

DESIGN RESEARCH FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Elias Teo
Community Lead, School of X
DesignSingapore Council

HOW DO WE USUALLY TRY TO SOLVE CHALLENGES?

By Nicole Chang

22 Jun 2019 06:35AM
(Updated: 06 Jan 2021 07:18PM)

[WhatsApp](#) [Telegram](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Email](#)

Bookmark

[Bookmark](#)

No ifs or butts: Cigarette rubbish is littering Singapore's coastline



HOW DO WE USUALLY TRY TO SOLVE CHALLENGES?

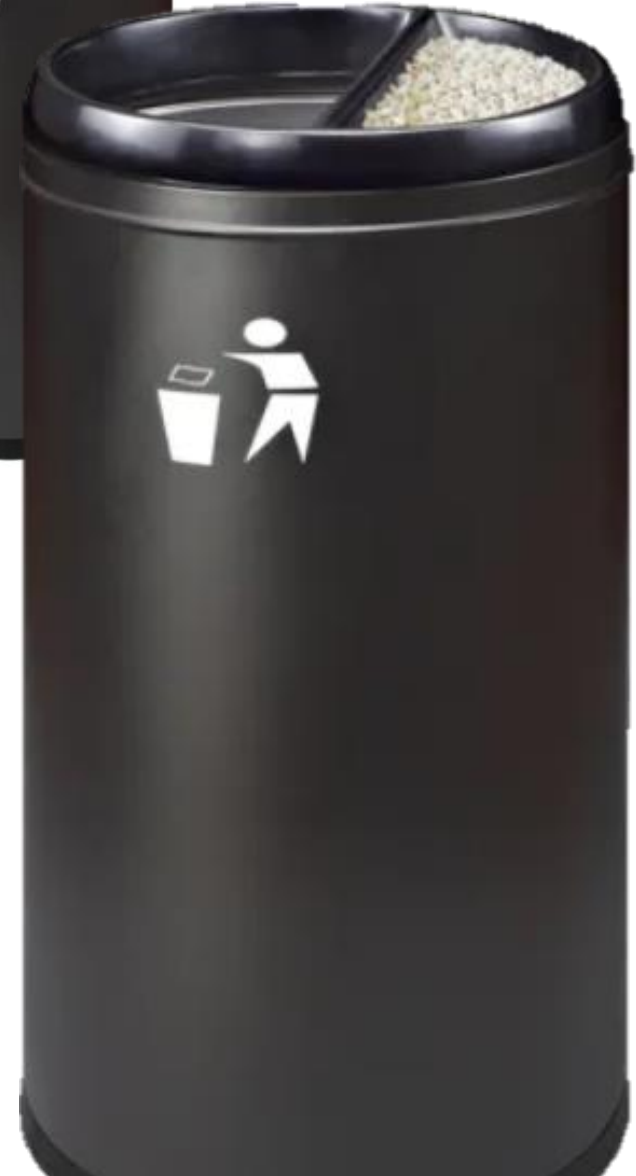
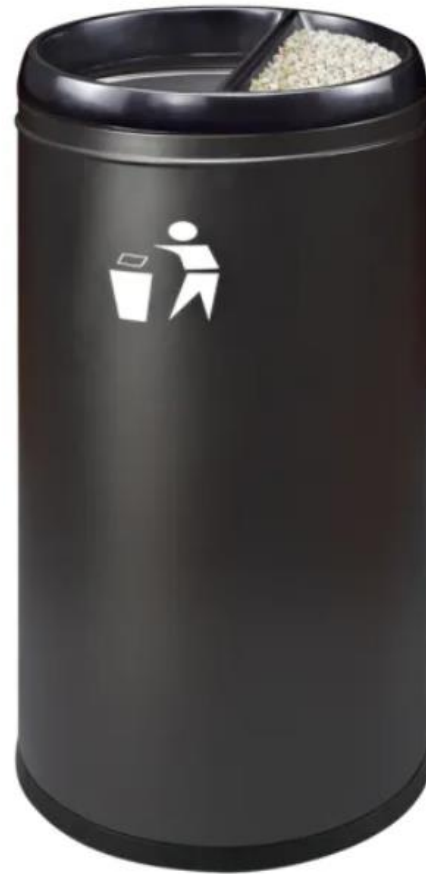
Top Ten Items Over 25 Years

