# Making work meaningful

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## Welcome to...

### Tackling big world problems, using Design Thinking

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## What is design thinking? One definition...

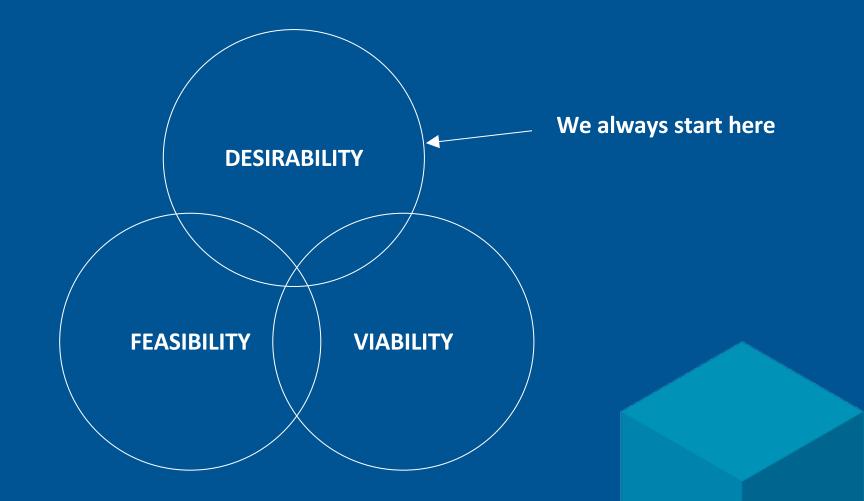
"Design thinking is about accelerating innovation to create better solutions to the challenges facing business and society.

It starts with people – what we call human centred design – and applies the creative tools of design, like storytelling, prototyping, and experimentation to deliver new breakthrough innovations."

Tim Brown, CEO, IDEO Change by Design 2009



# Today we will **PRACTICE HUMAN-CENTRED DESIGN**





## The Design Thinking Framework



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We'll be working at a <u>fast pace</u> in a <u>highly collaborative way</u>, to allow you to experience the value of an accelerated approach to finding solutions.



Each table will have one person who will:

Keep you on time Record your decisions Make a decision if you can't agree



Let's have some fun!

# Focusing our challenge

**15 Minutes** 

Workshop: Exercise 1 Participant Instructions Focusing our challenge

You'll be working as a design team to consider the following....

How might we help employees in our industries, to avoid or overcome tensions and disagreements in the workplace, so that they can feel fulfilled at work? Workshop: Exercise 1 Participant Instructions Focusing the challenge

#### **5 minutes**

## We'll start by considering 'What is the biggest point of discontent/tension in our industry among workers?

Step 1: <u>Working in pairs</u> have a 5 minute conversation to discuss the question and write your answer on a sticky note Workshop: Exercise 1 Participant Instructions Focusing the challenge

**5** minutes

#### Step 2:

## On your table each pair share what you wrote on your sticky notes

Workshop: Exercise 1 Participant Instructions Focusing the challenge

**5** minutes

# Step 3: <u>As a table pick one key challenge</u> or issue

# **Building Empathy**

**20 Minutes** 

#### **5 minutes**

Step1: <u>On your table make a quick list</u> of 3 or 4 types of employee affected by this challenge and select the one you most want to focus on.

Bring them to life with a name, a job title and a their core skill.

Workshop: Exercise 2Participant InstructionsExploring the challenge from our employees perspective

#### **5** minutes

Step 2: On your own, spend 2 minutes thinking about what it might be like for this person and how the challenge affects them. Workshop: Exercise 2Participant InstructionsExploring the challenge from our employees perspective



Step 3: <u>As a table, divide in two</u>.

Half of you, write down what the pain/or obstacles are for this person

Half of you write down what the gains/opportunities might be for them

Now choose 1 to focus on.

First, have 2 minutes to stand up/sit down and stretch!

# Generate Ideas



#### **5** minutes

# Step1: Focus the opportunity: Now, frame this obstacle as a new "How might We,," question

"How might we help, .....to.....so that they can....?"

help/ support/ enable the employee you just brought to life on your flip chart overcome the obstacle that you just identified do something they can do better in the future Workshop: Exercise 3 Participant Instructions Opportunities and ideas

#### **5** minutes

Example

"How might we help, our railroad maintenance team to be seen when working alone so that they can stay safe?"

