

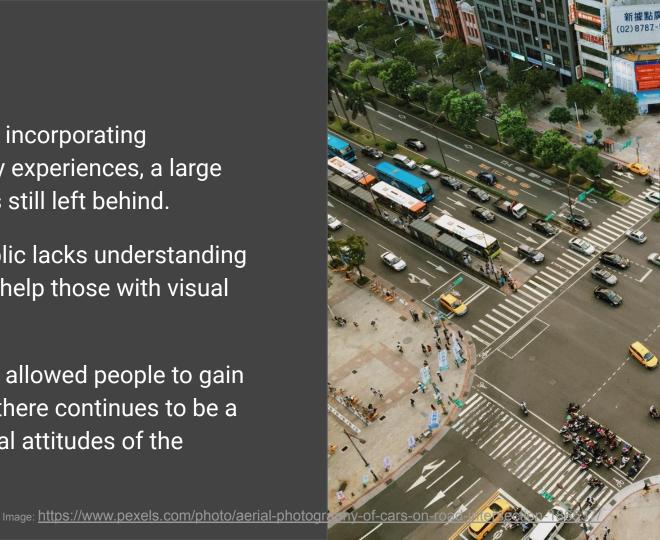
Visual Impairment Awareness

Design Brief

In a time when cities are incorporating technology into everyday experiences, a large part of the community is still left behind.

As such, the general public lacks understanding of how to approach and help those with visual impairment.

Many technologies have allowed people to gain back independence but there continues to be a gap which relies on social attitudes of the public.



abilities for **greater inclusivity.**

We aim to devise **an interactive way to improve**

attitudes towards people with visual impairment

within the community, while considering their



People with disabilities often have **poor mental health** and **self-esteem**



Navigating with visual impairment requires a range of alternative techniques and tools but these have limitations



Simulating scenarios for low-vision navigation can **build empathy** and train the **use of navigation tools**



Public displays and persuasive design can **help in raising awareness** but factors need to be considered to get the message across



To raise awareness of the experience when navigating with blindness or visual impairment



Multi-sensory formats



Interactions that prompt users to reflect on how they perceive people with visual impairment

Concepts

Shopping Mall Kiosk Campaign

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Sydney Shopping mall Kiosk

Search

Third Floor
Second Floor
First Floor
Ground Floor

Sydney Shopping mall Kiosk

Search: Alexander mcqueen

Q W E R T Y U I O P
A S D F G H J K L
Z X C V B N M

Sydney Shopping mall Kiosk
Go THIS way for 3 minutes then you will see the store.

Understood Explain more

Sydney Shopping mall Kiosk
It is over there.

Understood Explain more

Sydney Shopping mall Kiosk

Go straight for 300M and turn right.
The store is located at the third booth, which will be 150M from the corner.

Explain more about how to give a direction to blinds

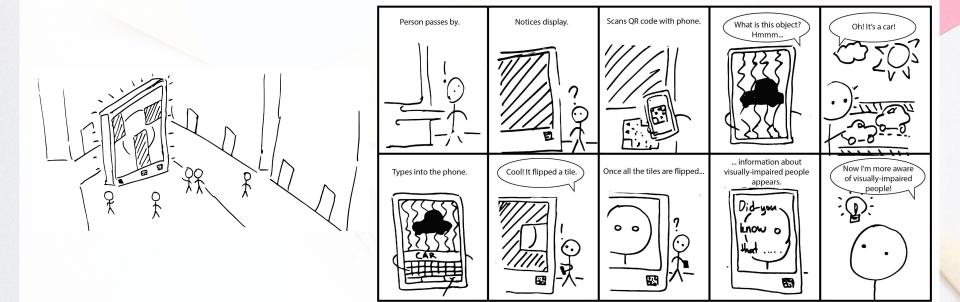
Sydney Shopping mall Kiosk

Vision impaired people need different language. It is extremely challenging to understand if we use our own sign.

Thank you! Go back to home.

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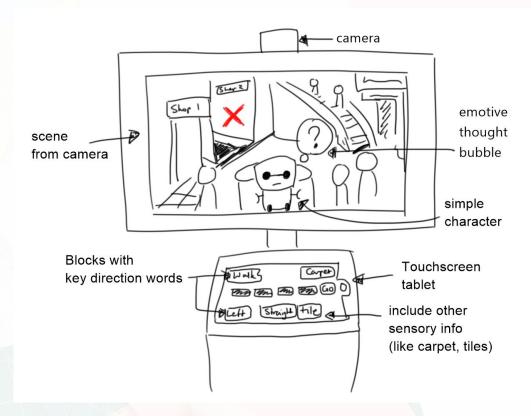
Community Scavenger Hunt



Participants work together to correctly identify obscured objects and reveal image underneath the tiles

Where is There, Direction Game

Get people of all ages to understand the importance of specific directions through the use of drag-and-drop blocks and coding concepts.



Conclusion

Our research found a need to understand the experiences of people with visual impairment to create a more inclusive community.

This can be done through interactive technologies placing the user in simulated blind scenarios such as navigating around and identifying objects.

Going forward, it would be helpful to test concepts with users to gain a better understanding of how useful they are and what further needs to be done to improve on social attitudes towards people with disability.