RANK	DEBRIS ITEM	NUMBER OF DEBRIS ITEMS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEBRIS ITEMS
1	CIGARETTES/CIGARETTE FILTERS	52,907,756	32%
2	FOOD WRAPPERS/CONTAINERS	14,766,533	9%
3	CAPS, LIDS	13,585,425	8%
4	CUPS, PLATES, FORKS, KNIVES, SPOONS	10,112,038	6%
5	BEVERAGE BOTTLES (PLASTIC)	9,549,156	6%
6	BAGS (PLASTIC)	7,825,319	5%
7	BEVERAGE BOTTLES (GLASS)	7,062,199	4%

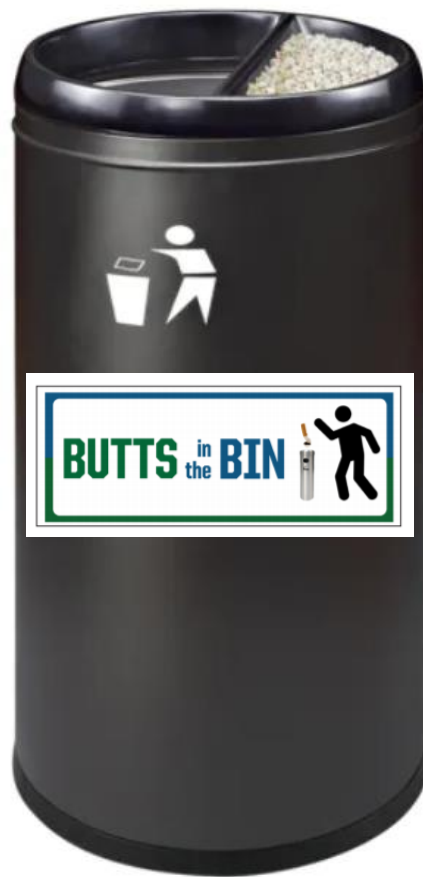
THE USUAL APPROACH



DO MORE OF THE SAME



EDUCATE PEOPLE



THREATEN PEOPLE

**BY LAW
NO SMOKING**



FINE: \$1,000

**BY LAW
NO LITTERING**



FINE: \$2,000

FORCE PEOPLE



AN ALTERNATIVE APPROACH



I'd rather be stranded on...

Love Island

a desert island



Ballot Bin™

Best Superpower?

Flying

Invisibility



Ballot Bin®

Best Superpower?

Flying Invisibility

Ballot Bin®

A yellow ballot bin is mounted on a grey pole. The bin has a top section with the text "Best Superpower?" and two options: "Flying" and "Invisibility". Below the options is a black horizontal band with a white hand icon and the text "Ballot Bin®". The bin has two vertical slots, each containing a pile of discarded cigarette butts. The bin is positioned on a bridge railing overlooking a river with a stone bridge and buildings in the background.

Best Player in the World?

Ronaldo

Messi



Ballot Bin™

Best Player in the World?

Ronaldo

Messi



Ballot Bin™



"THE BALLOT BINS HAVE REDUCED CIGARETTE LITTER BY 80%."

BARRY HART, CLEANSING TEAM,
SUTTON COUNCIL



**WE ARE NOT OUR USERS OR
BENEFICIARIES**

AN EMPATHY-BASED APPROACH TOWARDS USER RESEARCH

UNDERSTAND DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES





REDUCE INHERENT BIAS





KIN-HOMÉ
金曜日くらい褒められたい

ポイント2倍!!
ミロード 2 5F

MYLORD

魚民





FRAME A CHALLENGE FOR ITS MOST DESIRABLE IMPACT



Challenge

What is the problem that you think needs to be addressed?

