhabited structures made of sun-dried unfired earthen masonry?
A: Because these earth recipes naturally breathe and do not resist the water vapor that eventually causes rust, rot and degradation. Their breathability is also part of what makes us feel so comfortable inside them.

A musical mudstomp in action.

Q: What if the world's best shelter construction material is always directly under our feet and all we need to do to realise its amazing potential is dig it up and dance upon it?

“Best” meaning:
Healthy indoor air quality
Healthy to touch
Easy to learn
All ages appropriate
Cosy
Strength and durability
Thermal mass properties
Sculptibility
Beauty



Djenne mud building festival. Ancient living proof.





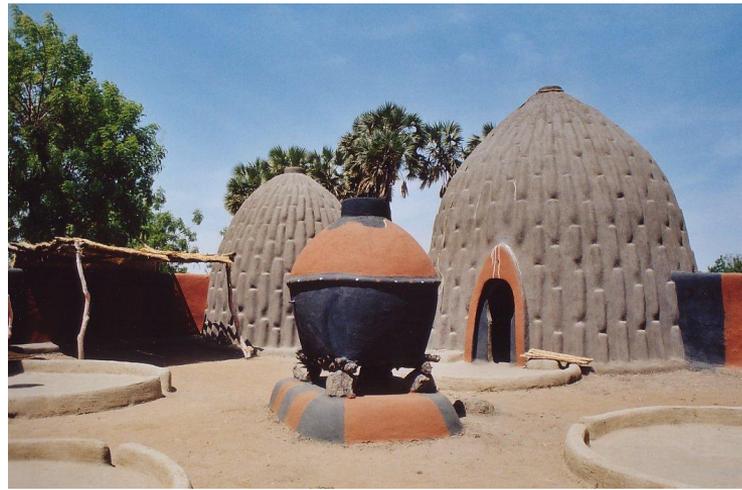
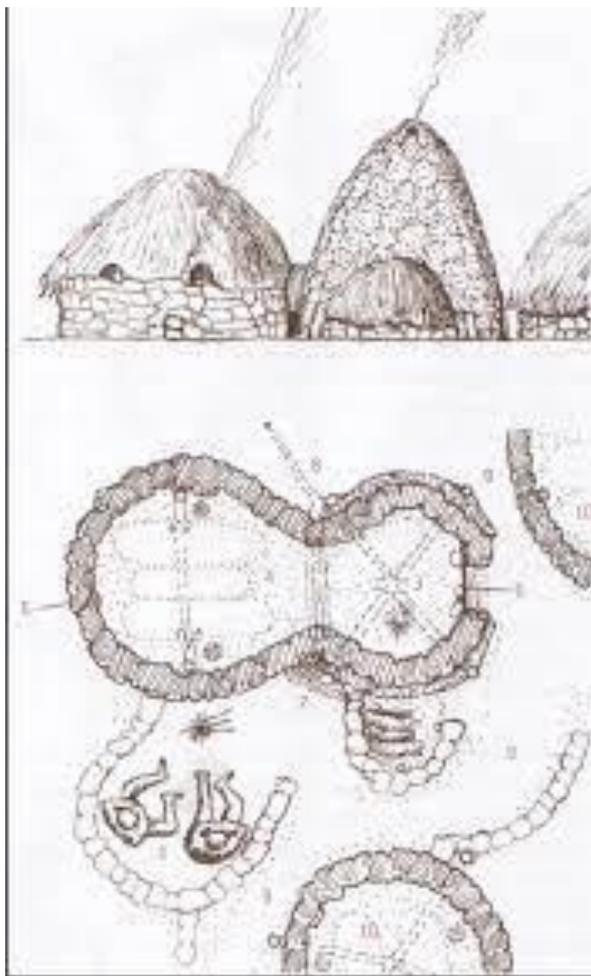
Mud Fun advocates becoming one with your building material. Connecting directly through the skin, the body's largest organ during warm and hot weather.

