Familiary-based design in communities

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Challenges

- Beyond mere technological innovation towards Social Innovation
 - Not only growth and competitiveness but also social return
 - Identify and respond to social an individual issues
 - Emphasis shifting from technological to organizational aspects
 - Not a linear but an open process
 - Beyond products towards services
- Heterogeneity of actors and participants as an opportunity
 - End-user and many other stakeholders: social and health workers, user associations, aggregation centers, policy makers, etc.
- Diverse and possibly conflicting interests, needs, goals, cultures, expectations,





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- Focus on a community
- Identify the larger network of stakeholders.
- Pursue individual and group involvement
 - Long term strategy
 - Strong partnership
 - Work towards a shared understanding and vision
 - Stakeholders acting as testimonial of a success story
- Designers as "mediators", "connectors" and "interpreters"
 - Shepherding local sustainable practices into wider mainstream society
 - Providing a common framework for social and individual issues
 - Identifying shared cultural practices, concepts and ideas to turn them into familiar design concepts





FBDC in practice

NFTWORK BUILDING

- Stakeholders identification
- Target group definition (which elderly people? Which level of fragility?...)
- Elaboration of a shared vision
- Partnership contract.

INTEREST ANALYSIS

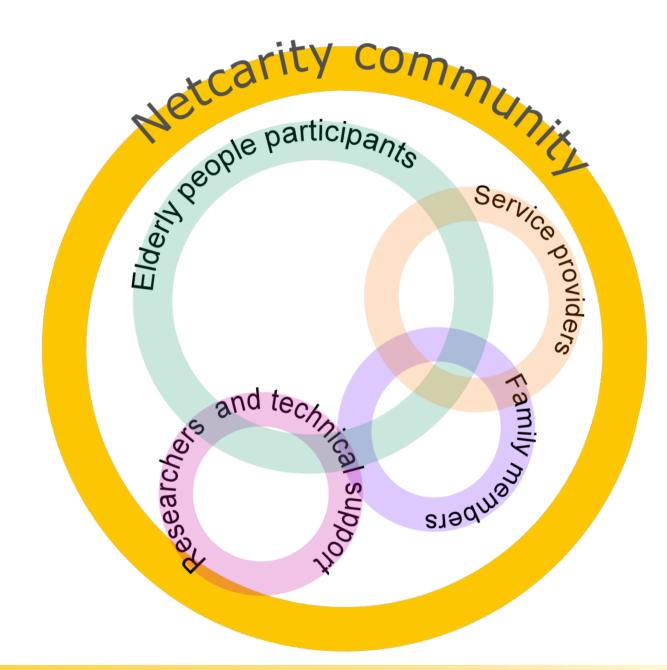
- designers identify the single interest bearers
- Focus groups and motivational meetings are for defining roles and mutual responsibilities
 - social workers: forming and maintaining end users' motivation
 - · policy makers: political decision making;
 - users' groups: pivotal at all the stages of design, from requirement elicitation to system testing

ADAPTING UCD METHODS

- Strong cooperation between researchers and social workers to define appropriate research strategies
 - Cultural probes
- Build the extended project's team
 - specific community events
 - sense of ownership of, and attachment towards, the project results











What you can expect to find

Concrete applications: Netcarity Project
See talk in track C4 at 15:00, room 26

- Discussion of the identified criticalities and opportunities
- Best practices for FBCD



