

THE LEARNING Co.

literacy centre, johannesburg, south africa

Through the use of indigenous knowledge systems, the Learning Co. will create a unique and appropriate architectural language with social connection in a climate of transition.

Improving Lives through Literacy.

1.0 GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

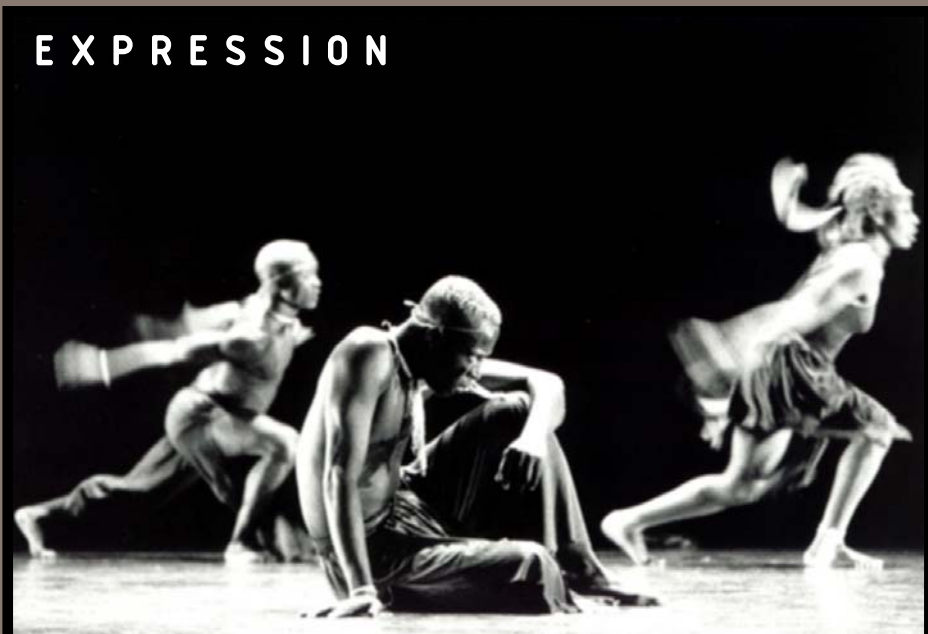


4.0 CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT

Oral traditions are not just rote recitations, they are performances. In this regard, context is as important as content. In symbolic and idiomatic languages, they explore the fundamental issues of life.