Remember that after researching the issue you may need to refocus your challenge

Stakeholders

Who are the key people you need to design a solution for?

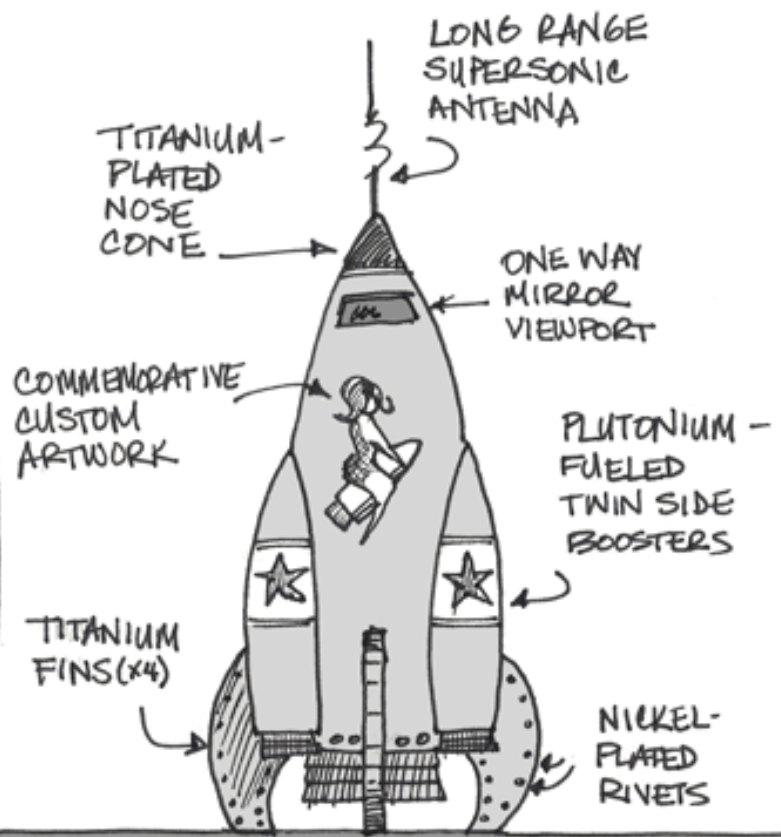
We should ideally design win-win solutions for all of the people we need to impact: service provider & beneficiary

Impact

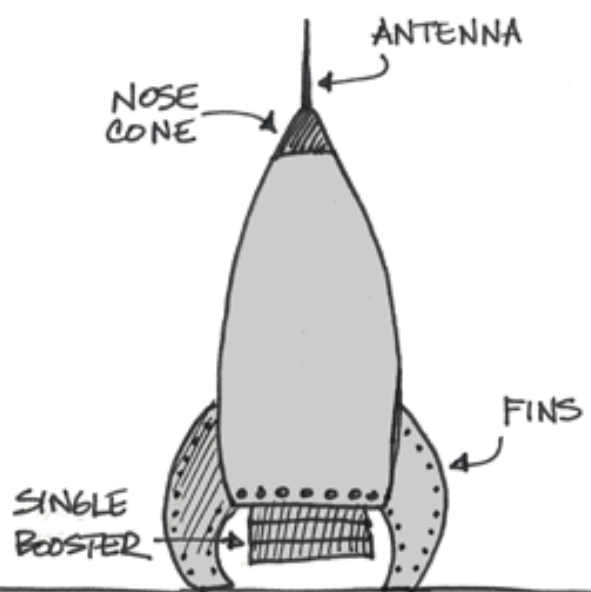
What are your desired outcomes?
What would success look like?