Creating lasting memories through the process of building.



Sun dried
earthen
masonry walls
never go out of
style.





Left: These sketches accompanied written descriptions by first Europeans of earthen “mud” masonry dome homes of First Nations Australians.

Also photos of ancient Musgum domes of Cameroon Africa and the Syrian dome homes which are thousands of years old. The similarities are noted.



It is up to us now to bring these skills and recipes back



Use your barefeet to become one with your building material of choice. Let the children show you how to add grace to a building project. The feeling of the squish between the toes tells it all!



Mud is a building material that allows you to interact with it like no other, especially in the summertime. Take full advantage. Summer mud is soothing to the soul and skin. The skin and soul dont lie.



Mud Fun builds leadership



Early Mud Fun beginnings in Atlanta Georgia, USA.

Those kids got some real soulful dance moves and rhythms in their bones.



Hand sculpted furniture





Dance and drum
big thick, smooth
walls into
existence.

Oh, the funk and
soul of Atlanta
Georgia USA.
Teach us, guide us.
Show us the way.
Hip hop hurray!



Make your own clay based natural paints to add finishing touches.





Mud Fun,
previously a
Wollondilly Shire
Council Mayoral
Youth Leadership
Program.

Now is the time
to do this
ourselves -to let
the youth make
us proud of
them.





Start with wood-fired cooking on day one. (left). Day two or three add smooth renders and “paints” to your stove to decorate and project it.

The rocket stove is used around the world and is efficiently powered by fallen twigs to create a high instant heat.

One time we built a 3 burner system at a remote location to cook 3 meals a day for 300 people for more than a week.



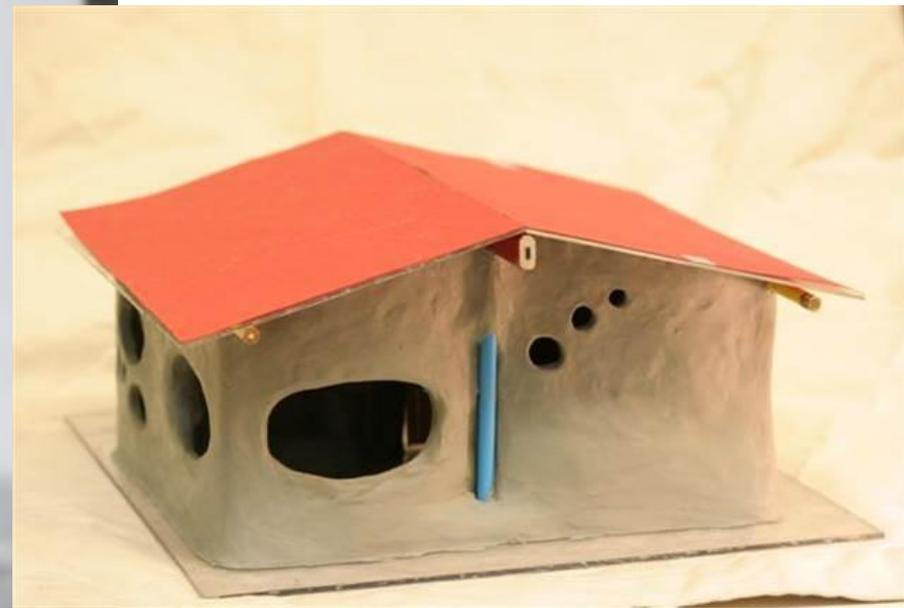
Start with simple flat bread. Good quality flour and water. That's it!
Add salt and oil before serving. A time tested crowd pleaser.





