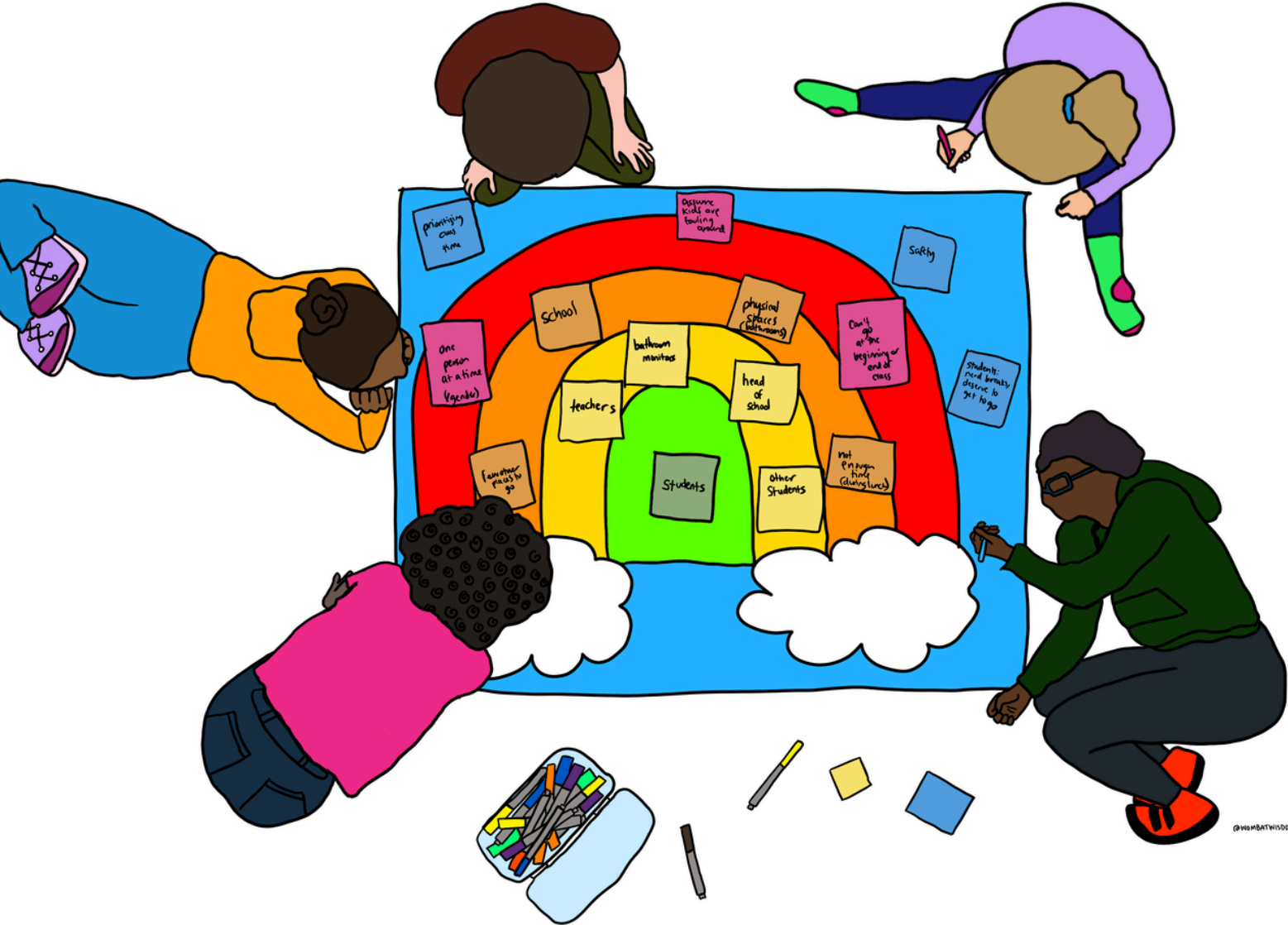


THE POWER RAINBOW: A Resource Guide



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What is The Power Rainbow?

Power is all around us. It shapes who our leaders are, who gets represented in our stories, and how we work together (or don't) to create change in the world. However, it isn't always easy to recognize power working in these ways, especially for children. Grown-ups have created complicated systems of power that can be hard to understand, and equally hard to explain and explore with kids. We created *The Power Rainbow* to make this easier.

THE POWER RAINBOW IS A PEDAGOGICAL TOOL AND FRAMEWORK TO SUPPORT CHILDREN IN POWER ANALYSIS (I.E., THE ABILITY TO MAKE SENSE OF POWER AND HOW IT SHAPES OUR LIVES AND SOCIETIES).

Anna L Kirby and Hania Mariën first created and used The Power Rainbow in the context of a Critical Participatory Action Research camp in 2021. Since then, they have used The Power Rainbow in other settings, such as to support action projects in schools, in workshops with children and caregivers, and in understanding their own lives. You can read more about their work at www.imaginingmorejustfutures.com.

