

CRAN 2023  
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Artist Statement:

Something I notice every year is how consistent the CRAN findings are. On a personal level, this is very convenient since I have never had any curveballs thrown at me 15 minutes before finishing. However, it means that the findings are predictable. Climate change, truth and reconciliation, accountability from politicians, and protection for marginalized youth (including but not limited to racialized youth, those impacted by war and/or poverty, and lgbtqia+ youth) are discussed and re-discussed every year. The to-do list might grow, but nothing ever seems to be checked off. This year's panel of "movers" brought a sense of urgency to the conference: youth are in distress. Their discussion did not bring optimism, togetherness, or a hopeful look into their futures. Instead, it brought a sense of collective anxiety. How can the Shaking the Movers conferences move towards grassroots community care and inspire youth towards small change? What is our ethical duty as researchers, but also as caring adults? I wanted this year's graphic facilitation to portray the urgency and overwhelm that youth experience, but also, the compassion and healing that needs to be at the heart of what we do. As always, it is a joy and honour to be a part of the Shaking the Movers Conference. Thank you to everyone who contributed. -Calla Tait

Panel 1: Youth Are Overwhelmed / The Right to Peel and Orange

Image Description: 4 comic panels in primary colours.

**Text:** *Youth are overwhelmed. The to-do list keeps getting longer, but nothing ever gets checked off. Some students expressed being afraid to have children. Others shared saving strategies such as raking leaves and lemonade stands, to start saving for their adult futures. This gives adults, the "movers" a question: how do we ethically end the call when conducting research? How can these conferences provide community care, rather than a(nother) source of anxiety?*

**Snapshot:** quotes from youth. "I want the right to peel and eat an orange, with no adult help!" (age 3); "I want the right to be immature! Like, I'm not an adult yet!" (age 16); "I want the right to clean drinking water." (age 15).

**Text:** *How do these small, immediate actions connect with system changes that desperately need to happen? What is the next step in the children's rights movement?*

Panel 2: A World Fit For Us?

Image description: A ~3 inch border of online news titles, subjects ranging from acts of transphobia, cyber-bullying, racism, war in Sudan and Ukraine, abortion and women's healthcare, climate change, and gun violence. All articles were from a three -day span between April 28th-30th 2023 (the weekend of the CRAN conference). In the centre of the panel is a painted globe, with the caption (above) "A World Fit for Us?" (below) "CRAN 2023". Forming a barrier between the "bad news" and the globe is long, growing grass and short stick-figure people holding hands.