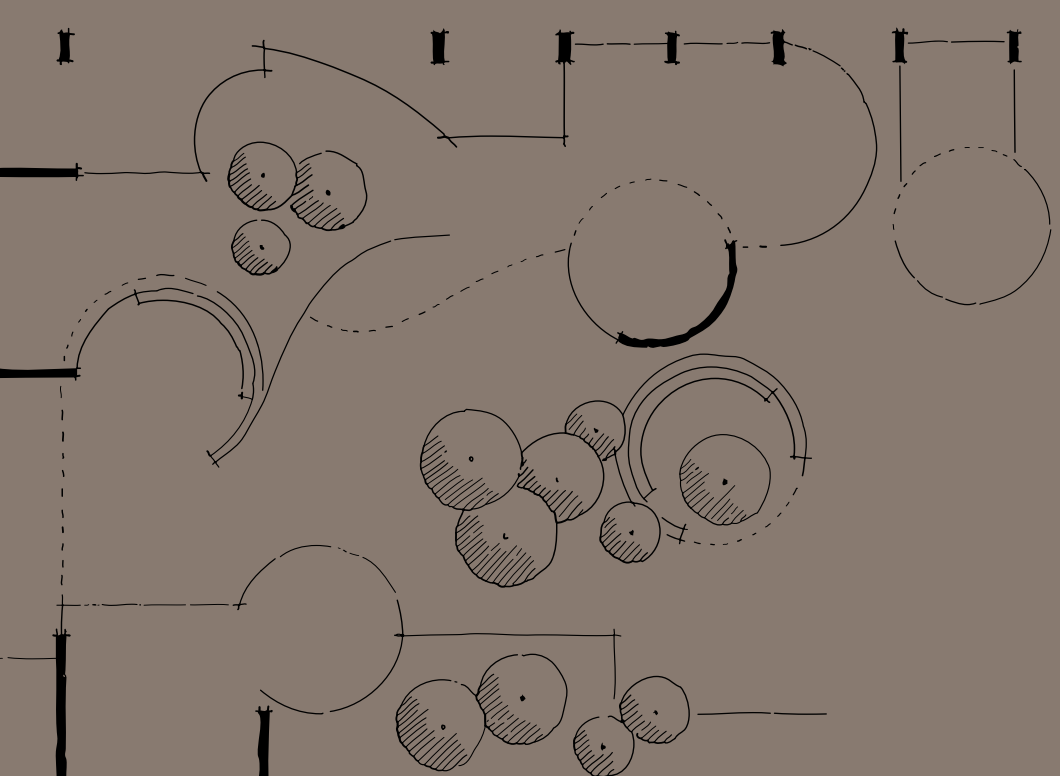
LITERATURE + LITERACY

EXPRESSION

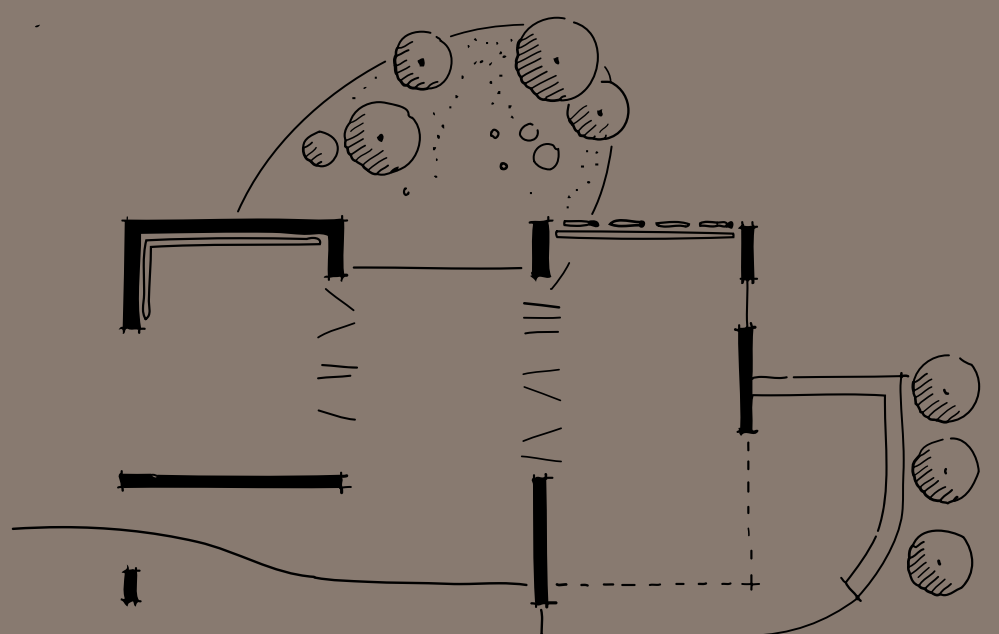


CROSS CULTURE

6.0 CONCEPTUAL DEVELOPMENT



GATHERING SPACE



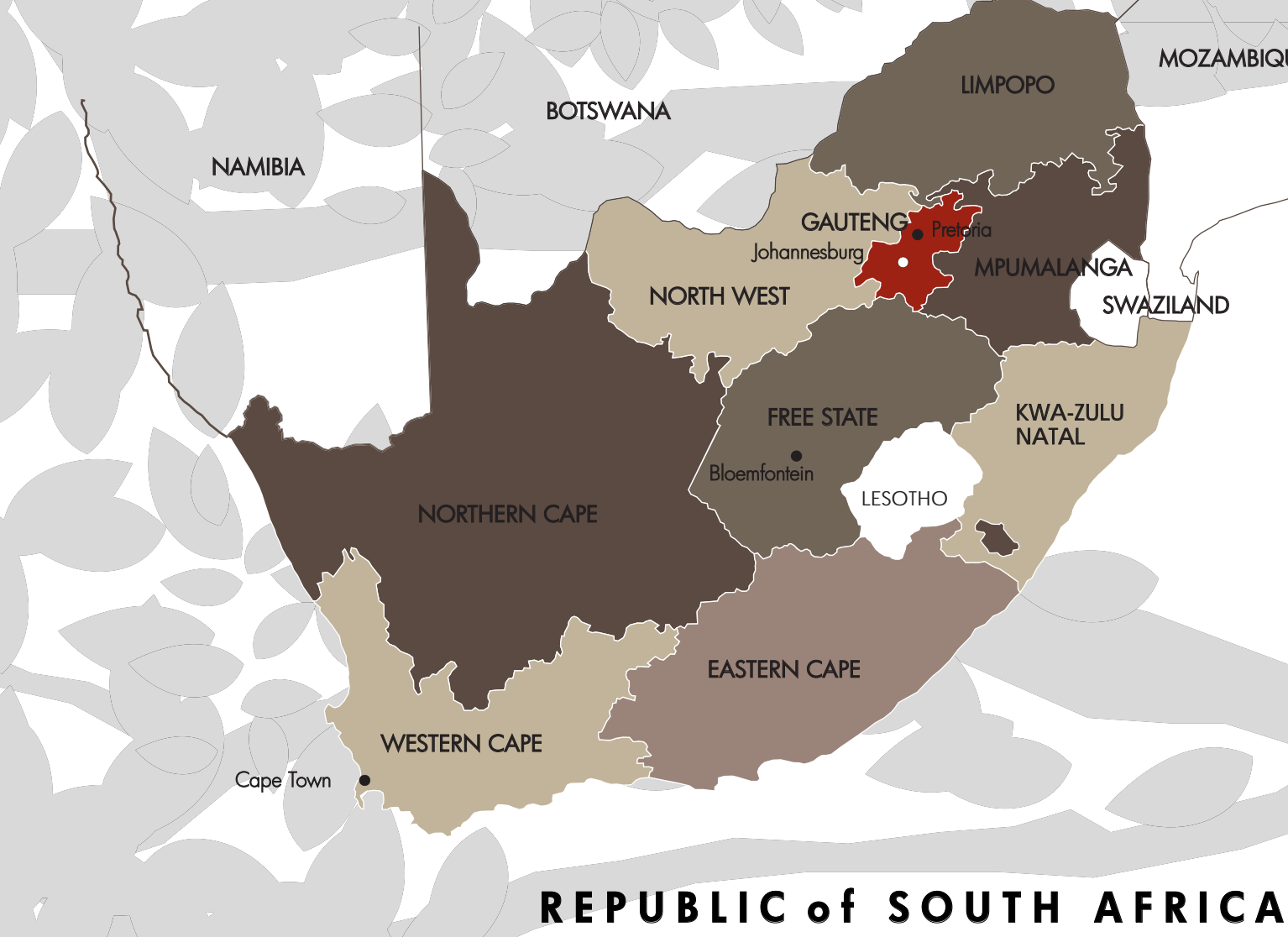
PERFORMANCE SPACE

2.0 HISTORICAL CONTEXT

The first democratic elections in South Africa took place in April 1994 and marked one of the '...most startling periods of political and social transformation in recent history' (Coombes:2003).

