

Genesis of Future-Ready Society Impact Fund and Knowledge Partnership

TOTE BOARD

On Impact Giving

- For a caring and resilient Singapore
- Capability and capacity-building as key
- Tote Board partners the community to build capabilities and capacity in novel ways

On The Futures Space

- We each have a role to play, to build community in Singapore
- “Future-Ready Society” as priority: sustainable & liveable home
- Need to keep eye on future, even as we support current challenges
- Future-proofing communities: building capabilities and capacity

On Our Social Compact

- Key to building future-ready society: preparing social ecosystem for future disruptions
- 3P needs to come together to create:
 - Strong social compact, caring community
 - Resilience to withstand challenges
- Collaboration between 3P is key

On the Future-Ready Society Impact Fund

- Facilitate intentional 3P partnerships
- Collaboration and sharing of knowledge for community resilience
- Knowledge partnership: as foundation
- Impact Fund: action-oriented pilots

Next Steps

- What Got You Here Won't Get You There [Marshall Goldsmith, 2012]
- Tote Board as convener, partnering IPS and LKYCIC
- We need your participation and involvement to build a caring and resilient Singapore

Thank You

Objectives of Futures Research and Focal Areas

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Why future-readiness?

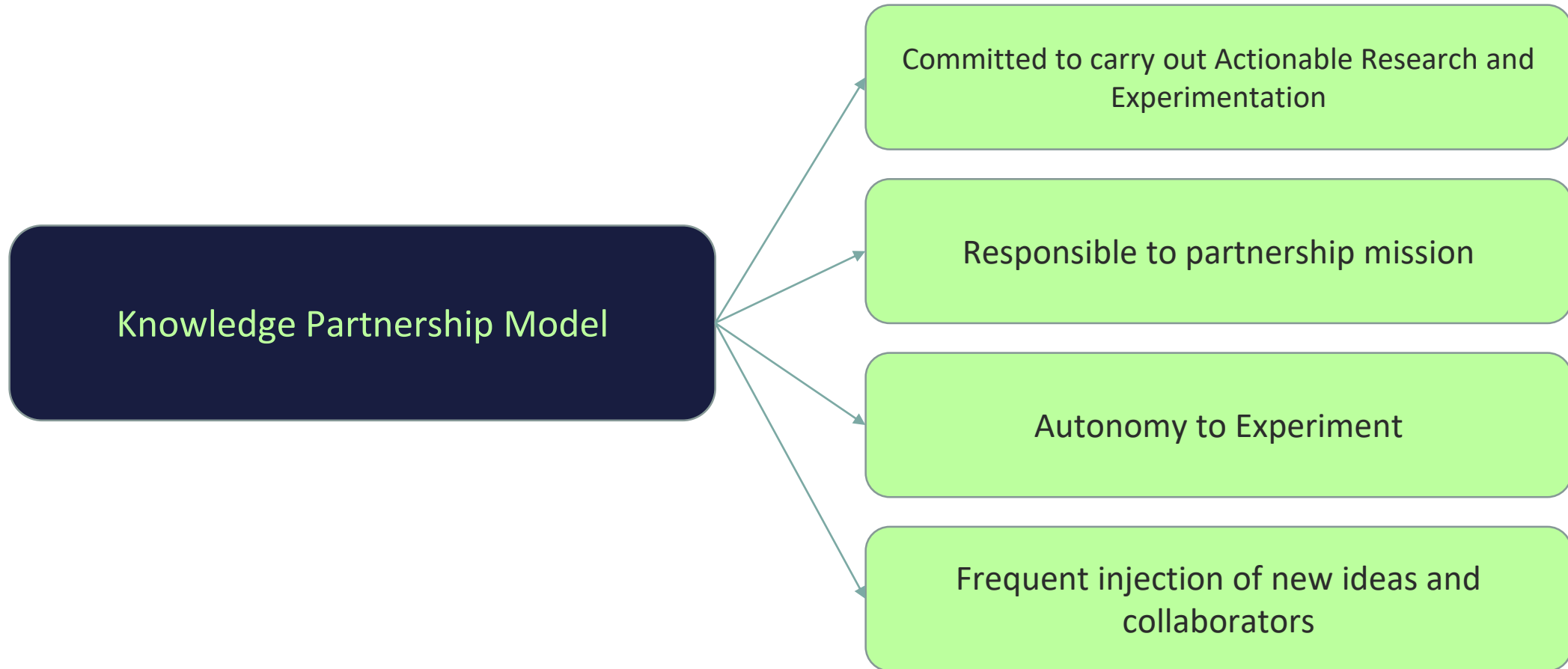
- “Whatever will be, will be?” Is the future’s really not ours to see?
- “Singapore has never enjoyed the luxury of not planning for the future” (Peter Ong, Head of Civil Service 2010 – 2017)
- Planning for a future of known knowns: ageing population, food insecurity and climate change
- Planning for future is not only a reaction to such “knowns”, also an opportunity for society to work towards a desired future