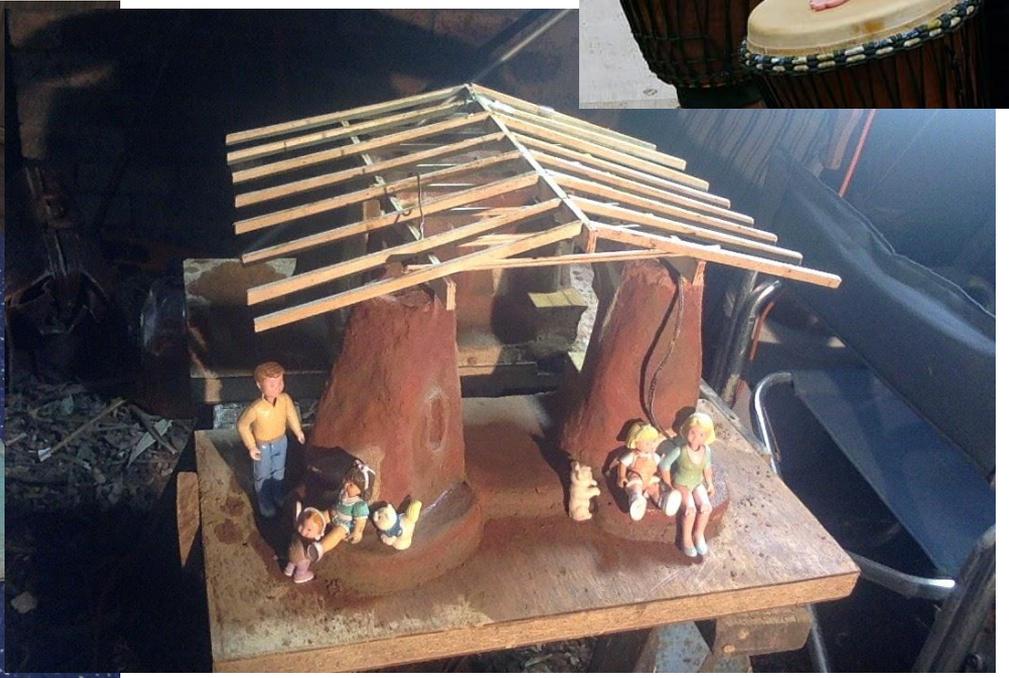
Introduce music as early as possible in the process to create a festive building culture.





Make small scale models

The small scale models can be used to drum up excitement for the life sized project!



The first batch of bricks can happen immediately.
Once you make a brick you gain confidence to make a wall.
Once you make a wall you gain confidence to make shelter.
Solid superior shelter.
This is your birthright.



They just wanna keep making more.



This is what outdoor education looks like. This is the face of construction that makes the ancestors proud, the children happy, and the earth happy. Are you ready to dance walls into existence?



Start a baking club from the ground up. Wood fired cooking creates excitement around a building project. An oven takes about a week allowing for drying time in between stages. A stove can happen within the first couple hours.

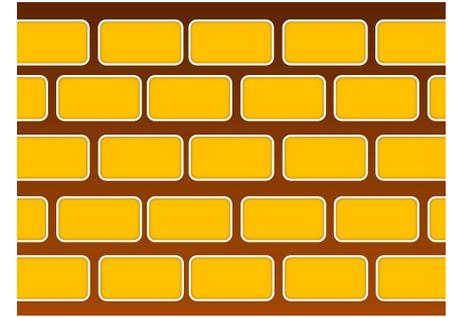




Wood fired pizza on sourdough.



Music makes the barefoot mud mixing dance which makes the wall.
Audition for key musicians to take the lead. It is the musician that maketh the wall.



Drumming is key. Newark NJ USA drum troupe. One of Mud Fun's first.

Find the best drummers, dancers and choreographers. Bring them to the event.

Drums beget dance. Dance begets bricks. Bricks beget walls.



Create a spectacular, memorable, engaging musical mudstomp event for all ages.