1600 1650 1700 1750 1800 1850 1900 1950 2000
 1652 DUTCH 1806 BRITISH APARTHEID 1994 FIRST GENERAL ELECTION

3.0 CULTURAL CONTEXT



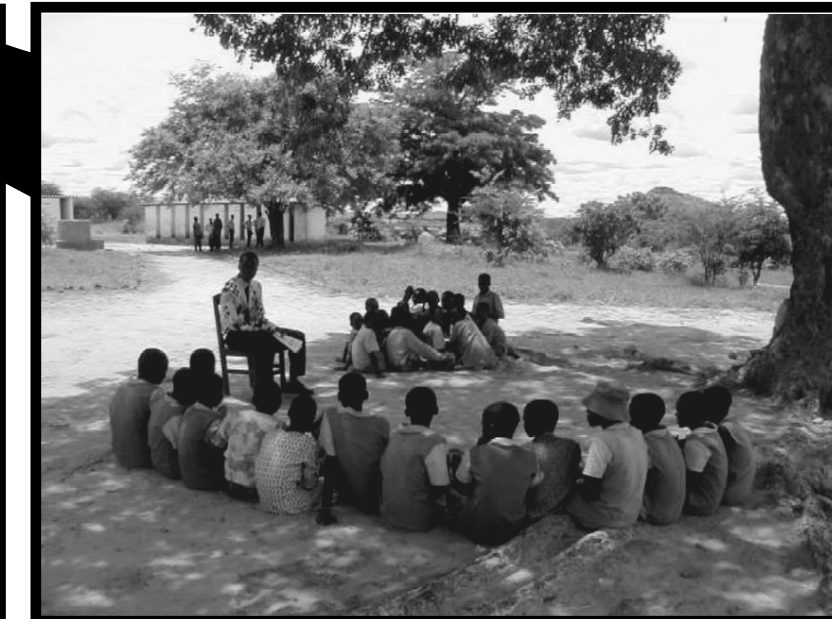
REPUBLIC of SOUTH AFRICA



- THE LEARNING Co.
- RECREATION
Parks + Sporting Facilities
- PARKTOWN
Affluent, Historically significant neighborhood
- BRAAMFONTEIN
Cultural + Civic Centre of Johannesburg
- HILLBROW
Low - Income, High-crime neighbourhood
Predominantly high - rise residential

