



software
design
project

Sampola

Work Center in Hämeenlinna

Your Product Owner

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- Bachelor of Business Administration HAMK 2021
- Graphic Design, Photo- and videograph, coaching interdisciplinary teams in HAMK



Work Center Sampola

- Located in Brahenkatu 26, 13100 Hämeenlinna
- Non-Profit organization
- Approx. 70 workers and is an workplace for subsidised work.
- Subcontracting work is carried out for more than 50 customer companies.
- One of their growing areas is recycled products made from recycled materials.



Target group - Companies



- Assembly, sorting and packaging work
- EAN tag and exchange and shrink wrap packaging
- Paper, cardboard and tissue paper cutting
- Graphic Design editing works
- Recycling of old company merch and making new items.

Target group – Wellbeing services



Provides options for wellbeing services to hire workers to Sampola with different options like:

- Work activity, Internship, Work trial, Supported work, Apprenticeship, Job coaching

Target group – Consumers

- Provides a webshop for consumers to buy handmade items made in Sampola.
- Their services also include furniture upholstery and restoration as well as various surface treatment works.

Challenges presented in short

- To increase their visibility and recognition, in overall and especially in social media.
- Website and Webshop
- Logo/Rebranding



Increase visibility and recognition of Sampola



- Facebook – 850 followers
 - Around 1 post per month, with 10-20 likes
- Instagram – 223 followers
 - 80 posts, around 1 per month with 10-20 likes
- Google – no data
- Website – no data
- Other medias – no data
- Linkedin – no page available

**Do you
know what
is Sampola?**

Website and Webshop

- <https://www.sampola.fi/>
- New ideas are needed for better website design + webshop.
- Preferred languages are Finnish, English and Swedish
- Website needs to be accessible.
 - Website reader, big elements, easy to use, etc.



Logo/Rebranding

- Current logo presented
- Main color green
 - Presenting the recycle factor
- They are seeking fresh ideas



Other challenges to look into

- Google search optimization
- Google company site adjustments
- Where else could they market Sampola?
- Does others mention/market Sampola?
- How does their physical site look like?
 - Any improvements needed there?

Service Design Summer project results



SAMPOLA PROJECT

Sampola needs more
Visibility
Predictability

Run a Workshop

Research

BSM2T

August, 10, 2024
10 am - 12 pm

Solution

The project aims to engage more community members with the foundation through events, outreach, and other initiatives and to involve disabled workers in showcasing their skills

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More info:
Sampola workshop
SAMPOLA TYÖKESKUS
Bränsökatu 26, Hämeenlinna



EMPOWERED BY THE SILENT

- 1 IMPROVE WEB PRESENCE**
Partnering with HAM UAS students to design, build, and maintain a better website.
- 2 SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS**
Creating more in-demand products from recycled materials.
- 3 SEASONAL SALES SOLUTIONS**
Implementing strategies to address sales downtimes during certain seasons.
- 4 COMMUNITY IMPACT**
Raising awareness of Sampola's relevance and contributions within local communities

As there has been couple projects made to Sampola already, I would browse through these.

Find the submissions here:
<https://tinyurl.com/4dsckpkw>

Next steps?

- Get to better know Sampola by browsing through their website, social medias and other supporting materials (from learn).
- Get more **data** to support your decision:
 - Ask people around, do they know Sampola?
 - Ask how people feel about their current logo? What does it represent to them? Do they connect that logo to Sampola?
 - These people can be your classmates, people from the street etc.
 - Benchmark other type of webshops and websites that offer Finnish handmade products.
 - Ask the companies who use Sampola, how did they find Sampola?

Next steps?

- Choose your way to move forward based on the data you have gathered. What **really is the challenge** the Sampola is facing?
- Do you solely focus:
 - Generating a website/website design for Sampola?
 - Making a new logo/branding for Sampola?
 - Increasing their visibility and recognition?
 - Find new challenge that is needed to be solved?
 - Mix of everything?
- There is no wrong way, if you have data to back your decisions and direction your choosing to go forward.

Before start of Sprint 1

Empathize

- Understand your users and gather data from different sources

Define

- What is the real challenge Sampola is facing?

Ideate

- Generate multiple ideas, these ideas are generated based on the **gathered data** and solving the **defined** challenge.

Prototype

- Choose some of the ideas to be quickly prototyped (paper, figma, etc.), you do the decision based on the **gathered data**.

Before start of Sprint 1



- Start creating the backlogs for your project
 - Try to sort them out in priority, what needs to be done first etc.
 - As a Product Owner I might suggest/ask to add some backlog items.
 - Items might be needed to be added during the project.
- Create a definition of done (DoD) for your project.
 - Checked on every sprint review.
 - List of things that are needed to be done before every sprint review.
 - DoD is done before the sprints and will consist through all of the sprints.
 - DoD should include some type of testing with users in order to maintain the user centered design!

Example of Definition of Done

Automated feedback solution for student questionnaire

- Acceptance criteria is met
 - Collected data prints out a feedback in sentences
 - Data collection and feedback works in real-time
 - Feedback solution works on multiple platforms.
 - User documentation is maintained
- GDPR is maintained
 - Solution reviewed by the stakeholders
 - Feedback received
 - Feedback implemented
- Non-Functional requirements are met
 - Further development is possible for the client
 - Program/code is accessible and usable by the client
 - Requires little/zero maintenance

Before any sprint review



- Check the Definition of Done, is all of the task done?
- Test out your solution with users
- Ask feedback from Product Owner, users, teachers if needed.

Contact info for questions



- You can private message me (Jali Närhi) on teams if needed, or tag me on your group. Emails are fine too!
- If you want to have questions for Sampola, please forward the questions to me. I can collectively then ask them from Sampola and inform back to you.
 - Answers from questions might take a while, please be prepared to wait and be early with your questions!