



2020 FORUM

Honoring the

*Journey*

of Growing Older

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# Using a Co-Design Practice to Design Better Solutions With Older Adults

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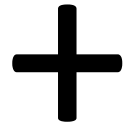
# Agenda

- Our Design Journey
- Introduction to Co-Design
- Program Design
- Our Findings
- How-to: Toolkit Review & Take-Away



# Our Design Journey

Human-Centered  
Design



Co-Design

= *Empathy*



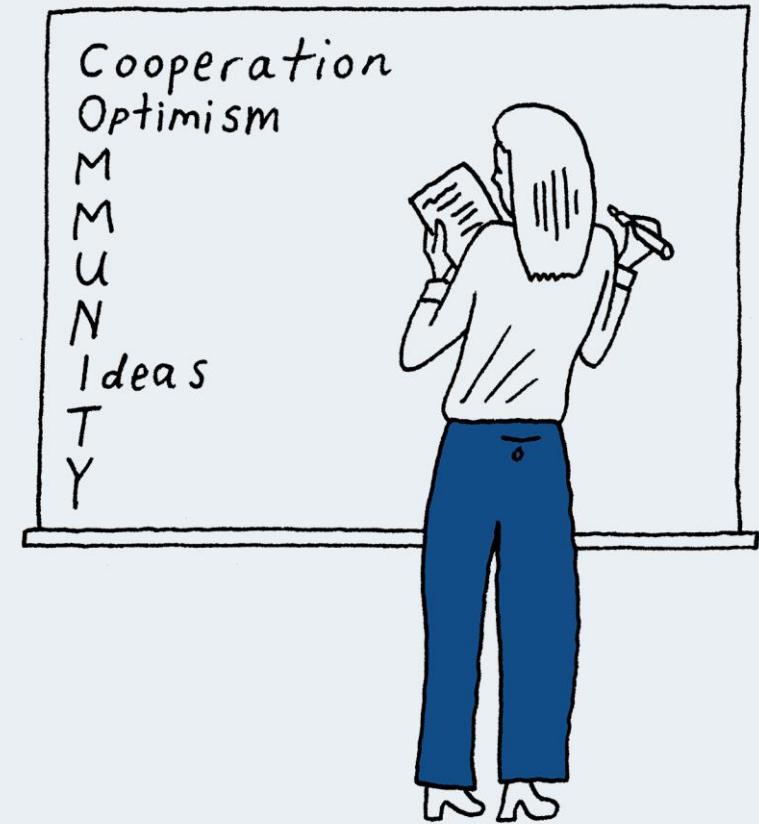
# Introduction to Co-Design

Design with, not for.



# Co-Design Can be Applied to Designing...

- Products
- Services
- Experiences
- Process
- Community



# Our Approach

We believe that:

- 1) Empathy + optimism = authentic, inclusive and insightful ideas
- 2) Providing space and agency results in new connections and mindset
- 3) An increase in understanding helps us turn challenges into opportunities



# Our Goal Was to Design a System Which:

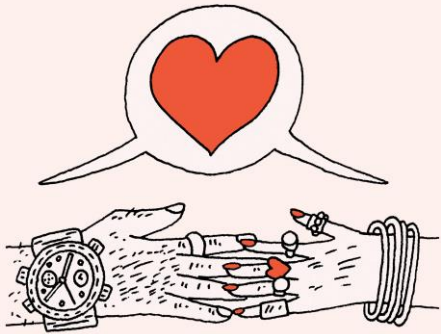
- Can be conducted by anyone
- Is easy to run
- Is predictable, and efficient
- Is optimistic and human-centered
- Results in deeper understandings





# Program Design

We chose to explore four major topics through our co-design workshops:  
Love, Vitality, Work, and Friendship.