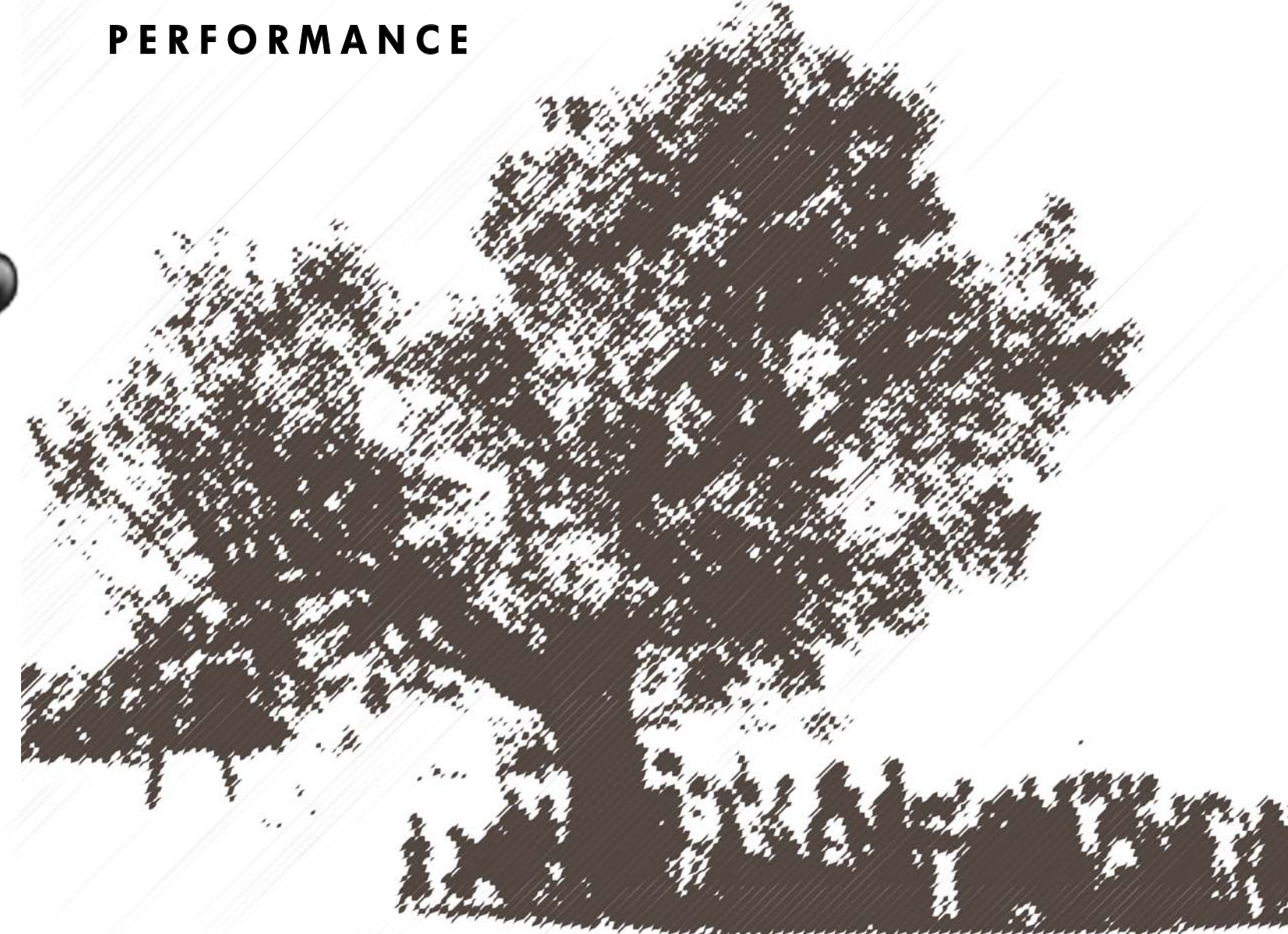


TRADITIONAL VILLAGE



LEARNING

PERFORMANCE



LEKGOTLA

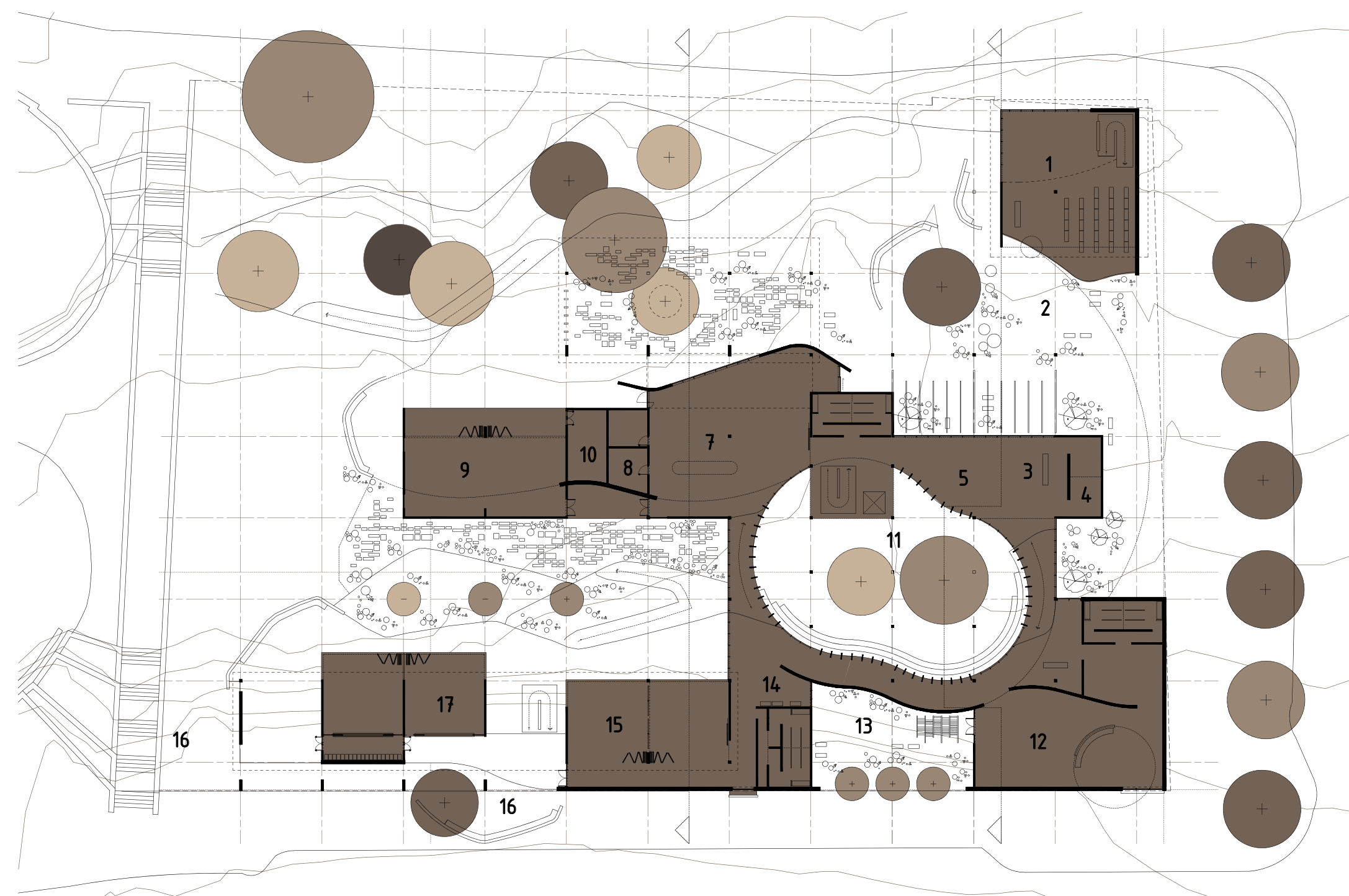


CULTURAL PRECINCT

1. The Learning Co.
2. Section 4 + 5 prisons
3. New Constitutional Court
