

Wellington 'Impossible Dreams' Rotary Forum

Achieving the Impossible Dream – what
would it take for Wellington, the city and
region to be the best in the world

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We are all historians

We are all futurists

We are all seeking out utopia

We want to know what next

BUT

What do our cities already tell us about us?

Who are we making the city for?

What are the issues we face?

What are the opportunities?

1. Creativity

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ARTS SINGAPORE

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“Creativity is intelligence having fun.” – Albert Einstein

2. Connectivity



3. Certainty



4. Choice

SMART LIVING

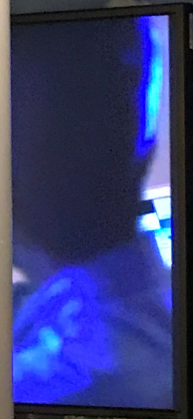
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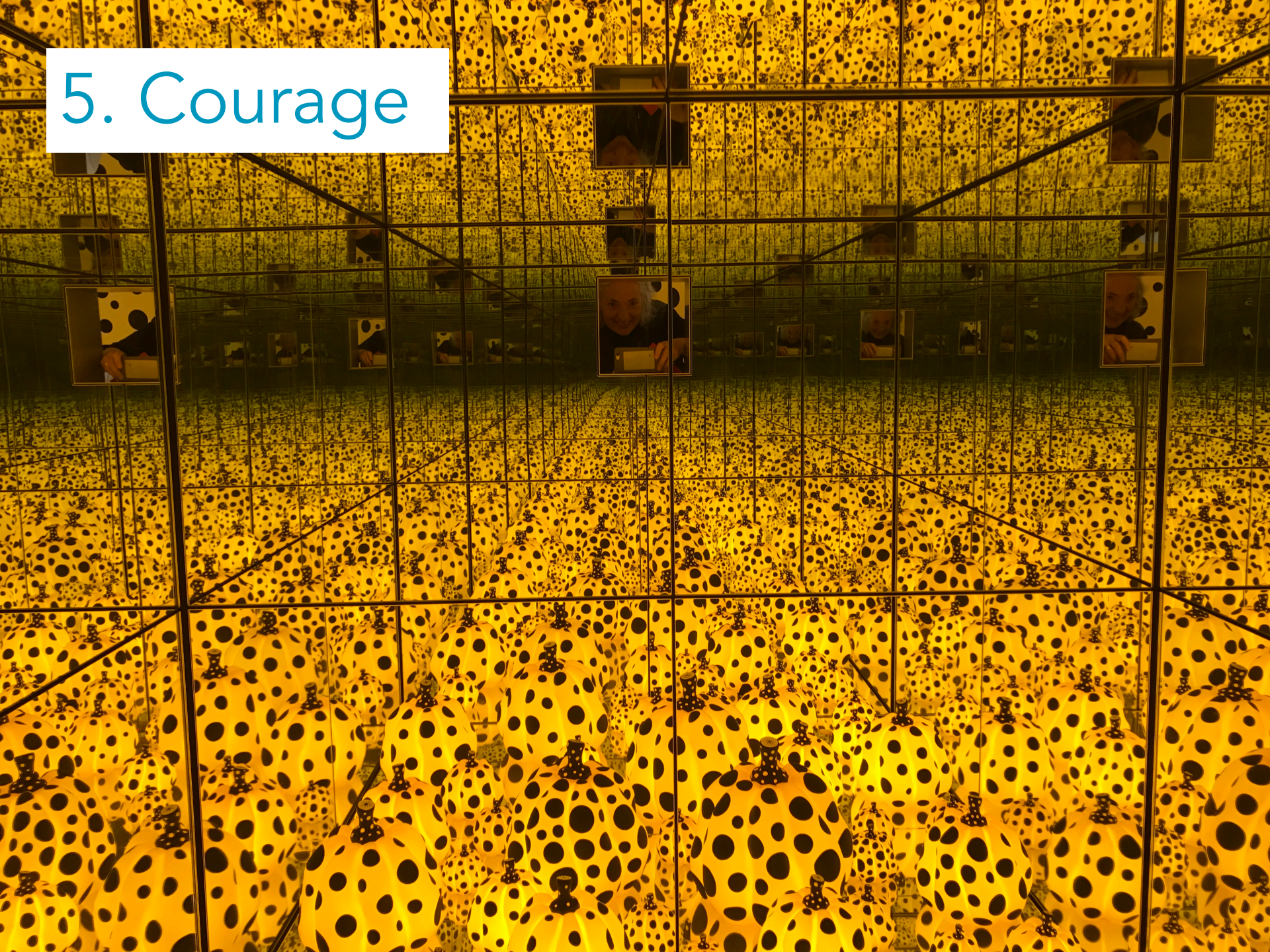
SMART DISCOVERY

SMART DISTRICT

SMART IDEAS



5. Courage



5 Characteristics of a Great City; How do we measure up?



What might get in the way?



