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Executive Director



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Profile



Larry is a designer and community organiser who passionately advocates for a participatory, community-centric approach to the design and planning of cities and neighbourhoods. With a background in architectural design and project management in Singapore, he now serves as the Executive Director of Participate in Design (PID), a non-profit design organisation dedicated to helping neighbourhoods and public institutions create community-owned spaces and solutions.

Since earning his M. Arch from the National University of Singapore, Larry's portfolio of participatory-based projects has grown to include neighbourhood planning, public space design, and community art installations, collaborating with grassroots organisations, educational institutions, civic groups, and government agencies.

Larry was honoured as a World Cities Summit Young Leader in 2021 and received the NUS-CDE Outstanding Young Alumni Award in 2023. He is also a recipient of the BCA-CPG Industrial Scholarship Award and the URA Urban Design Prize in 2014.

Curriculum Vitae

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| 2018 | Lifelong Learning for NUS Alumni @ LKY School of Public Policy Social Entrepreneurship |
| 2014 | National University of Singapore Master of Architecture |
| 2012 | National University of Singapore Bachelor of Architecture |

Professional Experience

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| 2020 - Present | Executive Director, Participate in Design (PID) |
| 2018 – 2020 | Assistant Director, Participate in Design (PID) |
| 2017 – 2018 | Senior Project Associate, Participate in Design (PID) |
| 2016 – 2017 | Project Associate, Participate in Design (PID) |
| 2014 – 2016 | Architectural Associate, CPG Consultants Pte Ltd |
| 2014 | Teaching Assistant, National University of Singapore, Dept. of Architecture – Year 1 BA (Arts) (Arch) Introduction to Landscape Architecture [Tutor: Dr Rafella Sini Dr Liao Kuei-Hsein] |
| 2013 – 2014 | Teaching Assistant, National University of Singapore, Dept. of Architecture – Year 2 BA (Arts) (Arch) Strategies for Sustainable Architecture [Tutor: Dr Chang Jiat Hwee] |
| 2013 | Summer Intern, SAMOO Architects & Engineering, South Korea, Seoul |
| 2013 | Architectural Intern, DP Architects, Singapore |

Awards & Co-Curricular Activities

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| 2023 | NUS-CDE Outstanding Young Alumni Award |
| 2021 | World Cities Summit Young Leader |
| 2014 | URA Urban Design Prize BCA – CPG Industrial Scholarship Award |

Teaching Experience

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| 2022 - Present | Singapore Institute of Technology Part Time Adjunct |
| 2024 - Present | Adjunct Assistant Professor at College of Design & Engineering |



Selected Project Management Participatory Design, Research & Planning Projects

Oct 2019 –
Ongoing

LTA Designing the National Integrated Way-finding system

Client | Land Transport Authority; AECOM

Together with AECOM and Future Cities Laboratory (FCL), we are working on a project commissioned by the Land Transport Authority (LTA) to co-design with citizens a new integrated wayfinding system for Singapore to encourage active mobility for all commuters and users.

Mar 2018 –
Ongoing

Arts@MacPherson

Client | MacPherson CC. National Arts Council, Tote Board
Neighbourhood | MacPherson

Arts @ MacPherson is a series of art initiatives which aim to create delight in everyday experiences through pops of unexpected art around the neighbourhood. From 2021 to 2022, MacPherson residents will come together with artists to enliven their public spaces through the co-creation of four community arts projects. From the everyday to the extraordinary, these permanent creative installations will celebrate MacPherson as they will be inspired by the resident's own memories and stories of their neighbourhood. (More at: www.artsatmacpherson.org)

Mar 2018 –
Ongoing

Neighbourhood Renewal Programme at Nee Soon East

Client | Nee Soon Town Council
Neighbourhood | Nee Soon

A participatory design process that brings residents and other stakeholders in Nee Soon East together and involves them in the planning and design of a community space or spatial improvement, to build community ownership of the built outcomes.

Jan 2020 –
Jun 2021

The Loveable Singapore Project

Client | DesignSingapore Council

The Loveable Singapore Project is an initiative led by the DesignSingapore Council in collaboration with PID and other public agencies to find out what we love about Singapore and what would make us love Singapore more. Through this nation wide participatory research study, we hope to define what loveability means in Singapore and identify gaps and opportunities for interventions by private and public agencies, as well as communities and individuals.

