

Putting climate resilience in its place: developing spatially literate climate adaptation initiatives

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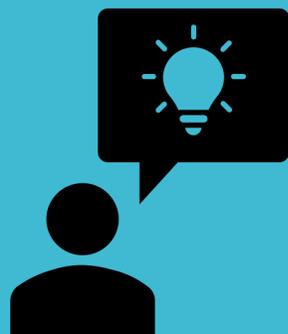
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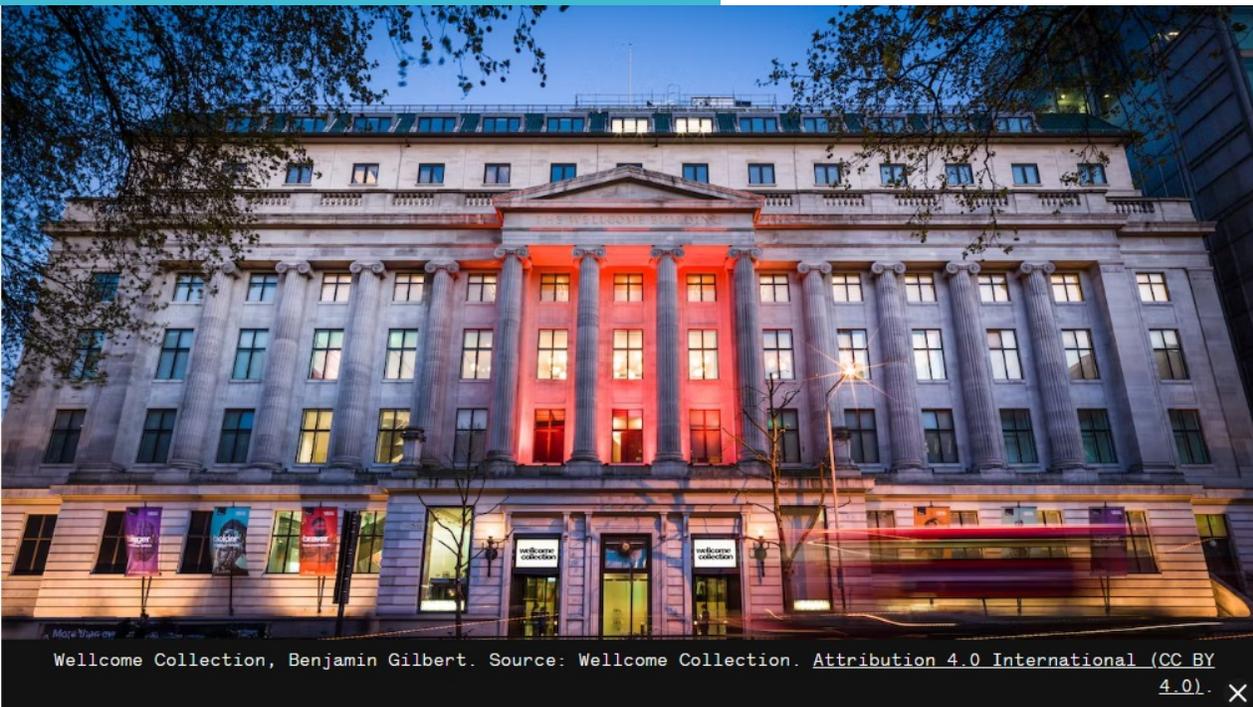
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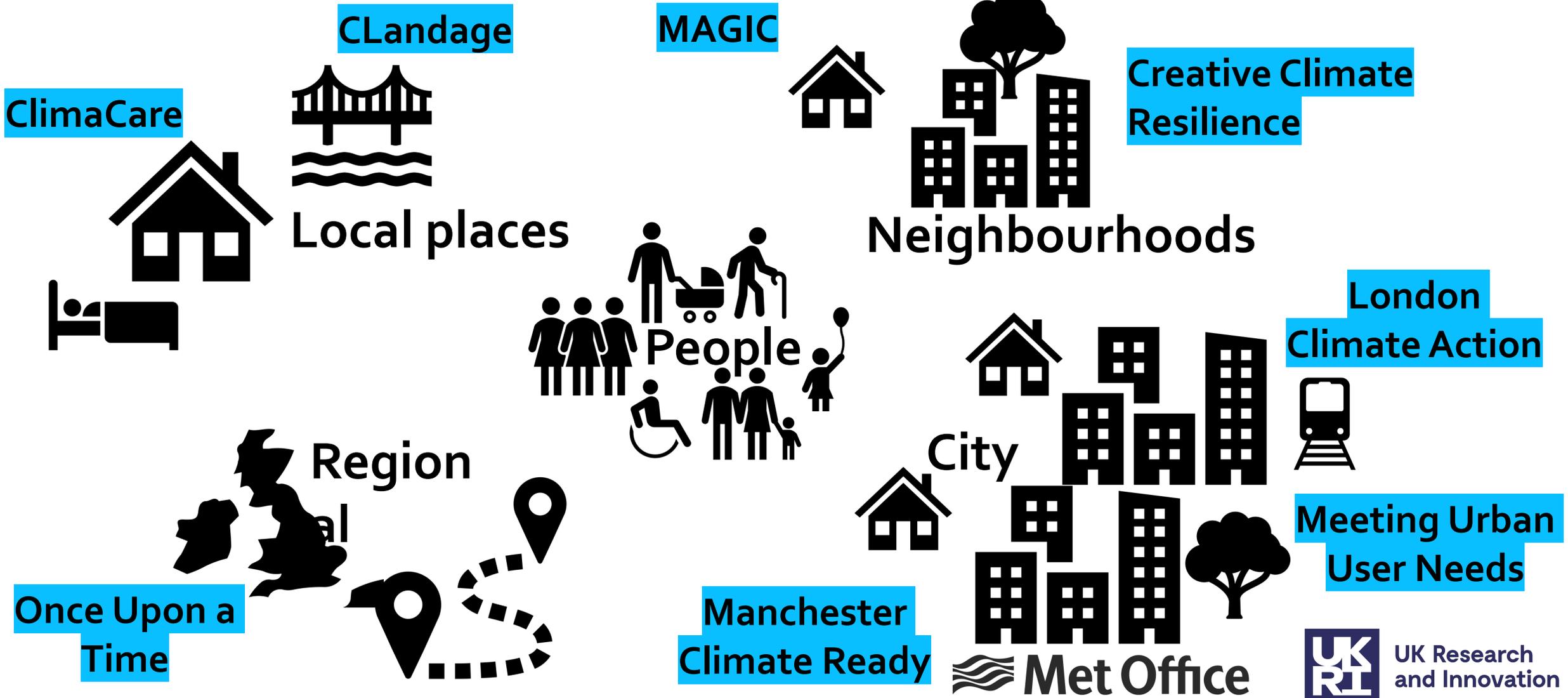


