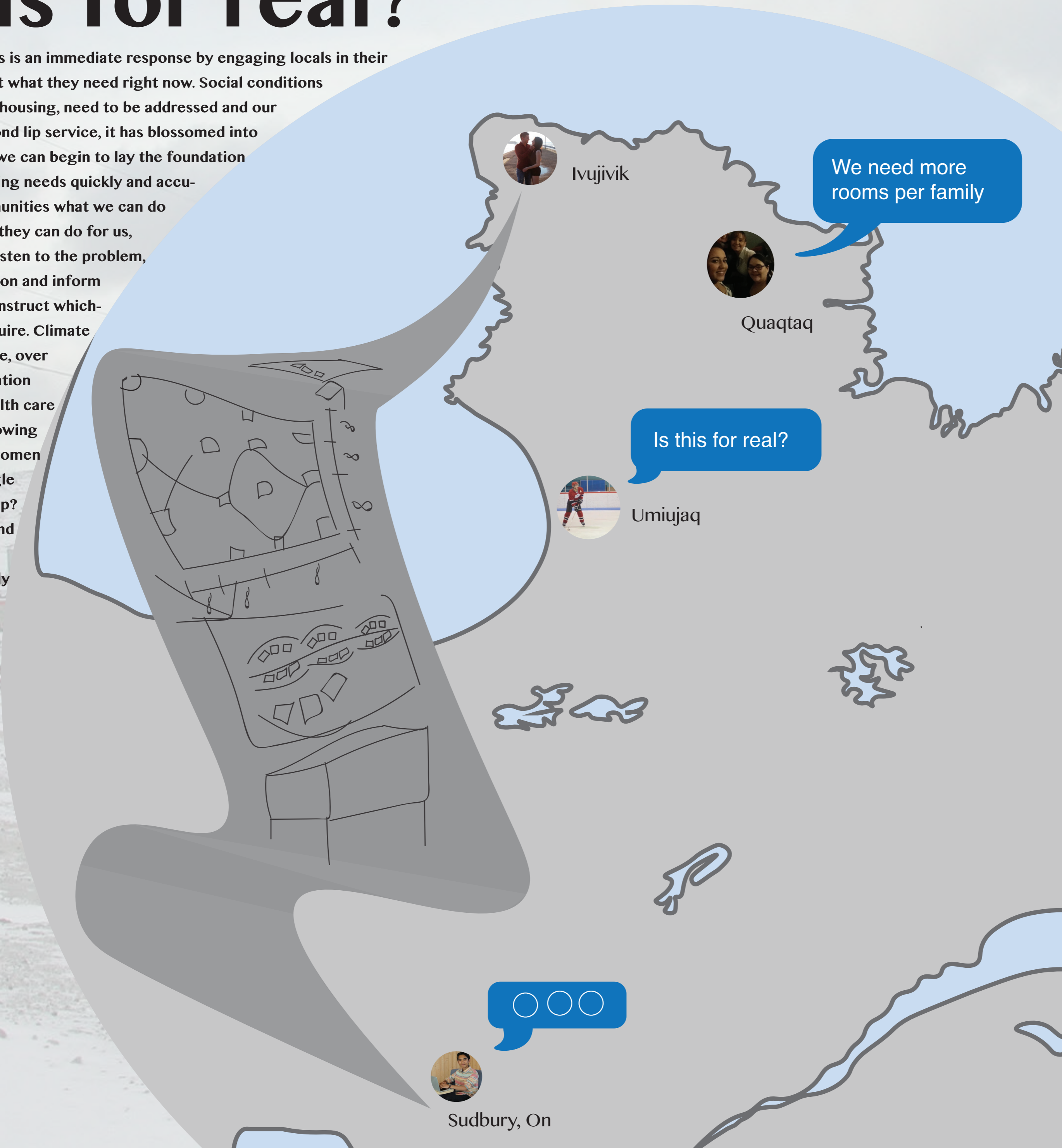
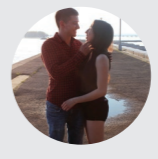


Is this for real?

This isn't a solution. This is an immediate response by engaging locals in their communities to find out what they need right now. Social conditions with specific regard to housing, need to be addressed and our proposal has gone beyond lip service, it has blossomed into a dialogue from which we can begin to lay the foundation for a future of addressing needs quickly and accurately. By asking communities what we can do for them, and not what they can do for us, Is This For Real would listen to the problem, work it's way to a solution and inform the locals on how to construct whichever structure they require. Climate change, substance abuse, over crowding, lack of education and poor access to health care are examples of the growing list of issues men and women living in Nunavik struggle with. How could we help? We wanted to understand what type of problems exist that we could apply our understanding and expertise as architects to. The best way we felt moving forward was reaching out to the public directly.



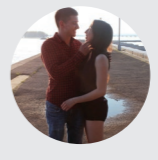
Hello, We are from Laurentian University, Sudbury, Ontario. We are currently doing a charette competition about creating an ideal housing system for the Nunavik people and We just want to ask questions about the needs of Nunavik people and their living conditions



Hi Vennice, I'd be happy to help.

I am with my group right now preparing questions.

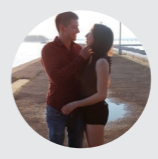
Our first question, What is the biggest part of the people's lifestyle in Ivujivik?



People have 9 to 5 jobs but in the summer, you'll see a lot of people just not showing up for work because the weather is too nice and its a good time to go hunting.

Okay interesting, is hunting an important social activity? Do people in the community typically share the animals that they kill?

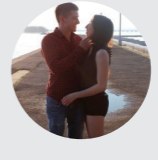
Is one animal commonly hunted than another?



People typically share the meat if its something that is considered delicacy, for instance: Beluga.... if someone kills oone, every house will get a pice, even if its small.

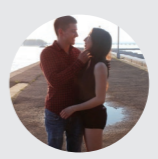
We also have a community freezer, where hunters can drop off any meat and anyone can just walk in to take some for free.

Are there any cultural/spirtual practices that are part of the hunting process?



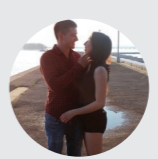
That I don't know how to answer. I just know that we have to respect the animal. Kill it in a humane way so the animal won't suffer long.

what are the some of the community spaces? the church? community hall? is there a need for more or better community spaces?



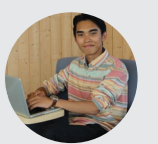
Community centre, the arena/gym, church, we have a youth centre and a sewing centre for women. Definitely room for improvements. Our gym is a closet. Community centre is getting pretty old.

What do you think some of the needs are in the community. This could be anything. Social, cultural...etc.



There's so many aspects up north that need to improve immensely. We have the highest suicide rate, dropout rate in school is really high, living situations are not ideal (overcrowded)..

This is great! We're reading your responses and discussing them so that's why it's so fragmented.



IS THIS FOR REAL?

