

PERSONAL DETAILS

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2013 - Present

Independent Strategy and Design consulting in various capacities

1. Strategy and Product Roadmap for the Sustained Mastery Programme - **321 Education Foundation**
2. Researcher and Designer - **Talkoot Taxi** (A 2014 world design capital project in Cape Town), a project as part of a student team at Aalto University
3. Programmatic design for encouraging students to become entrepreneurs - **AltCity** (a startup incubator in Lebanon), a project as part of a student team at Aalto University
4. Part of panel of experts working on programme strategy - Climate + Change (**ICIMOD + Thinc Design**)
5. Research, Naming and Brand Positioning - **3CCollective** (Low cost hand hygiene)
6. Assisting in facilitation of global workshop on Behavior change at scale - **Unilever** (Lifebuoy Social mission)
7. Conceiving of and deploying experimental participatory learning networks in a WaSH Behavior Change project in rural India - **Centre of Gravity and TATA Trust**
8. Workshop on 'Lean experiments towards programme improvement' for senior staff — **Technoserve India** (July 2016)
9. Editing and writing on 'Reflecting on Toolkits' a broad, long-term research exercise - **Quicksand** (ongoing)
10. Designing Impact Evaluation for Informal Science education at 'The Story of Space, 2017' - **The Story of Foundation** (ongoing)
11. Conceptualising and managing City Walks (parallel day long events with the 'Moving Upstream' project) — **Veditum** (ongoing)

2013 – 2015

Co-founder and COO at Amrutdhara Water Services

Amrutdhara is a social enterprise designing and deploying systems that use technology to ensure access to quality-assured drinking water in urban India.

2013

Design Research, Product Design and Project Management in Auroville Earth & Us

1. Behavior Change and Waste Management in Auroville — a research paper

2010 - 2013

Design Research, Product Design and Project Management at Quicksand Design Studio

Projects:

1. The Potty Project — The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
2. Healthy Futures — A global consumer electronics company
3. UnBox 2011 — Design Festival initiated and executed by Quicksand
4. Hand Hygiene research, ideation and prototyping — Clean Hands Inc.
5. Smartphone Usage in India — A global Mobile Phone company
6. User-centred research around Dishwashing in India and Nigeria — A global FMCG company
7. UnBox 2012 — Design Festival initiated and executed by Quicksand
8. Project Sammaan - The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
9. Digital Camera usage — Idea Couture, Toronto
10. UnBox 2013 — Design Festival initiated and executed by Quicksand

2009-2010

Product, Exhibition and Graphic Design, Project Management, Research and Basic web development at Aurore, Auroville

Projects:

1. Market and User Research around Solar Water Heaters — Ministry of Renewable Energy

2. Reboot of Mission Tejas Website — In-house project
3. Reboot of Eco-Exhibition — In-house project

2009

Industrial Design and Research at Cluster-One Studios

Project:

1. Modular mounting systems for street furniture — In-house project

EDUCATION

2013 – 2016

Pursuing an MA in New Media from Aalto University, Helsinki (Graduating in December, 2016)

2005 - 2009

Graduate Diploma in Product Design from Symbiosis Institute of Design, Pune

EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND CULTURAL

2014

Travel desk, Registrations and Volunteers at UnBox 2014

Volunteering and advisory to The Story of Light Festival, Goa

2010

Played the role of Duryodhana in a production of Chakravyuh at Auroville

2009

Selected for and attended 'In a planet of our own' a workshop about sustainability

2008-2009

Managed Design Gupshup | Brought together students in college to form a community for discussion and collaboration

2007 - 2008

Event Co-ordinator at Fundamental '08, a college festival

Event Co-ordinator at Fundamental '07, a college festival

2003 - 2005

ICJ, Dhirubhai Ambani International Model United Nations

General Assembly, The Hague International Model United Nations

Historic Security Council, Mumbai Model United Nations

General Assembly, HR Model United Nations

2003-2004

Games Captain at Dhirubhai Ambani International School

2000-2003

Prefect at Bombay Scottish School