

Highlights



Symposium

Season 16: Smart Urban Living with Dementia

Under double ageing (ageing of population and building simultaneously), people with dementia (PwD) faces more challenges in their daily lives. PwD are gradually troubled by the problems of sensory challenge which affect how they see, hear and feel, causing risk of danger in various circumstances.

With the aspiration to shape dementia care culture in the community last season, in this season we will explore to identify pain points and seek potential spatial design solutions to facilitate the smart urban living for PwD in such double ageing vertical city. We hope to break through the challenges and innovate spatial ideas with the concept of design thinking, establishing a dementia-friendly neighborhood in long term. Please stay tuned for the details of symposium!

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Season 15: Shaping Dementia Care Culture



'Operation Solnno' Programme

SOINNO Hub Launched

The SOINNO Hub, a knowledge platform for social innovations, was launched on 21 April 2023, the World Creativity and Innovation Day as designated by the United Nations.

The SOINNO Hub is an online information repository aimed at providing communities with examples and tools for social innovation and integrating design thinking into practical community applications. We aim to share innovative and effective solutions, allowing interested parties to adopt and adjust their content as needed, expanding individual ideas, acting out creative ideas in community projects, and driving social change step by step.

Visit SOINNO Hub



Co-creation Workshop

JC IGPS@JMC - Community Co-creation Workshop

The "One From Hundred Thousand" Social Innovation Symposium - Season 15: Shaping Dementia Care Culture of the PolyU Jockey Club "Operation Solnno" was successfully held on 18 March 2023. Over 130 participants have attended the event. We were honored to invite 4 experts to deliver keynote speeches sharing professional knowledges on dementia and introducing relevant innovative projects in Hong Kong.

- **Interacting with People with Cognitive Impairment through Music and Play** by Dr. Daphne Cheung, Associate Professor of the School of Nursing, PolyU
- **Promote Dementia® - A Proper Caring Attitude for Dementia Care Education from the Voice of People with Dementia** by Dr. Kenny Chui, Deputy General Manager of the Jockey Club Centre for Positive Ageing, Hong Kong
- **What If We Are All Demented... A Design Journey Inspired by Dementia** by Dr. Yanki Lee, CEO & Co-founder, Enable Foundation
- **Dementia Utopia - Building a Dementia-friendly Community through Design Thinking and Technology** by Mr. Schwinger Wong, Assistant Chief Executive Evangelical Lutheran Church Social Service - HK

Sincere gratitude to the keynote speakers, 8 NGOs and academic departments participating in our Symposium.

[Revisit Symposium](#)



Community Project

'Furniture For Our Future' Project Updates

With keen support from 8 NGO partners, the third batch of furniture distribution campaign have come to a successful conclusion – 380 sets of child-friendly ergonomic furniture had been delivered free of charge to pre-identified subdivided units families in Sham Shui Po, Kwai Tsing, Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong Island East, South, Central and Western Districts, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to over 480.

Our project funder "Hongkong Land HOMEFUND" has also actively recruited volunteers among their colleagues, in order to provide furniture installation and further needs assessment services for families with special needs across town.

The final batch, with around 600 sets of furniture will be distributed to families in need before this summer. Stay tuned to our website and social media channels for more updates!

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Together with MLKK Studio and GoodLab, JCDISI ran three Community Co-creation Workshops in Jat Min Chuen (JMC) in March with 110 residents and locals stakeholders to reimagine JMC as an intergenerational play space. Our team is delighted that they enjoyed the activities.

Some quotes from the workshops as our food for thought:

I have been living in JMC for more than 40 years, and I still love this place.

Having been to different estates, JMC is very "down-to-earth".

I swim in Summer and jog in Winter.

The facilities are mostly age-segregated and users can hardly interact.

I wish those inactive "elder ladies (婆仔)" can come to join us outdoor.

It is very rare and blessed to have the whole family spending time together, as my grand-daughter's parents are very busy.

My parents are usually scrolling the phones. We play on our own.

For the next step, with the consolidated insights and ideas from our participants, we will further derive a set of design principles and develop a design scheme that would encourage and incentivize more intergenerational interactions around the estates for JMC.

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Training

Course Accreditation by Hong Kong Academy of Social Work

We are pleased to announce that The "Power Up" Capacity Building Workshops offered by JCDISI has been listed as Accredited Course at the Hong Kong Academy of Social Work until May 2025. Social workers who attended the course could be accredited with 24 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points.

The Workshops, funded by Keswick Foundation, are to provide training to NGO teams who are interested in developing innovative services.

[About the Training](#)

What's New



Action Project

"From Eye Health to Dementia" – Eye Health Talks and Co-creation Workshop

JCDISI will cooperate with the School of Optometry, PolyU to implement an Action Project on "From Eye Health to Dementia". A series of eye health talks and co-creation workshops related to cognitive impairment will be organized for participating elderly centres from May to June 2023 to raise public awareness of dementia-related eye illness. Through the workshops, we aim to work with different stakeholders including people with dementia, caregivers and social workers to design and improve the process of eye assessment for the elderly. Stay tuned for the future updates of the Action Project!

Snapshots



Good Seed

Good Seed X Innovator Farm Networking DinnerSharing of Solnno Design Education at the AERA 2023 Annual Meeting

Good Seed organized a networking session with Innovator Farm, another intermediary of The Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund (SIE Fund) for the first time on 3 April 2023. A total of 47 teams from both programmes joined the dinner. Graduated teams shared their experience, network, knowledge, and failure to support the new teams, hoping to gather the potentiality and passions from these passionate people to co-create more social impacts in Hong Kong.

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Empowerment

Service Innovation for Greater Social Impact

Forward-thinking organizations are jumping at the opportunity to develop new or improved services to meet the changing needs of society. Ms. Debby Cheng, Project Manager of JCDISI was invited by The Hong Kong Academy of Social Work and The Keswick Foundation Limited to deliver a thematic session on Design Thinking for Social Innovation in Non-Profits on 27 April 2023.



Global Exchange

Sharing of Solnno Design Education at the AERA 2023 Annual Meeting

The American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2023 Annual Meeting, the largest global education academic conference, was held in Chicago in mid-April 2023. Mr. Albert Tsang, Assistant Project Manager of JCDISI presented a research paper co-written with Dr. Serene Chan from the Faculty of Education at the University of Hong Kong (HKU), along with Dr. Jessie Chow from HKU and Dr. Brian Lee from the School of Design at PolyU.

The paper introduces the impact of Solnno Design Education (The Project) on student's creativity which is using the tool developed from a JCDISI's project as evidence-based feedback for project design and refinement. The same set of tool is also used to measure the impact of the project on students' skills in the 21st Century.

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