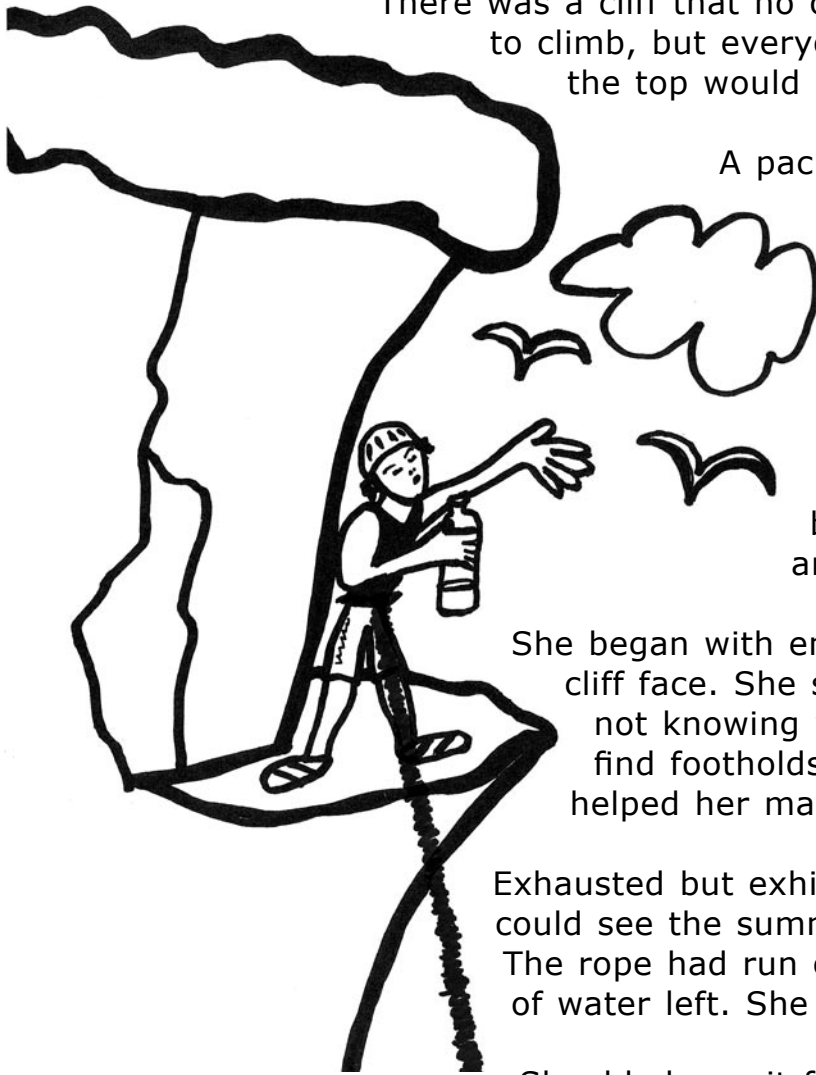


The Climber

There was a cliff that no one had ever had time or resources to climb, but everyone suspected that the view from the top would be magnificent.



A package arrived with rope, carabiners and a harness. The best climber was identified to start the climb. She was experienced enough to plan the ascent and was offered limited resources to assist her climb to the summit.

The climber was patted on the back, given some rope, the harness and a bottle of water.

She began with enthusiasm, climbing strongly up the cliff face. She squeezed her hands into crevices not knowing what was inside. She scabbled to find footholds in the most unlikely places that helped her make progress.

Exhausted but exhilarated she reached a ledge. She could see the summit above her and the people below. The rope had run out and there were only a few sips of water left. She could go no further.

Should she wait for future supplies to be sent up now that she had laid the trail?

Will she be left on the ledge to perish or will reinforcements arrive?

What if another climber is asked to start again and the first climber's route is lost?

KEY MESSAGES

- Change Up has enabled a number of first time projects to happen, often reaching into areas that have been difficult to get to before.
- There is a real concern that due to the nature of short term funding the contracts for the people and organisations engaged in researching and developing these projects will not be continued.
- Some posts and project roles have been created that are seen as essential and some people work on the basis that funds will turn up if you make what you are doing indispensable.