# Program Design

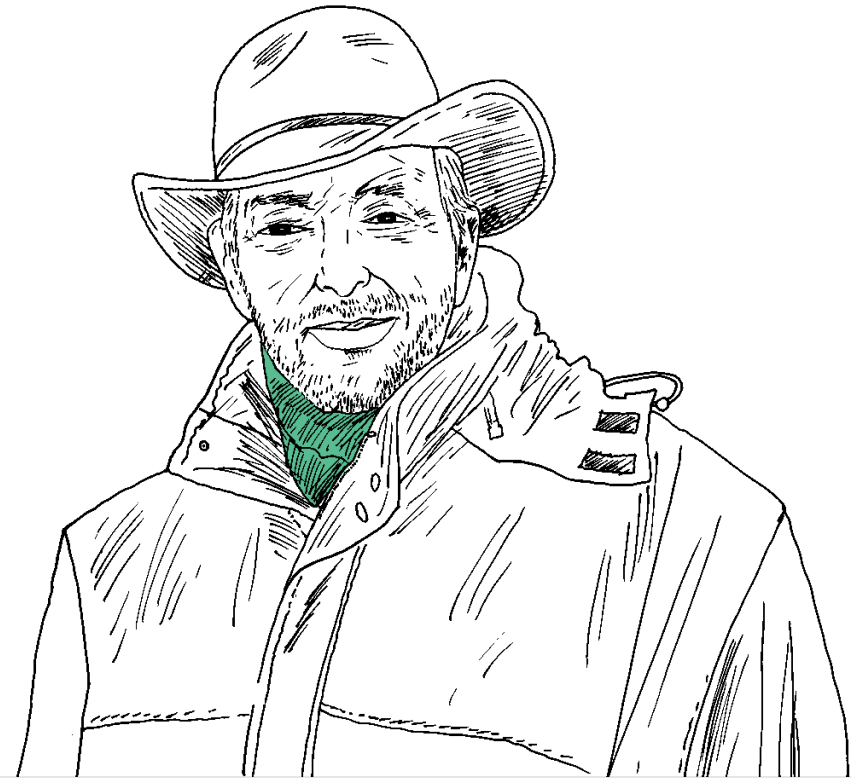
We developed a distinct experience, with an environment that supported participants' working together, and feeling at ease.

This methodology led us to new ideas about what older people want.

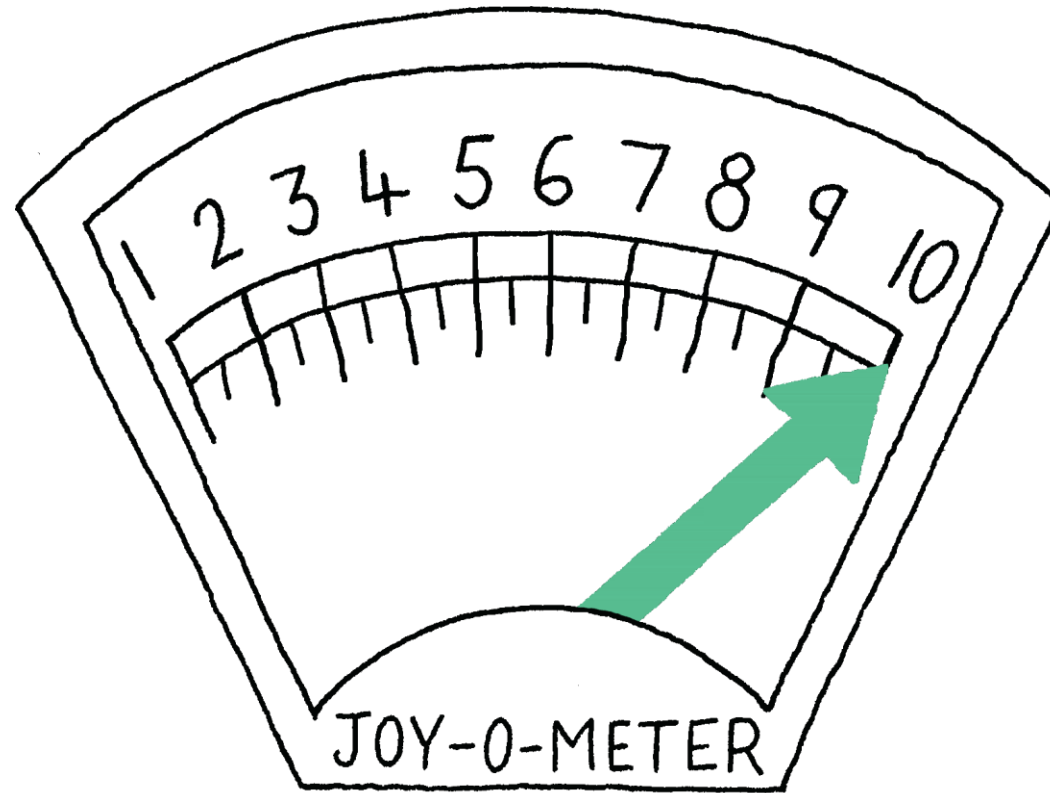


# What We Learned

Older people cannot be defined by worries.