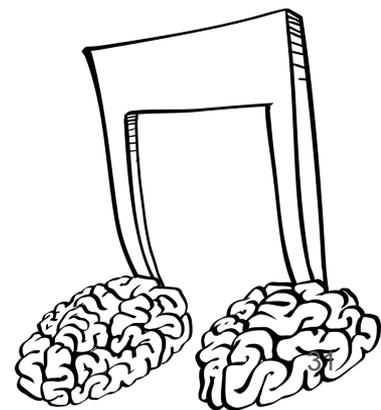
Daensity = Love per square meters
of construction.

Make daensity your goal.

Daensity with a silent "a"



Walls make a real difference, they make headlines and make it count.



Make Ceremony!

The mud mixing pit is a stage where the action and entertainment takes place. Seeing a mud pit surrounded by drums says that its all about to begin in the most spectacular way.

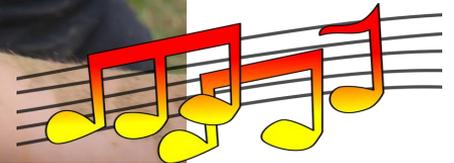
This is what we've been anticipating.





The mud blob passing dance connects everyone to every every square inch of building. Everyone can touch every blob to make it more fun.

After dancing on the mud, the mud blobs are formed and passed down the line to become walls.



Make stories, make news, build leadership



This is what it looks like when Mud Fun rolls together community education, entertainment, recreation, and construction into one.



The soul of construction will return once toddlers become part of our construction process again.

-There's nothing quite like a batch of bricks drying in the sun to show the results of all that dancing.



Rekindle your mud pie instincts and remember how to build big thick walls again. One mix, one brick at a time. You've got this. You can do it. The key is strength in numbers.



Multi-award winning Mud Fun cubby house built at the Eurobodalla regional botanic gardens with 1200 students from the shire who attended musical mudstomps over one school term.

Earthen walls, earthen furniture, earthen appliances, polished earthen floor. Once you hold that first blob of mud in your hands all the ancient instinctual knowledge comes back to you. This knowledge is your birthright. Claim it.



Early beginnings of backyard cubby that has become a house of sorts with toilet, shower, bath, fireplace, sleeping cove and outdoor kitchen

Start small. Think cubby house.
Completing it gives you confidence!



Mud Fun multipurpose
cubby house in Mount
Gambier SA.

They call it an outdoor kitchen but is it really outdoors when its undercover like this?

Blur the lines between outdoor and indoors.



Kitchen for Wollondilly Shire Council's Outdoor Environmental Educational Resource Centre and community garden. Built by over 1200 students who attended Mud Fun musical mudstomp events where drums featured prominently.

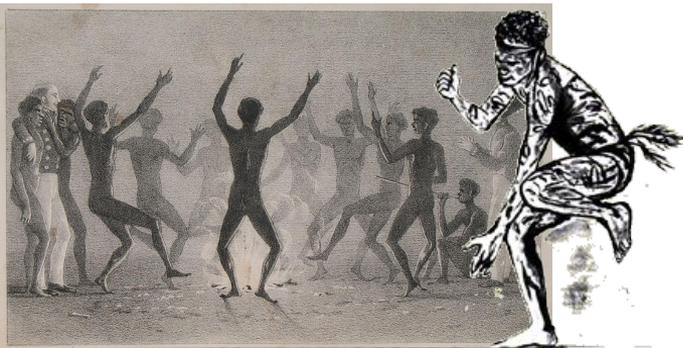
Multipurpose cubby house built at NSW primary school by all 300 students who attended Mud Fun musical mudstomp events- for which we won a national award.



Many muddy hands makes strong smooth magnificent walls.



Drum and dance the big thick smooth walls into existence!