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# The Rules for idea generation

# **NO JUDGMENTS**

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# CRAZY IDEAS WELCOME

# **USE VISUALS**

# GO FOR QUANTITY

# BUILD ON THE IDEAS OF OTHERS

FIRECHIE

# **STAY FOCUSSED!**

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#### **10 minutes**

**Step 2:** Think of ideas for ways to solve the problem. For 1 minute individually... capturing ideas on post- it notes Then stand up and as a team... Each person in turn, puts one of their ideas on the flip chart

Workshop: Exercise 3 Participant Instructions Exploring the opportunity and potential solutions



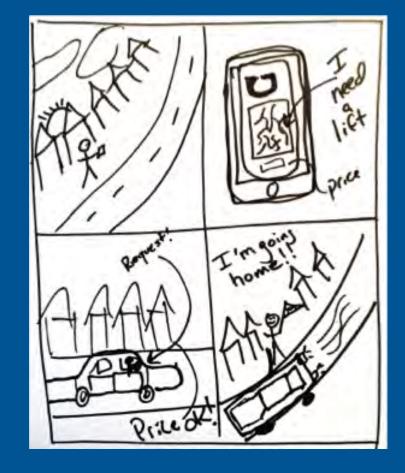
## Step 3: <u>As a team s</u>elect your most promising idea. Discuss and decide which idea would best help solve the problem

Workshop: Exercise 3 Participant Instructions Exploring the opportunity and potential solutions

#### 5 minutes

Step 4: Create a storyboard as your working prototype

Working as two groups one group to draw the story board and the other to write the story



Workshop: Exercise 3 Participant Instructions Exploring the opportunity and potential solutions



# Step 5: Take a photo of your storyboard and upload to twitter or LinkedIn using #WorldSkills

#### Thank you for your participation

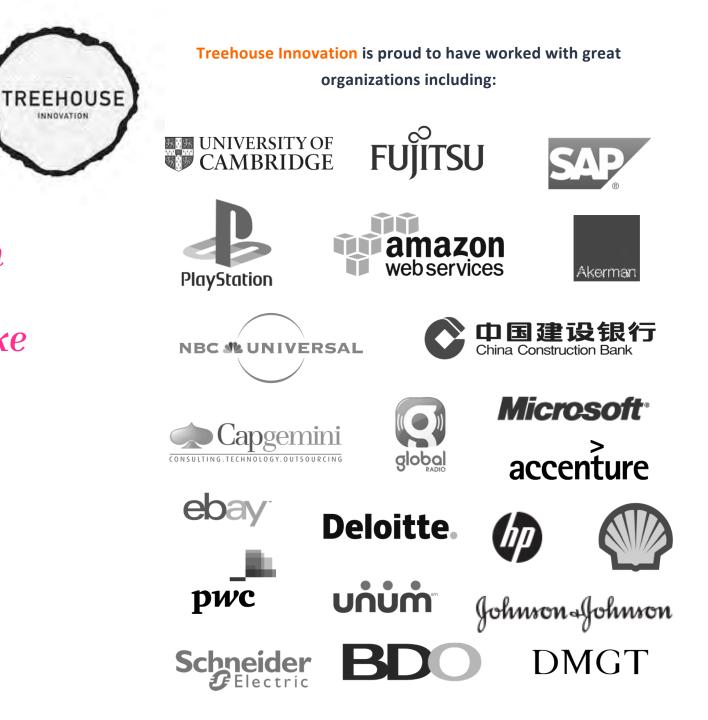
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Session Exercises	Timing (mins)
Welcome and Overview of Design Thinking	5
Exercise 1: Focusing the challenge: What are the biggest issues in your industry (preset question for each challenge)	
What are the biggest issues in your industry <i>(insert question for each challenge</i> ) Talk about the challenge and best and worst experiences	15
Exercise 2: Exploring our users or employees experience and potential issues they face	
Focus on a user: Describe the typical person you have in mind when who is facing this challenge and then bring them to life with a "persona". As a team give them a name, a job title. What skills do they have or lack ?	5
Identify their pains/gains: What obstacles do they face that stop progress on this challenge. What would they value? What is most important? Discuss and agree among yourselves	15
Exercise 3: Exploring the opportunity and potential solutions	
Stretch, stand upsit down	5
Focus the opportunity: Frame this obstacle as a new "How might We" question	5
Generate ideas: Generate ideas in your teams	10
Select : Choose your most promising idea	5
Prototype: Create a storyboard prototype	5
Pitch as a team on video	5