4. Constitutional Square
5. Womanis Jall (museum)
6. Old Fort
7. Covered Parking
8. Old Queen Victoria Hospital

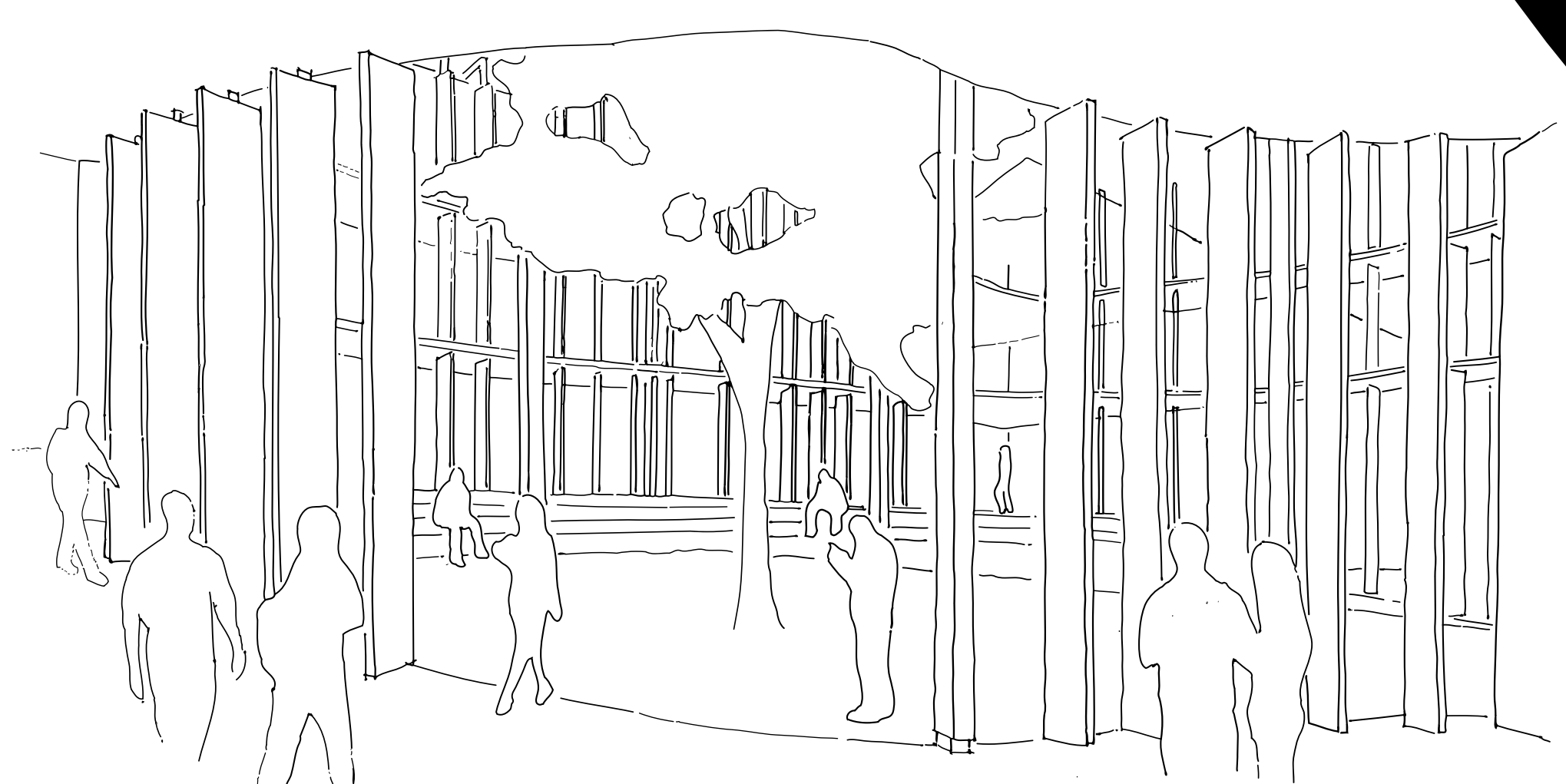
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5.0 CULTURAL PRECINCT

