



HONG KONG. INTERDISCIPLINARY LEARNING PROJECT

YOUTH-LED CULTURAL MAPPING IN SAI KUNG

An 8-week interdisciplinary learning project whereby a group of 15 students (11-16 yrs old) mapped their own neighbourhood through a step-by-step approach involving games, site surveys, interviews, photography, creative writing and design. The programme also included sessions for the students to reflect on their newfound sense of community.

Supervised by teachers in language & literature, design and PE, the students documented 30 cultural assets in the neighbourhood. They published the data in the form of 1) a mobile App with short stories 2) an illustrated map and 3) a pop-up exhibition, which also featured at the acclaimed annual Hong Kong Business of Design Week.

6-STEP PARTICIPATORY MAPPING PROCESS

“I’VE LIVED IN SAI KUNG NEARLY MY ENTIRE LIFE, BUT I’VE NEVER REALLY GOTTEN TO KNOW THE LOCALS. IT’S BEEN REALLY INTERESTING TO HEAR THEIR STORIES”

- Peter, Grade 7

- 1 **REVEAL**  neighbourhood narrative
- 2 **MAP**  sites that matter
- 3 **CREATE**  content worth sharing
- 4 **DESIGN**  artist map
- 5 **SHARE**  in the community
- 6 **CONNECT**  tech-savvy audience



OUTPUT



“IF YOU INVEST IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CULTURE AND HISTORY, THEN STUDENTS TAKE OWNERSHIP OF IT”

- MR Saleem, PE Teacher

IMPACT

100%



INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATIONS

Students challenged to move out of the comfort of their class-room and combine different skills, talents and interests into a real product.

60%



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Students connected to neighbourhood residents. New encounters broadened awareness of traditional businesses and lesser-known cultural sites.

80%



CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING

Students equipped with new cultural lens to explore unfamiliar places and understand the deeper layers in their own locality.

15

students participants in the age group 11-15 yrs



1,000

copies of neighbourhood maps distributed



5

students presenting at the acclaimed Hong Kong Business of Design Week



250

visitors to the one-day pop-up exhibition at school



10

different nationalities in the classroom



75

eye-opening encounters between local residents and students

25

local sites researched in 5 categories: iEat, iDrink, iShop, iSee, iSurprise



25

local dishes sampled in the research process



53,000

downloads of iDiscover App



Collaborative Partnership

Funded by

Duration

Budget