DIGNITY FIRST: RE-THINKING HOMELESSNESS & CO-CREATING TOMORROW

This project formed a part of a larger project involving a homelessness hackathon, which was conducted in collaboration with Marist180, Orange Sky Laundry, 139 Club, Common Ground, Wesley Mission, and River City Labs. The overall project was funded by the Dignity First Fund, which supported Australia's first Homelessness Hackathon from June 2 to June 4, 2017.

The main aim of our work was to examine how support was perceived and experienced by people experiencing homelessness in and around Brisbane, Queensland, and sought new ways to improve support services based on their needs and desires. The project employed creative and design research methods, including sketching, unstructured interviews, and creative kits, as shown in this file.

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WHAT’S YOUR SELF-PORTRAIT?

Show us who you are! Using the materials provided, create your self-portrait. You can include in the image anything that makes you who you are. This could include dreams, thoughts, feelings and so on.

What makes you unique?

What makes you similar to others?
Offering Good Care
Can you think of a time that you were able to offer good care to someone? Tell us about this experience by either drawing, writing or using any of the materials provided. What happened? How did it feel? What did it look or sound like?

Less Successful Care
Can you think of a time that you felt you were less successful at offering good care to someone? Please tell us about this experience by either drawing, writing or using any of the materials provided. What did you learn from this experience?
SUPPORT SERVICES IN BRISBANE

What are the support services you have used in Brisbane? How useful were they? Place them on the scale below from most useful to you to least useful to you. Add some notes about what made these services useful or less useful for you.

You may like to include:
- Orange Sky Laundry
- Common Ground
- Marist 180
- 139 Club
- Common Ground
- Wesley Mission
- Any other services or support?
What are everyday moments, or moments that commonly happen working with, or living as someone that was homeless? Write-down, sketch or show in any other way (for example, mind-mapping).

What are unique moments, or moments that did not commonly happen working with, or living as someone that was homeless? Write-down, sketch or show in any other way (for example, mind-mapping).
As someone who works with, or has experienced homelessness, what are your top 5 needs? Write these down, and add any drawings to illustrate these if you would like.

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5. 

How much of these needs are you already getting?

Who already is, or could help you with these needs?
IN THIS ENVELOPE...

Hide anything in this envelope that you believe makes you who you are. This could include song lyrics, poems, drawings, recipes or pictures. Everything in this envelope will be scanned, and then bound into a hand-made book for you to keep. Please do not put anything irreplaceable in this envelope. If there is something irreplaceable you would like to include, simply draw it or write about it.
Superhero Support Cards

3x Types of Organisations:

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Where are they situated in your Circle of Trust?

Circle of Trust

Most Trusted

Less Trusted

Where are the types of organisations and individuals that offer good support and care for those who are experiencing homelessness? What are their particular strengths and weaknesses? Complete the superhero cards below to show 3 types of organisations and 3 types of people (individuals or groups) who offer good care and support for those who are experiencing homelessness. You can also draw them in the box, if you'd like!

Who are the people or organisations you interact with that stand out to you? Where do they sit in your circle of trust? If you'd like to, add some comments.