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THE IDEAS AND VALUES LEVEL

THE RULES AND LAWS LEVEL

THE GROUPS LEVEL

THE RELATIONSHIPS LEVEL

THE INDIVIDUAL LEVEL

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The blue level represents the ideas and values that guide people.

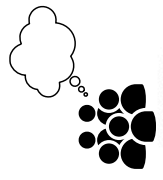
The red level represents the rules and laws that people make and follow.

The orange level represents how groups of people work together.

The yellow level represents how people treat each other.

The green level
represents a person
experiencing justice or
injustice.

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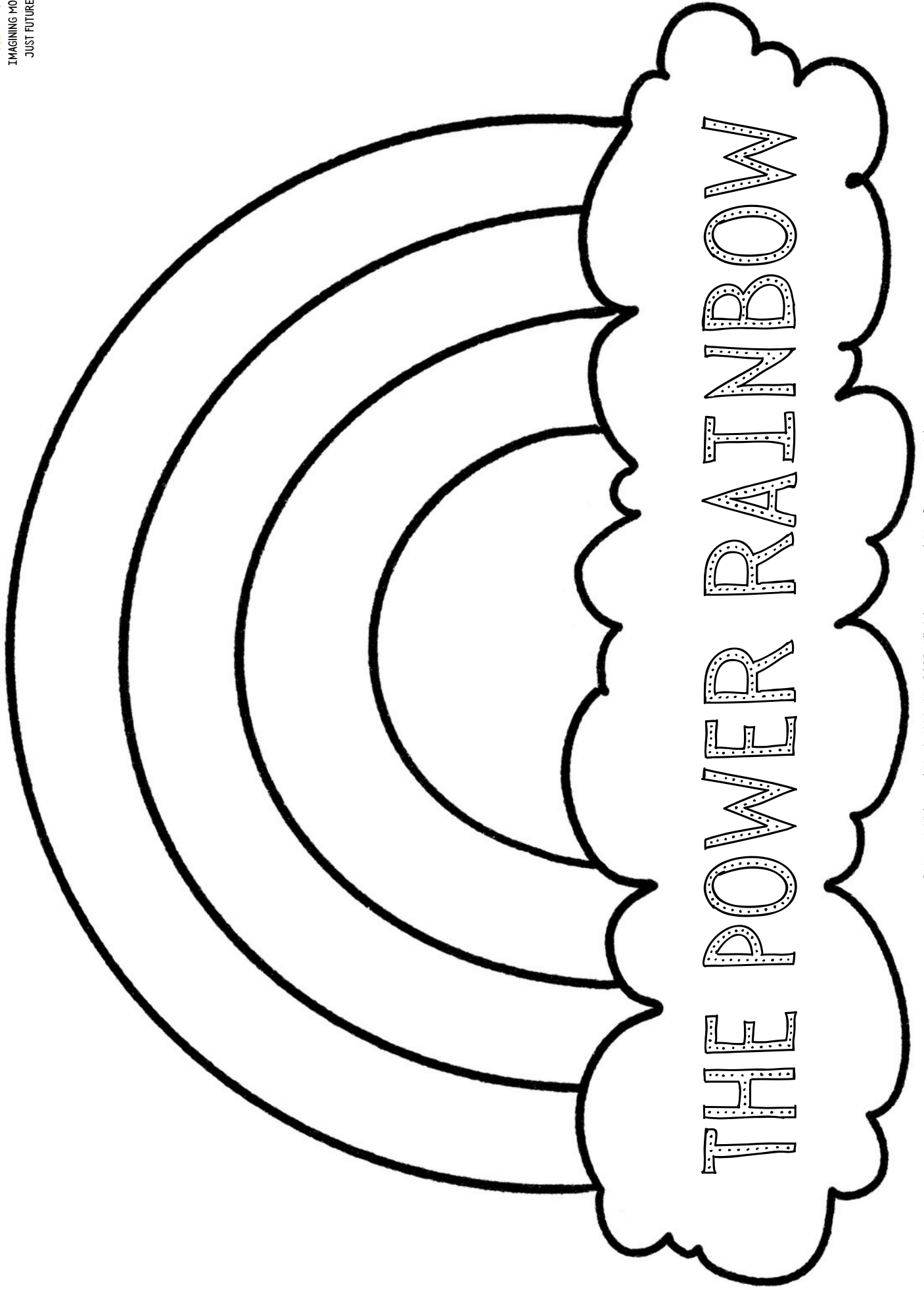
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How To Learn More About The Power Rainbow

We are excited you want to learn more about *The Power Rainbow*!

- We welcome you to:
 - Visit our website (www.imaginingmorejustfutures.com) to learn more about our programming and other resources related to *The Power Rainbow*.
 - Read more about the development of *The Power Rainbow* in our open access article about the tool ([The Power Rainbow: A tool to support 3rd-5th graders in analyzing systems of power](#)).
 - Connect with us for a workshop or training, we would love to hear from you! Email us at imaginingmorejustfutures@gmail.com