- Place combines a physical understanding of a location with the **social, cultural, sensual and psychological values** that **people** hold.
- Place is **relatable**, but can exist on **different scales**.



- It is where the implications of climate change become **personal and tangible**.
- Place, and a sense of place attachment, can be used to evoke the **urgency and necessity of adaptation** and to energise policy makers at local scales.

People are central to understanding place-based risk and resilience



Toward climate action and adaptation



Climate Action and Adaptation are more likely to be effective if they **acknowledge and are congruent with** the local sense of place.

Despite the great importance of local place-based actions, these should not be developed at the expense of addressing the wider **structural issues** that limit both climate action and adaptation, such as the challenge of **achieving joined up policy making**.

We need an **inclusive sense of place**.

The City Pack

Meeting Urban User Needs



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Place changes over time



Place **changes over time**, as do **cultural norms** and the **behaviours** of people that inhabit a place.

Set ideas of place can be **restrictive** for imagining futures or different ways of living.

Understanding how a place has **evolved and adapted** across time and how this will be influenced by climate change is vital to understand what will facilitate and inhibit adaptation and help shape our climate futures.



One of the images used to prompt discussion and creativity during the online poetry workshops. © Staffordshire Record Office

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Differences between places



Understanding **local vulnerability** is vital for realising adaptation, such as how buildings, neighbourhoods and wider areas are planned, constructed and function, and how each of those elements relate to each other.

Decision-makers must also be attuned to **inequality** across and between places.

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Creativity and Community



Creative Climate Resilience

Folklore and storytelling can be used to unearth community **knowledge** and creativity, to identify **barriers, solutions and perspectives**, and offer **processes, tools and skills** to initiate climate action and adaptation strategies.



Change happens when communities are **united** by a common threat or **sense of purpose**. Initiatives can foreground social justice to support the most vulnerable.

Developing proposals with local people not only helps shape adaptation to meet local needs, but also **enhances local understanding of the need and means** to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Connecting Place



Place connects not only the people in that place but also **the different scales**, from national to city to building.

The **distinctiveness** of particular places, and their **similarities** with other locations, provide useful reference points and a locus of connectivity.

Place is **distinct**, yet also **nested** in scale, **relational**, and **in connection** with other locations.

Once Upon a Time In a Heatwave