(More at: <https://www.designsingapore.org/initiatives/loveable-singapore-project.html>)



Nov 2020 –
Ongoing

Smart Senior Wellness Centre @ The Majestic

Client | RSVP
Neighbourhood | Chinatown

When commissioned to rethink and co-create a Smart Seniors Wellness Centre at The Majestic, to be used by elderly residents of the Kreta Ayer neighbourhood, we focused on using a participatory design process, focusing on designing methods to demystify the design process for the elderly participants and stakeholders. This project is a partnership with Singapore Pools, RSVP Singapore, Capitaland HopeFoundation, Community Chest, Participate in Design (PID) and WeCreate Studio

Apr 2019 –
Ongoing

Our Green Pek Kio

Client | Centre for Liveable Cities
Neighbourhood | Pek Kio

Our Green Pek Kio is an initiative by Moulmein-Cairnhill Citizens Consultative Committee, working together with partner agencies such as CLC, NParks, PUB, etc, in encouraging collective action and preparing for climate change. Through co-creating ideas with residents, this project aim to strengthen community resilience and tackle climate change through sustainable and community-centered ground-up initiatives.

May 2019 –
Ongoing

Limbang & Woodgrove Neighbourhood Renewal Programme

Client | Marsiling – Yew Tee Town Council
Neighbourhood | Limbang and Woodgrove

A participatory design process that brings residents and other stakeholders together and involves them in the planning and design of a community space or spatial improvement, to build community ownership of the built outcomes.

Jul 2019 –
Jan 2020

Citizen Design: National Diabetes Reference Materials

Client | Ministry of Health

To co-create the National Diabetes Reference Material content through participatory design approaches with citizens alongside MOH and stakeholders, to gain better insights on the public's perception and understanding of the topics of interest around diabetes which will then be used to co-create the content of the National Diabetes Reference Materials.

Jul 2017 – 2020

Cerita Cerita Kampong Gelam: Redesigning Kampong Glam Heritage Markers

Client | Malay Heritage Foundation

A participatory design project to co-create a new community kitchen at the Pacific Activity Centre @ Fajar Spring together with the seniors, staff and the Fajar Spring community.



Aug – Sep 2019

SIT – LTA Virtual Reality Commuter Simulator Design Workshop

Client | Singapore Institute of Technology (in collaboration with Land Transport Authority)

SIT Virtual Reality Commuter Simulator Design Workshop is a series of public engagement workshop aiming to understand public commuter preferences and experiences in their First-Mile-Last-Mile Trips, which involve a change of mode of transportation to complete their journey. This series of workshops is commissioned by the Land Transport Authority (LTA) and organised by Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) in collaboration with Participate in Design (P!D).

May 2018 – Jan 2019

Community Hub @ Telok Blangah Monfort Care GoodLife!

Client | Monfort Care
Neighbourhood | Telok Blangah

A participatory design project to co-create a new community hub at Telok Blangah in collaboration with Monfort Care, bringing together with the seniors, staff and the Telok Blangah community.

Jan 2018 – May 2018

Going Places: A Wonderful Exploration of New Lands @ Playeum

Client | Playeum

A Children Hands-on exhibition which is designed via the participatory approach. The themes of this exhibition emerged out of consultations and conversations with our stakeholders – children, parents, educators, artists and field practitioners. Co-created by Playeum, Participate in Design and artists from D/SINI and The Animal Book Co, this exhibition gives visitors opportunities to navigate and explore Play-ces through various landscapes such as the sea, jungle, city and beyond. Children will experience and engage with their imagination, while thinking about sustainability, innovation and the role of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) in everyday life and the future.

May 2018 – Jan 2019

Community Kitchen @ Pacific Activity Centre (Fajar Spring)

Client | Pacific Activity Centre

A participatory design project to co-create a new community kitchen at the Pacific Activity Centre @ Fajar Spring together with the seniors, staff and the Fajar Spring community.

Feb 2017 – Jun 2018

***Scape HubQuarters**

Client | *Scape Co Ltd

A participatory design project which brings together the stakeholders of youth entrepreneurs to co-design their common working spaces.



Jan 2017 – Nov
2017

Hack Our Play

Client | Lien Foundation

Partner | St. James Church Kindergarten

Hack Our Play (HOP) is an initiative that allows children, educators and parents co-create their very own play space, from start to finish. The outcome of the research is Singapore's first participatory, community-built play space that was launched on 1 Oct 2017 at St. James' Church Kindergarten (Gilstead). This new model of a play space is where children, educators, and parents co-create their play space, from start to finish. The HOP play space is a unique play experience using non-standard structures, recyclables, and everyday materials which encourage non-linear thinking. More at www.hackourplay.com.

Mar 2017 – Sep
2019

Tampines North Neighbourhood Renewal Programme

Client | Tampines Town Council

A participatory design process that brings residents and other stakeholders together and involves them in the planning and design of a community space or spatial improvement, to build community ownership of the built outcomes.



