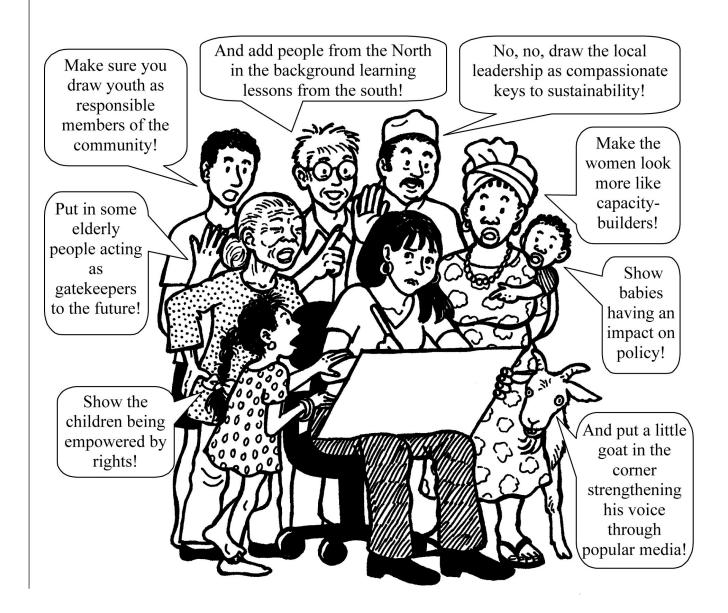
## Regina's Participatory Learning and Action illustration challenge



Congratulations to IIED on their 50th Issue of Participatory Learning and Action! It's been fun and extreeeeemely challenging to be the cover artist for these past few years. I've moved a lot, and my Participatory Learning and Action file only goes back to Issue 29 (June 1997), so I can't remember if I did any covers before that date. I do know that my relationship with IIED started in 1993 when I did lots of illustrations for the *Trainer's Guide for Participatory Inquiry* and for the final version, Participatory Learning & Action: A Trainer's Guide in 1995.

Every successive IIED Editor I've worked with (Jo Abbott, Laura Greenwood, Cristina Zorat, Angela Milligan, Nicole Kenton and Holly Ashley) has had a huge, wild and very fertile imagination, along with a very optimistic expectation that I could fulfil their artistic vision in one little 8.5 x 6.5 cm square!

I've been working in health education materials production (writing, editing and graphic design) since my Peace Corps and UN Volunteer days in Liberia in the early 1980s. I continued as Materials Production Programme Officer for UNICEF in Uganda from the mid-to-late '80s; took a 'break' to do my Masters at the University of London, Institute of Education in 1989/90 (studying Education in Developing Countries); and have since then been a roving consultant in both materials production and school-based health education in Uganda, Namibia, New York, Kenya, Botswana, Zimbabwe and now long-distance out of my little home town in Pacific Grove, California.

I have worked on writing AIDS prevention booklets, set up IEC units in several ministries of health, drawn illustrations for safe motherhood posters, edited a newsletter for a new computer system and run workshops from water and sanitation to assessment, analysis and action. But without a doubt, I have never been as challenged as I always am when it comes to doing that itsy-bitsy cover drawing.

It's been fun, guys! I'm looking forward to the next 50 issues!

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