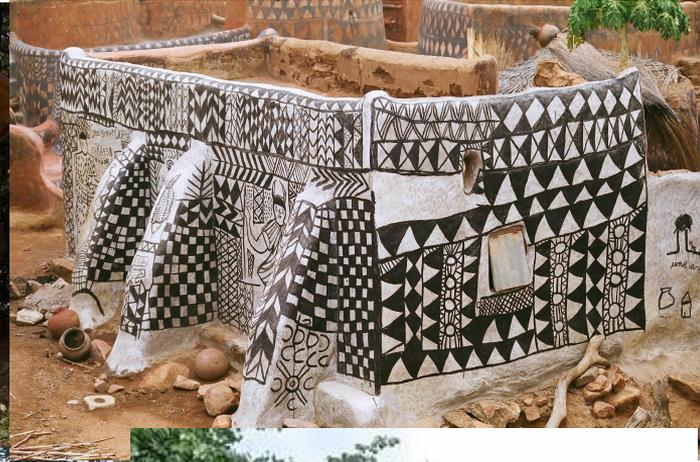


Walls can create outdoor living spaces. Courtyards. This is what the backyard cubby has evolved into. Cubby includes sleeping nook with fireplace, shower, bath, wood fired stove, outdoor kitchen, outdoor living space. A totally liveable space.



Make home-made clay-based paints from safe natural ingredients to add finishing artistic touches.





Unlimited traditional designs to be inspired by.

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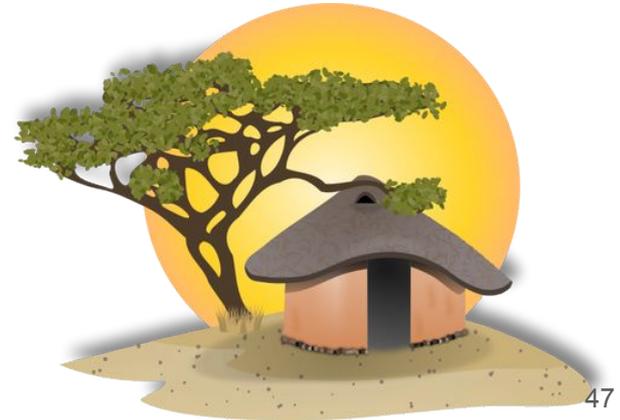
S.O.L share, organise, learn

Share your skills and talents

Organise events and activities

Learn from each other, from doing and serving your community

Our Vision: Empowered youth, stronger communities.



Mud Fun outcomes

15,000 musical mudstomp participants and counting!

Empowered youth.

Skilled community members.

Connected communities.

Proud parents and teachers.

Useful, unique, sustainable structures.

One-of-a-kind events.

A festive building culture.



Mud Fun strategies

-Challenge and coach youth to contribute to the greater good of their community, to use their unique position to become the suppliers of positive community change and to take on the role of hosts within the host-guest dynamic.

-Provide opportunities to develop social skills and experience teamwork and “strength in numbers” Emphasise a “more the merrier” ethos, communication, bonding, cooperation, team morale, and hands on participation.

Gain community commitment and buy-in. Ensure the community wants and is willing to support the efforts/outcomes. Ensure youth know what the community members want and why.

Cater for a broad range of abilities and interests by offering a variety of tasks and activities within a project. Develop a festive earthen building culture that combines creative self-expression and building sciences.

Strategies continued.

Use a mix of teaching, coaching and facilitating skills to ensure that all participants are engaged regardless of their background or prior knowledge.

-Build functional structures and create festive events that are valued in the community.

-Use successful community organising tenets: Vision caring and responsibility, broad diversity, the common good, finding allies, proposing solutions, completion and commitment to struggle together.

How it works.

- Leadership team training and planning sessions.
- Festive musical mud stomps to mix mud and make bricks.
- Building sessions/events to complete the structure.

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Participants:

-Youth leadership team.

-Adult mentors and facilitators

-Site hosts of location where events take place (to make bricks) and or where structure is built.

-Community guests. General public of all ages who attend.

Express your interest.

send an email to mitsak.ratsack.david@gmail.com to express your interest by answering the following questions:

Do you have access to land where such a project could take place?

Do you have a need or desire for a small structure to be built?

Do you have children that you would like to enrol? What are their ages?

Do you have a willingness to help make this happen?