

Basic Details:

Participants will be conducting research on a social issue of their choice, individually or in groups, and populating the Socialcollab.sg website with their findings. Their aim will be to create or adopt a page about the social issue or community of their choice, put their research findings and solutions on this platform, and work with others to refine their research into a format that is useful to external stakeholders. They will do so between March and August 2020, with a Mid-Point Check-In to be attended on 1st May.

They will be assisted in this by the **Core Team**, who will help facilitate the overall research journey and the reportage process for their work. The Core Team will also be on hand to answer questions about technical help as well as how research can be conducted, structured and presented.

Kick off Event Updates

Justin (Advisor for socialcollab):

- What socialcollab is about: democratising research and needs assessment
- Why is socialcollab important:
 - lack of information AND information overload at the same time.
 - It's difficult to identify or learn about different social needs and existing services or policies
 - Experts (academics, professionals, policymakers) are usually leading research (undemocratic methods of research, top-down methodology). Such experts often regard clients, caregivers, citizens as merely data.
- How do we define a need? - Discman example (wants vs needs, perennial but also changing needs based on time and context). Please check out slide 15
- Needs Assessment 101: Needs, gaps, causes of gaps, and solutions should all clearly identify the problem and how to solve it
- Most imp't points from Slides: timeline, weekly check-ins
- Andrew - shared on Disability, demo-ed use of wiki
 - Some functionalities of the wiki such as how to add pages, add new sections.
 - Do hit-up Andrew if you encounter any technical difficulties along the way

Slides:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EleB4KNfoplEbEPhgA09x47GvCN1RIju/view?usp=sharing>

Timeline

- Kickoff (29 February)
 - Can also decide to form own networks and community action groups
 - Encouraged to recruit friends to do it with you along the way
 - Addition into Telegram chat, grouping with others
- Mid-point Check-in (2 May)
 - First meetup of groups based on topics
 - Facilitated/Moderated by VWO
 - **End of recruitment**
- Completion (1 Aug)
- Roundtables/Forum (TBC)

Key Takeaways

- **Focus on populating the page first, and with what you are interested in.** For example, if you are interested in studying financial adequacy of Seniors, put down as much as you know first and don't worry about covering too much breadth regarding eldercare as a social issue.
- **Pages can fall under multiple issues - don't worry.** For example, Dyslexia could be covered under Disability as a sub-page, or Mental Health. For the time being, just pick one and roll with it - we can cross-link later.
- **If you feel intimidated, focus first on filling the wiki page with what you know.** If you are not sure about how to go about doing needs analysis, put down what you know first and ask for help from others :)
- **Feel free to involve as many or as little people as you want.** If you are connected to specific agencies, go ahead to link up and see if they're interested in getting on board. Whether you would like to work by yourself / in a group, that's fine too.
- **Have fun! Approach us if you have any other doubts. Please give us at least 1-2 days to respond, we're really busy!**

Contacts:

Andrew - @laxsnore (disability and mental health, technical support)

Calissa - @moreteaplease (gender-related issues, feminism, lgbtq+)

Darryl - @Darryl_Shya98 (youth, inequality, climate)

Simon - @SimonZXH (elderly)

Groupings

Please indicate your final choice by **7 March 2020, 2359 hours**. If you wish to change your group preferences after this date and time, please contact us directly and we will make arrangements on your behalf.

To facilitate the linking-up process between contributors, kindly fill up the below excel form. Please indicate your secondary and tertiary interest (if you have any) in Categories 2 and 3 - do tell us in this chat if you wish to change your Category 1 interest as well, so we can allocate you into different groups.

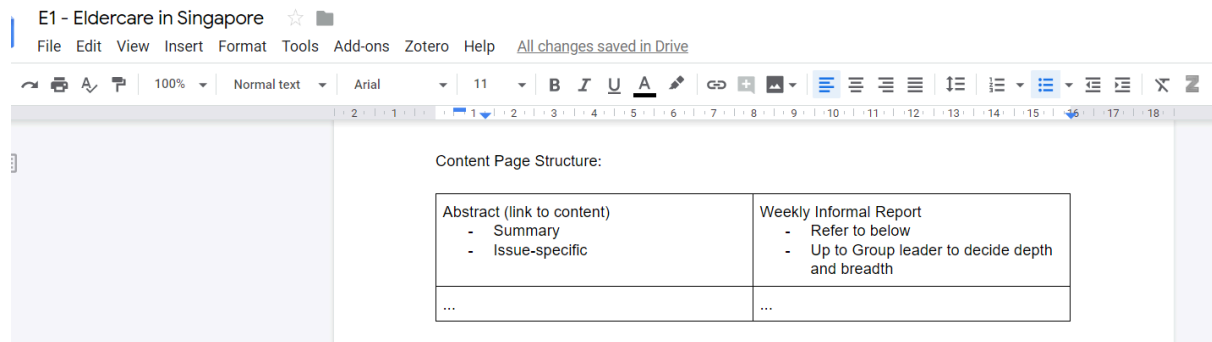
Finally, please decide on a group number and have all group members enter it in the Group Numbers Column - this will be used to determine your specific groupings within the topics themselves.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1j3Xo8AHriZ9Js4wGthyla_iSry4iSYI9XTLSU4Kw3yI/edit?usp=sharing

Weekly Check-in Document

Each group would have to make one submission **every Saturday, by 2359 hours.** Please use the below form for each weekly submission. After submitting your form, you are also encouraged to backup the content on a google document in the format below so as to keep track of the research and resources that you have gathered. The document would ideally be shared in the general-access Social Collab folder in the following format!

Title = Group Number followed by Area of Focus



E1 - Eldercare in Singapore

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Content Page Structure:

Abstract (link to content) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Summary- Issue-specific	Weekly Informal Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Refer to below- Up to Group leader to decide depth and breadth
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Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/85ToeEqUNDasX3CK6>

Folder Link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RAsl4jb7T_0hd2ql0NXgoDpwjD6UDusn