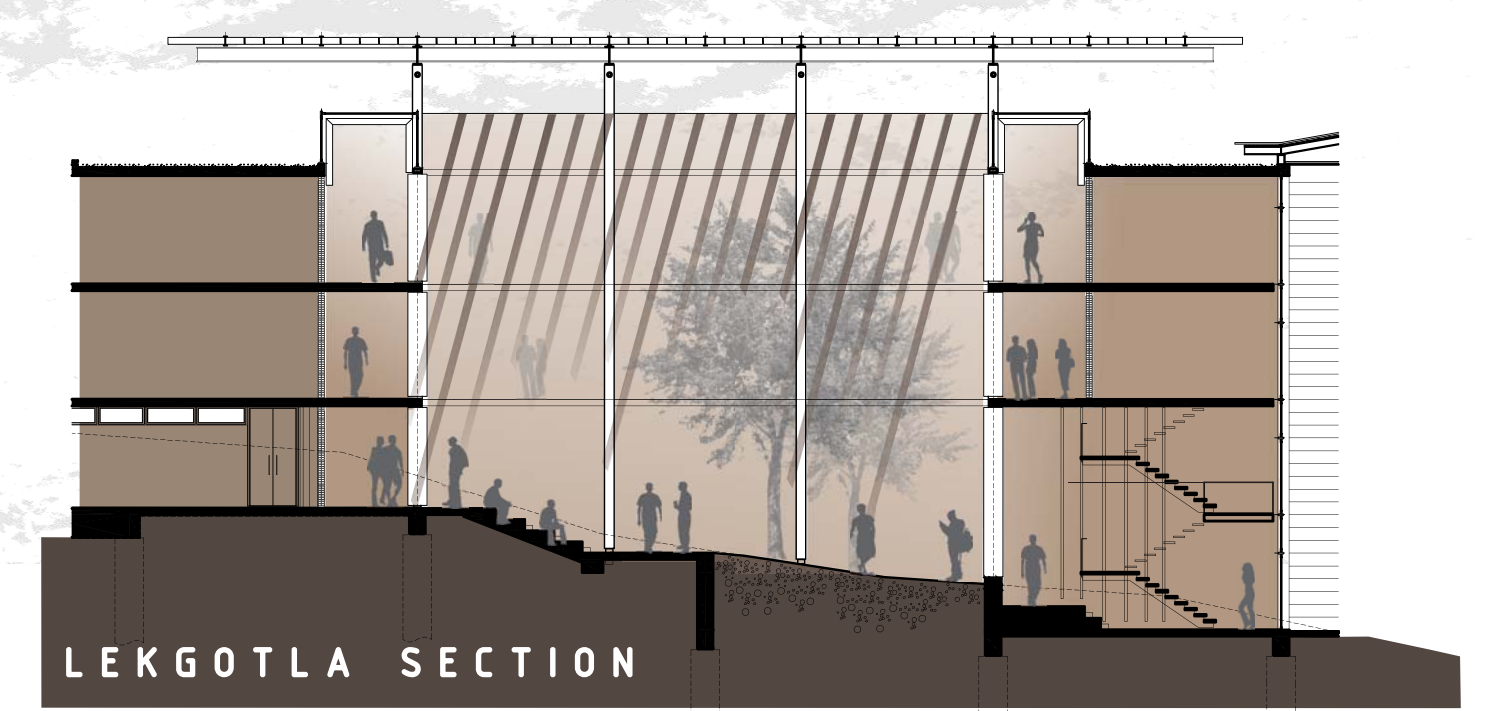


GROUND FLOOR PLAN

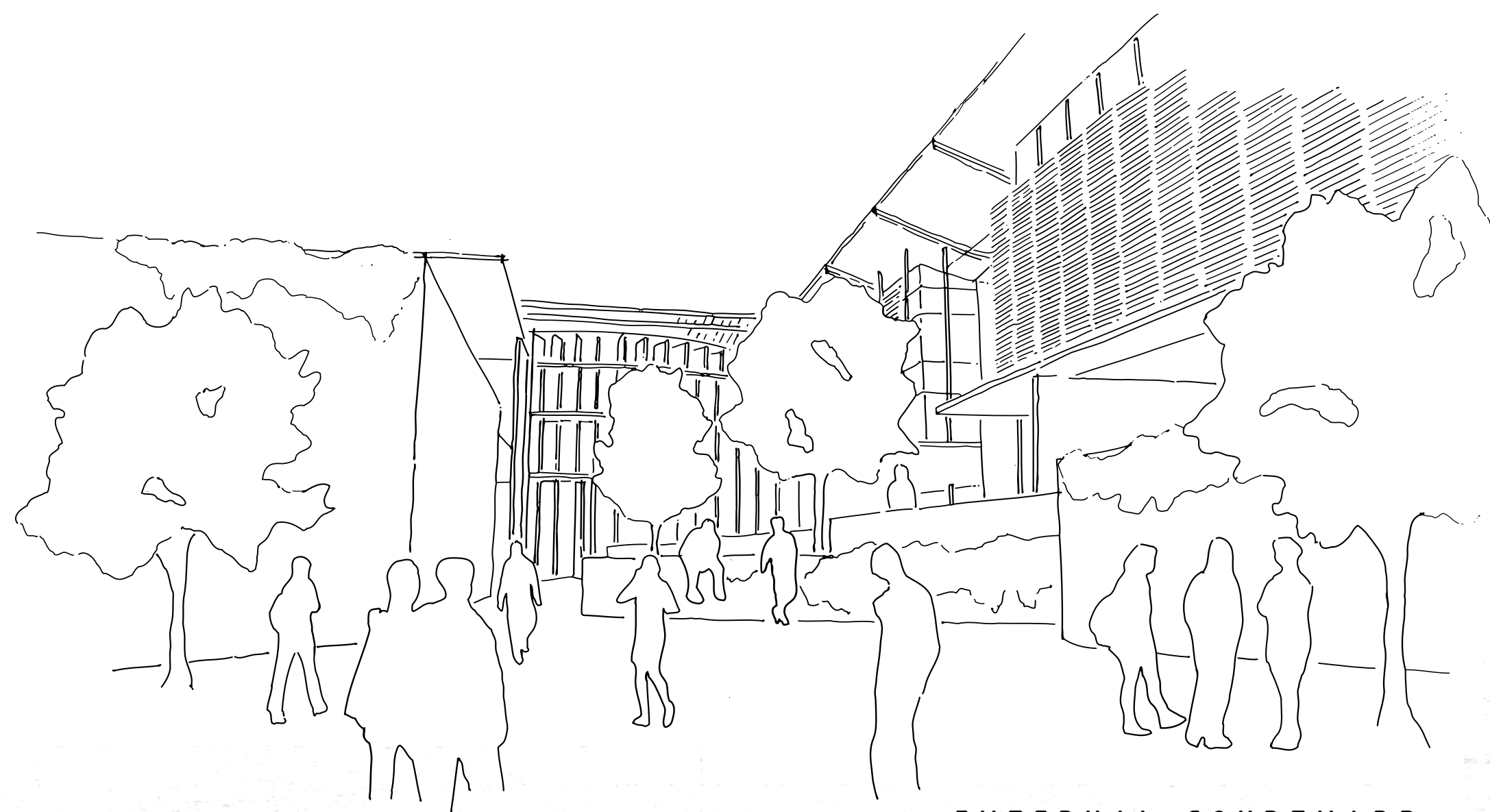
- 1 bookshop
- 2 public terrace
- 3 reception
- 4 admin + store
- 5 media space
- 6 restrooms
- 7 canteen
- 8 prep area + store
- 9 crafts + workshop
- 10 office + store
- 11 lekgotla
- 12 daycare
- 13 playground
- 14 pause area
- 15 performance space
- 16 outdoor classroom
- 17 typical classroom