Understanding what we are trying to achieve will enable us to generate more ideas for solutions

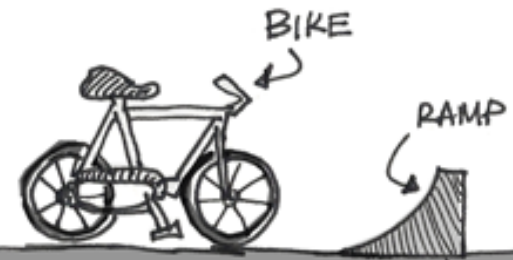
WHAT WE DREAM UP AT KICKOFF



WHAT WE SETTLE FOR AT LAUNCH



WHAT THE USER NEEDS



CLASSICAL RESEARCH APPROACHES

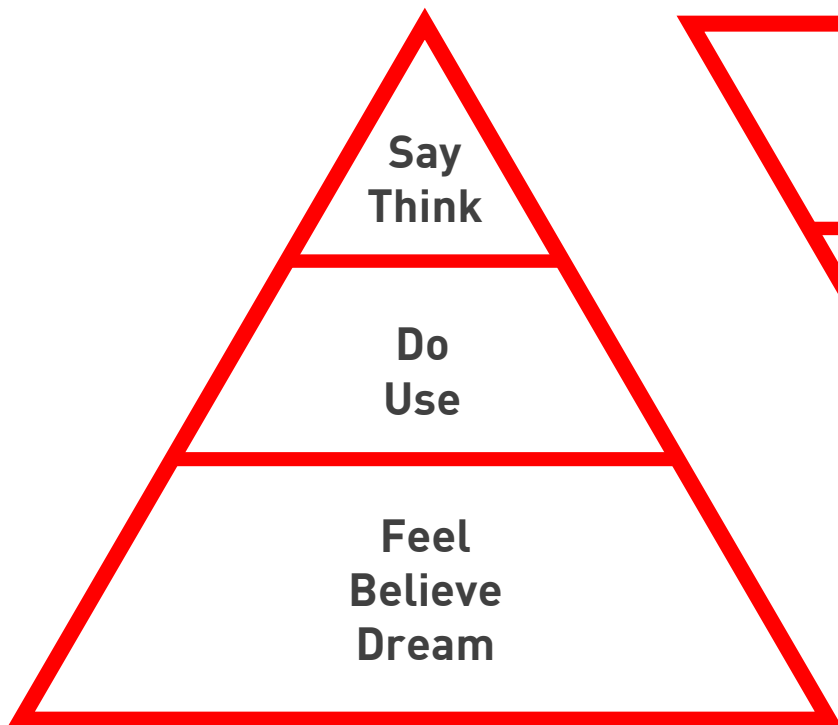




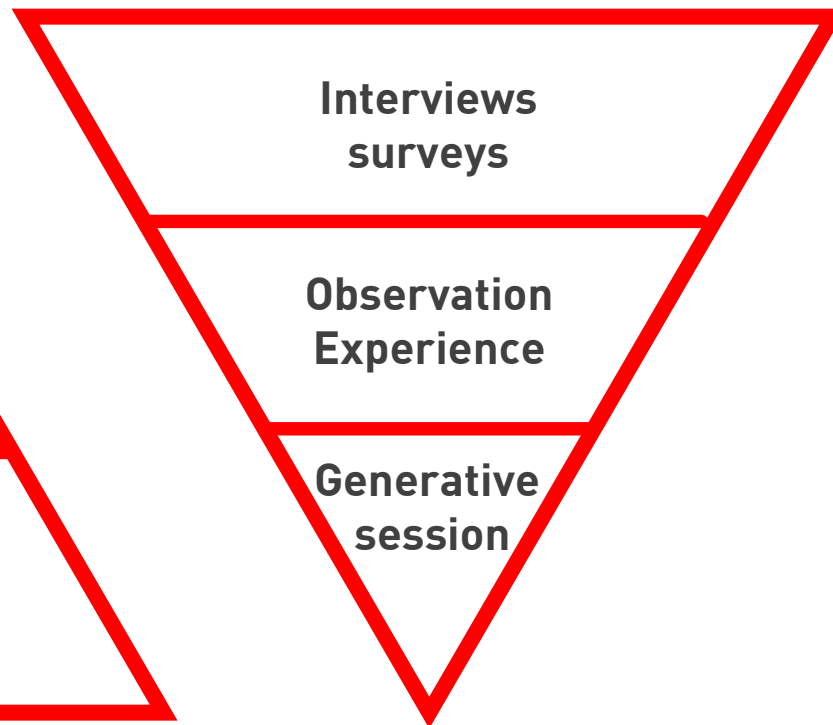
TIERS OF RESEARCH INSIGHTS



What people...



Can be captured via...



To provide...

Broad Insights



Deep Insights

HOW DOES DESIGN RESEARCH WORK IN PRACTICE?





BE
open &
CURIOUS



ASK
QUESTIONS

No

WEATHER-



TOOLKIT

EXPERIENTIAL
CONVERSATIONAL
TECHNOLOGICAL

RESEARCH

PEOPLE
interaction
TOUCHPOINT
PROCESS

PEOPLE
OBJECT
environment
MESSAGES
SERVICES

MARKET

FOOTFALL &
REVENUE

EMPATHY-BASED
user RESEARCH



IMMERSE & SYNTHESIS!

SCHOOL OF

By DesignSingapore Council





COMPETITION

Truth or LIE

UNDERSTAND
stories

ASK, OBSERVE & LISTEN fully