Selected Research Projects

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| 2020-2021 | DesignSingapore Council Study on Loveability of Singapore |
| 2019 | Senior design thinking workshop for Transport of the future (TUMCreate) |
| | SIT-LTA Virtual-Reality Commuter Simulator Design Workshop (2019) |
| 2018 | Ideas for Tanjong Pagar by Future Cities Lab (FCL) |
| | Cooling Singapore by Future Cities Lab (FCL) |
| 2017 | Leap For Good Research 2018 by raise |
| 2012 – 2014 | Housing Development Board (HDB) — National University of Singapore (NUS): Study on the Impact of the Built Environment on Community Bonding |
| 2014 | Master Thesis on Rejuvenating rental housing community through participatory design: A Case Study on Jalan Kukoh (In conjunction with Tan Siying & Chelsea Zheng, supervised by Dr Cho Im Sik) |

Selected Coaching / Mentoring Experience

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| 2021 - 2022 | Mentoring and Coaching for Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) for citizen engagement for street activation at Tiong Bahru |
| Nov 2022 - Present | CSC-MCCY's Partnerships and Engagement Experts Panel |

Selected Project Management & Architectural Design/ Planning Projects

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| Singapore | Biopolis @ Nucleos (Commercial) |
| | Enhancement to National Orchid Garden (Recreation) |
| | Eight Riversuites (Residential) |
| | JTC Recreation Centres for Foreign Workers (Recreation) |
| Overseas | EcoMeadows Masterplanning and Housing / Commercial development, Penang, Malaysia (Recreation / Commercial) |

Selected Workshop Facilitation



2021

Lead Facilitator, LTA Integrated wayfinding Citizen Design Workshop

Lead Facilitator, CLC

2020

Lead Facilitator, LTA Integrated wayfinding Citizen Focus Group Discussion

Lead facilitator, CLC Our Green Pek Kio Resident Design Workshop

Lead facilitator, DSG Loveability Citizen Engagement Workshop

2019

Lead Facilitator, Participatory planning at Limbang & Woodgrove Neighbourhood

Lead Facilitator, SIT-LTA Virtual Reality Commuter Design Workshop

Lead Facilitator, MOH NDRM co-creation workshop

Co Facilitator, CJC Participatory Master Class for Educators

Co Facilitator, CJC Participatory Design Workshop for Students

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Co Facilitator, CSC Participatory Masterclass for government agencies

Lead Facilitator, Ngee Ann Poly Participatory Design Workshop

Lead Facilitator, NYC Learning Symposium Community Mapping Workshop

Lead Facilitator, Futures Cities Lab Cooling Singapore Community Workshop

Lead Facilitator, Pacific Activity Centre (Fajar Spring) Community Design Workshop

Co Facilitator, Tampines Changkat Community Club Community Design Workshop

- 2017** Co Facilitator, Participatory Planning at Tampines North Neighbourhood
- Co Facilitator, Kampong Gelam Heritage Marker Project
- Co Facilitator, Hack Our Play
- 2016** Co-Facilitator, Urban Explorations: Mobility Edition
- 2014** Volunteer Facilitator, Hello Neighbour Community Design Workshop
- 2012** Volunteer Facilitator, HDB-NUS Project: Study on Impact of the Built Environment on Community Bonding, Stakeholder Focus Group Discussions
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Selected Talks & Sharing Sessions

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| 2021 | <p>Invited Speaker for LKY School of Public Policy IPS Online Forum on Sustainability & Liveability (2021)</p> <p>Invited Speaker for URA placemaking webinar series (2021)</p> |
| 2020 | <p>Invited Speaker for Prakarasa by Indonesian Institute of Architects x Singapore Institute of Architects (2020)</p> |
| 2019 | <p>Invited Speaker for Youth Urban Hack for "Shape your Somerset"</p> |
| 2018 | <p>Invited Speaker for NVPC Giving Matters Forum</p> <p>Invited Speaker for Human Cities Conference, Seoul, South Korea (Sep 2018)</p> <p>Invited Speaker for Social Enterprise Summit, Hong Kong (Nov 2018)</p> |
| 2017 | <p>Speaker for NCSS Sharing with agencies</p> <p>Invited Speaker for HDB Cool Ideas Hack</p> <p>Speaker for Concerned Citizen Programme @ Substation</p> <p>Laselle Sharing with MA Arts and Cultural Management Students</p> <p>National Youth Council Sharing with Youths on Participatory Arts & Design</p> <p>Laselle Sharing with 1st Year Arts students on Participatory Arts & Design</p> |
| 2015 | <p>BCA Industrial Week — Sharing with JC Students on Architecture</p> |
| 2014 | <p>Guest Speaker for Career Talks — Architecture @ Meridian JC</p> |