Challenges to becoming Future-Ready

- Preparing to face the “knowns” already challenging, what of a future hit with “unknowns”?
- Whatever will be will be? Imagining a desired, common future an essential but complicated process
- Future ready efforts also face tangible barriers: fiscal (putting money into a yet-to-happen scenario) + inertia towards new solutions + citizen buy-in
- We need: Forward thinking + Innovative Research + Evidence-Based Solutioning + Rigorous Test-Bedding of Solution

Pathway to becoming Future-Ready



	Knowledge Partnership	Conventional Research Funding
Goal	Wider array of research questions and develop integrated solutions, towards increased capability and capacity	Research a specific question or issue (for its solution)
Mode of partnership	Co-developers of programs, leveraging unique expertise with flexibility to involve other relevant collaborators	Funding agency and Researcher relationship
Duration	Longer-term and strategic	Pre-defined/Short-term based on funding
Solutioning	Allows for test-bedding of recommendations and solutions from research, over a longer runway to maximize success	Less scope for test-bedding of solutioning, with shorter runway

First Theme - FUTURE OF RESILIENT FAMILIES & EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES: RESEARCH

Likely Known

----- Family structure will evolve, with more diversity and more potential stressors on government social spending

How Might We

----- Explore alternative ways of organizing community support and deliver social care while preserving families as the bedrock of social stability and cohesiveness



Knowledge Partnership Research

Whither Belonging and Community in the face of Mass Urban Redevelopment?

Urban change in the next two decades in Singapore will be socio-spatial, multi-sourced.

The study aims to understand how urban residents experience their changing everyday environments and how the flux affects their ability to form place belonging and sense of community with neighbours. Findings will help inform how change can be planned and designed to enable place belongingness and community bonding in neighbourhoods of Singapore.

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Projects in the Pipeline & Action Fellowships

POLICY LAB, INSTITUTE OF POLICY STUDIES

About Policy Lab

Incubator – we review the existing evidence or curate new ideas; co-design solutions with relevant communities; and test their effectiveness through policy experiments or determine their viability through pilots.

Adopt diverse approaches – from scientific to creative approaches to solutioning; from small group as unit of transformation to those that rely on mass citizen participation.

Solutions-focused research – we like solutions with a seed of systemic change embedded.

Projects in the Pipeline

1. Inclusive Business Incubator
2. Giving Circles | 'Abundant Community Initiative'
3. Participatory Budgeting & Citizen Design
4. 'Citizens ReAssembled'

Inclusive Business Incubator

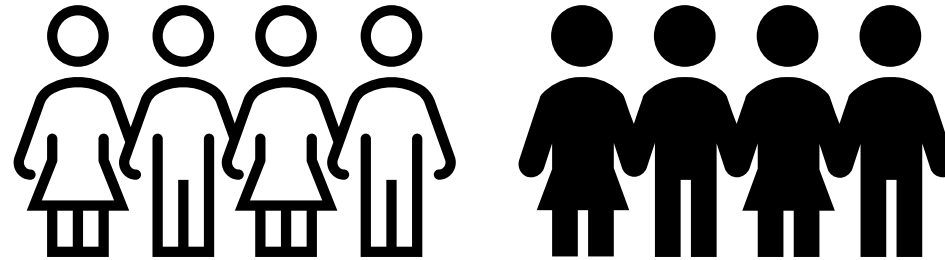
- Incubator or Venture Builder that takes in economically disadvantaged groups (e.g., people with disabilities, ex-offenders and single mothers) to offer entrepreneurship training, co-founder matching and start-up support.
- Requires Business Modelling, but also Social Design.

Giving Circles

- Mobilize 5-7 families to give money directly and top up the income of a family with lesser means to a minimum level required to provide financial stability.

Participatory Budgeting & Citizen Design

- Residents in a local community developing ideas, deliberating and then deciding on the use of the discretionary budget (possibly of a Town Council).



Citizens ReAssembled

- Pre-polling that helps to identify diverse opinion groups of a policy issue; deliberately forming citizen's panels that include *people who disagree with one another*; and tasking them with arriving at a synthesized position. A final round of public polling on these new positions will be conducted to see if they are able to generate greater consensus.



Action Fellowship

- Action Fellowships will be awarded to successful applicants to lead, co-design and potentially implement 2 projects: 1) **Inclusive Business Incubator** and 2) **Giving Circles**.
- In addition, applicants can propose their own project for consideration in an **Open Category**.
- Action Fellows will receive a stipend for a year and will be appointed as Adjunct Fellows in either IPS or LKYCIC.

Events

1. **OPENING SEMINAR:** The Future is Local? (4 June, 4-6pm)
2. **PANEL 1:** Place-based Approaches
3. **PANEL 2:** Potential of Web3 for Community Development
4. **STUDY TRIP**
5. **LEARNING JOURNEY:** Games to Build Stronger Communities
6. **CONFERENCE (Oct):** Peers, Places and Platforms - The Future of Resilient Families and Empowered Communities

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