# The Thrill is On

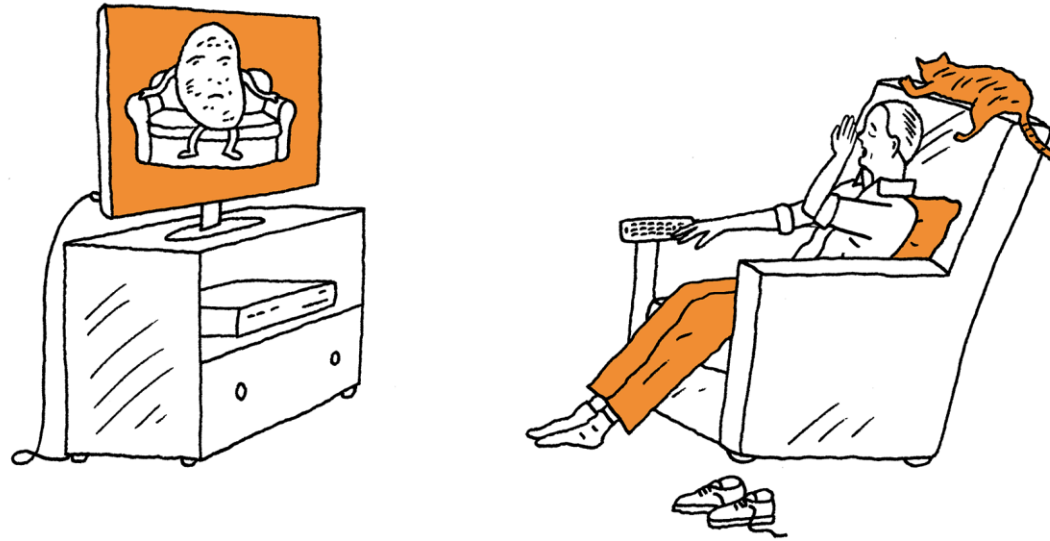




**Older people have the most experience living, and we have much to learn from them.**

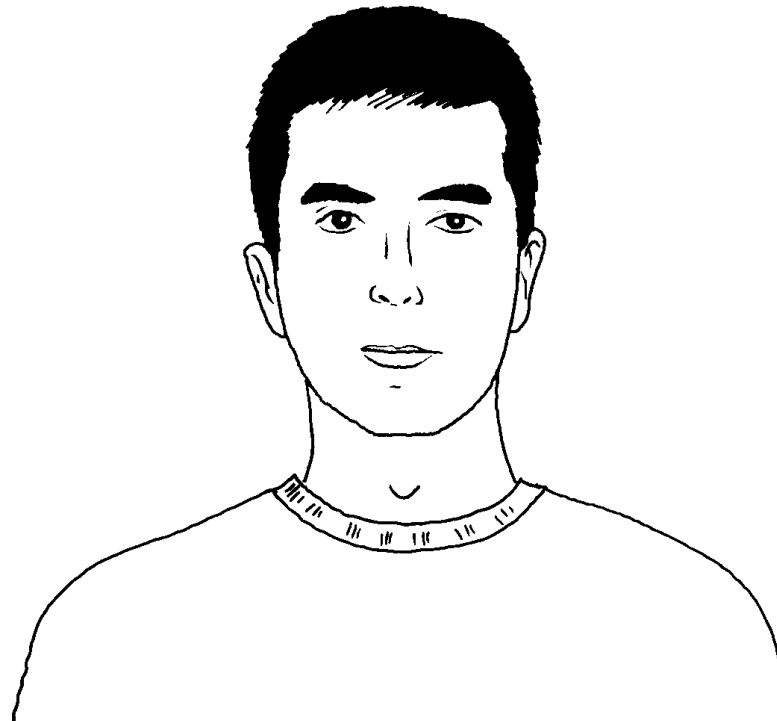


**Older people are looking for different kinds of experiences.**



**Older people want the same things we all want, the difference is how they get them.**

Same, different.



# You Can Co-Design, too!

To create or bond with your community *or* learn about what your community wants.





# Toolkit and Full Report

Your co-design kit: what you need to prep and run a co-design session



BEFORE



DURING



AFTER



# Thank You!



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