to DEEPLY UNDERSTAND
PEOPLE'S VIEWS

GO BEYOND the
SURFACE

DRIVE

LIKES

PAIN POINTS

MOTIVATIONS

**DESIGN RESEARCH ALLOWS US TO
UNDERSTAND PEOPLE AFRESH**

HOW DOES THE USER TESTING PART OF DESIGN RESEARCH WORK IN PRACTICE?



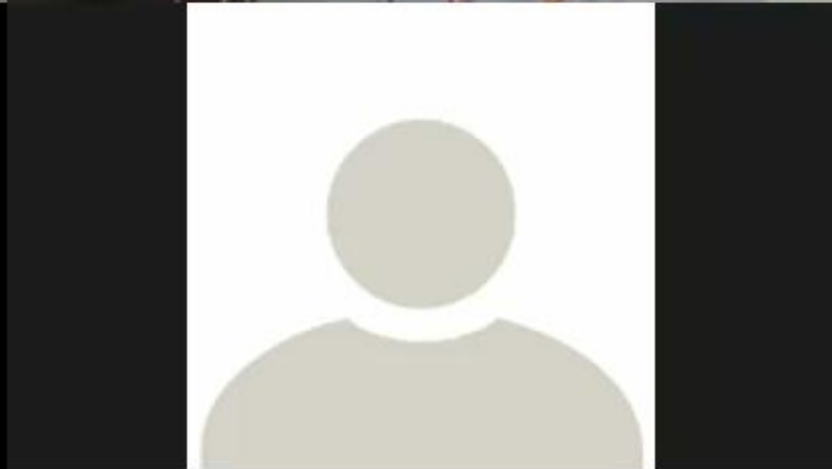


**DISCLAIMER:
WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEE AND
HEAR IS NOT SCRIPTED.**



**BEING EMPATHETIC HELPS US STAY
RELEVANT.**





**DESIGN RESEARCH GIVES US COURAGE
TO CREATE NEW IMPACT.**






Contact Us to Find Out More

DesignSingapore Council
111 Middle Road
National Design Centre
Singapore 188969
Tel +65 6837 9324

Elias_Teo@designsingapore.org
schoolofx@designsingapore.org

 www.designsingapore.org/initiatives/school-of-x

 [designsingaporecouncil](https://www.facebook.com/designsingaporecouncil)

 [designsingapore](https://www.instagram.com/designsingapore)

SCHOOL OF

By DesignSingapore Council

