

USI2001 SOCIAL INNOVATION PROJECT

INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION JOURNAL

Entry 1

In week two to three of the start of the trimester, I was introduced to this module. At first, I was not certain about what is this module about, what I was supposed to do and what I should expect from this module. From my peers’ words I understand that this is a student-led independent learning inter-disciplinary module. There are no traditional lectures or workshops given. We must do our own research and find out what is expected from this module. This is the first time I experienced such module, and it puzzled me and lost my confidence since there is no lecture or instructor that normally will be teaching and guiding us on what to do. And we are given a deadline to form a team with people from a different degree program. All these challenges combined made me doubt if I am going to perform well in this module.

However, as time progressed, I met people from different degree programs through the collaborative effort with peers and we formed the team successfully. Through the hard work of self-learning this module I understand that this module creates opportunities for SIT students to address some of these multi-faceted issues and challenges in a multi-pronged, problem-solving approach, and through inter-disciplinary collaboration. We are supposed to devise a solution from a problem statement that is targeted for a specific community in society, or society at large, and creating positive social impact. Each problem statement is to align with one of the UN SDGs. Even though this module did not conduct any lecture or form of teaching, I have indeed learnt a lot from the process of forming groups with different disciplines, self-guided learning as well as exposure to global and local social challenges. This process not only built my confidence but also instilled a sense of anticipation and excitement about contributing to the community. The unique structure of this module, while initially confusing, ultimately proved to be an invaluable educational experience.

Entry 2

Reflecting on the ideation phase at the start of weeks 7 and 8, my team and I have choosen the problem statement “ComLink children tend to follow their parents’ footsteps due to limited exposure and knowledge on the various career options. They end up not being able to maximise their full potential.”

Our clarity on the problem statement has been a beacon, guiding us to create a platform—ingeniously termed "Future Paths"— to connect companies with these children so they could learn about different jobs through activities like job shadowing. This tool is designed to intersect with corporate willingness to illuminate the multitude of career trajectories through learning journeys, job shadowing, and mentorship.

We came up with two ways to bring this idea to life. The first is a roadshow called "Discover Your Path." We plan to take this roadshow to where the ComLink children live and show them stories of people who have done well in different jobs. We will also show them how to use the "FuturePaths" website and get their thoughts on it.

The website is the second part of the plan. It is going to be a place where ComLink children can always find information about careers, get advice, and find educational stuff to help them understand different jobs better. We want it to be full of chances for them to learn and grow.

I think back to how confused I felt at the start of this module, with no traditional classes and having to figure everything out on my own. It was scary, but it also made me excited to be a part of something that could really help people. Now, as we’re making "FuturePaths," I see how that early confusion was good for me. It made me learn how to work in a new way and gave me the confidence to help others do the same.

We expected some challenges, especially communicating with the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF) and the ComLink families. To deal with this, we started asking questions and sharing our ideas through the form that our resource personal sets up.

To sum up, my team and I are on a mission to build a platform that will broaden up new possibilities for ComLink children and support them in chasing their dreams. It reminds me of my own journey in this module, learning to find my way and grow in confidence. Now, we are ready to take on any challenges that come our way and make a difference for the children.

Entry 3