

POSITIVE LEGACY DESIGN AWARD

PROJECT: **WE:SOURCED**

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Project Description:

We:sourced is a crowdsourcing platform that fosters unique projects that can benefit the community as a whole. It acts as a framework for organising small projects and creating connections to appropriate skills, resources and people. It empowers the community to act and help establish meaningful connections and networks to realise brilliant ideas. It also aims to introduce a material metabolism, develop community and place, and implement a regenerative self-evolutionary adaptive system.

How your design will create ecological benefit?

We:sourced highlights the importance on the interactions of different parts of the socio-ecological system to create a regenerative outcome for the community and environment. It transforms the paradigm of material metabolism and its lifecycle by facilitating spare or unwanted materials to be contributed for reuse to minimise waste through meaningful connections within the community. This assists keeping all materials in continuous cycles, as well as achieving net positive waste and sourcing locally.

How your design will create social benefit?

The We:sourced platform aims to enable the manifestation of an emergent community vision. It is a bottom-up evolutionary system that is started and self-maintained by the community; only projects that are fully-supported get realised. The process of doing so of requiring multiple contributing parties is based on the creation of a resilient network of relations between members to ensure that projects get realised.

While idea-makers are empowered with the collective resources to succeed, contributors and the community are constantly forwarding the collective desires of the community. The system will evolve itself as the individual and the community are inspired by successful projects, and future projects will continuously adapt and refine its own systemic landscape. While projects may start off as nodes, it is envisioned a flourishing network of nested projects that support each other at varying scales, and as projects inspire and breed more emergent possibilities, the whole system is constantly being refined and optimised towards a greater whole. The regenerative experience of the community drive on the individual's own betterment in response to the project landscape, the site and the environment all contributes to the multi-scale bottom-up, adaptive evolutionary nature of the We:sourced system. It is a platform that nurtures communities to grow.

How your design will create moments of delight, contemplation and connection between people and their environment?

A very important area of We:sourced is addressing the paradigm shift in the mental sphere from a mindset of doing less bad to doing more good, and empowering the next generation. It encompasses two key aspects to create better outcomes in the socio-ecological system; improving the ecological base and public estate. The We:sourced framework is a bottom-up approach to increase the feeling of ownership and value through contributing and having a say about their environment. This is important as the community themselves will know what would be of best value for them and the positive benefits it can bring about.

By being easily able to actively participate through We:sourced, it creates a community where one can become involved and expect to learn and help one another where fostering positive relationships and networks is encouraged. People will become invested in the place as they participate in projects and feel valued with a sense of ownership and love for a place. In turn, this focus on the mental sphere of public estate in the framework can lead to innovative, creative and needed projects.

We:sourced is a platform that allows for easy communication between community members and is able to reach a wider audience where new knowledge can be spread efficiently. Through understanding and applying these measures, We:sourced aims to have a positive effect on community and place.