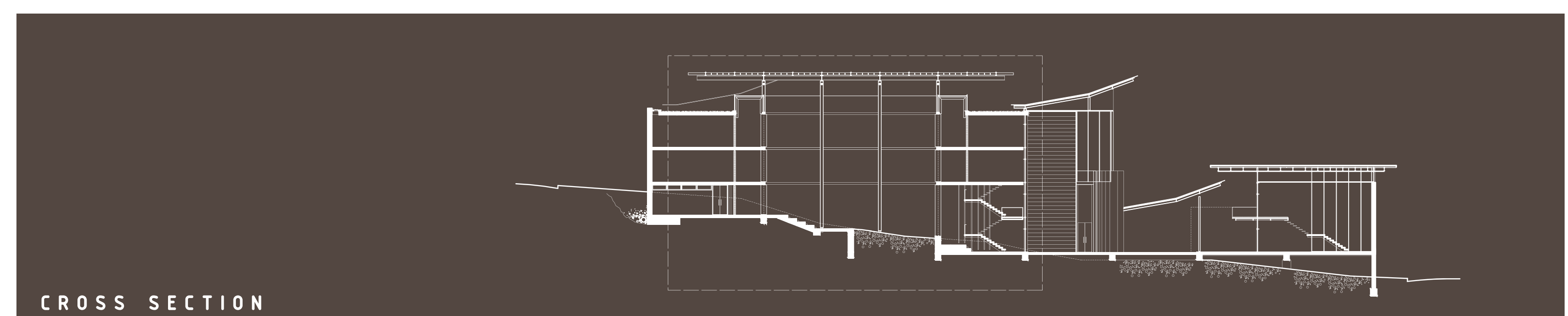
INTERNAL VIEW



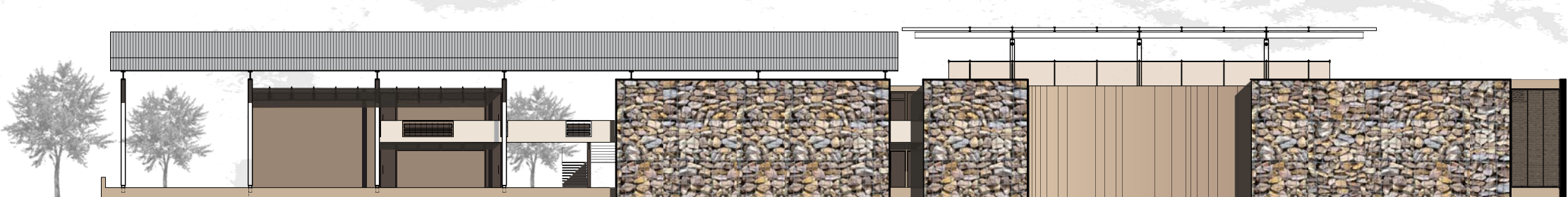
LEKGOTLA SECTION



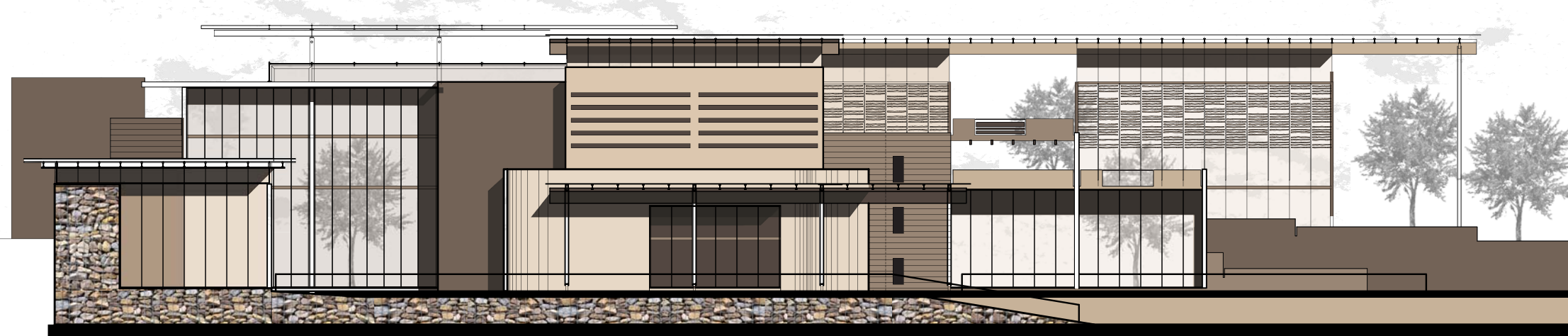
EXTERNAL COURTYARD



CROSS SECTION



SOUTH ELEVATION



NORTH ELEVATION

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