(a) Not looking after our family connections

(b) Not asking enough questions
and taking the time to listen

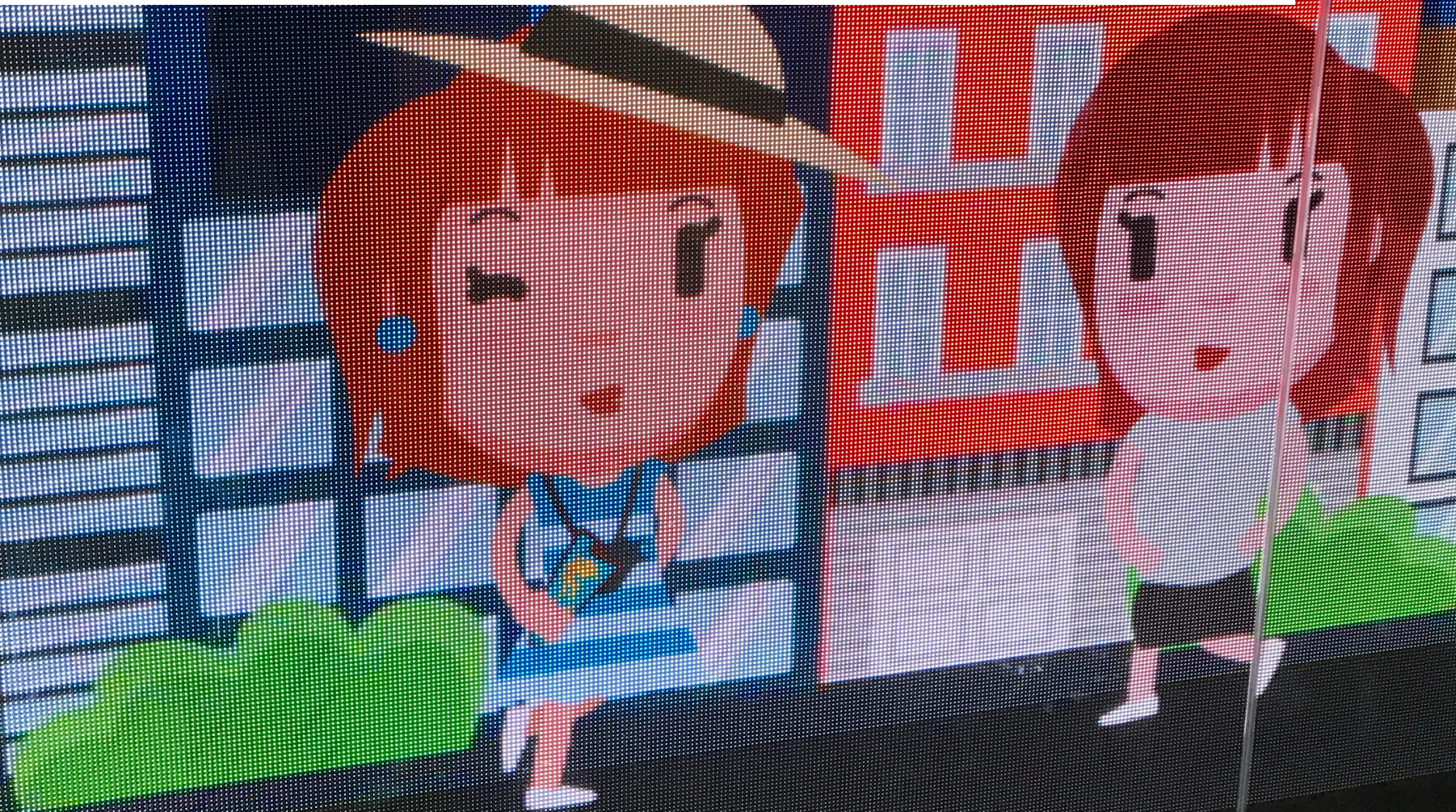
Hello, Future-me!

Drop your letter to your future
self here!

To take part in Lynn Lu's
performance *Hello, Future-me!*,
pick up a Gallery Children's
Biennale Art Pack.

Available for just \$5 at Level B1
Ticketing Counter and the
Family Desk at the Keppel
Centre for Art Education.

(c) Taking ourselves too seriously



(d) Not focusing on how we feel



'Everything is not enough'

(e) Not being clear about what we are trying to achieve

'Our vision is for Singapore to be a Smart Nation. A nation where people live meaningful and fulfilled lives, enabled seamlessly by technology, offering exciting opportunities for all.'

– PM Lee Hsien Loong, Smart Nation Launch, Nov 2014



(f) Not saying “NO” for short-term gain but long-term pain

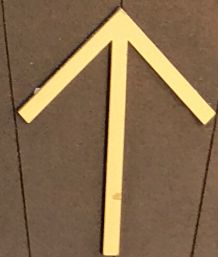


(g) Not being inclusive



Public
Access

Accessible
At All Times



(h) Not preserving our history



(i) Not being innovative



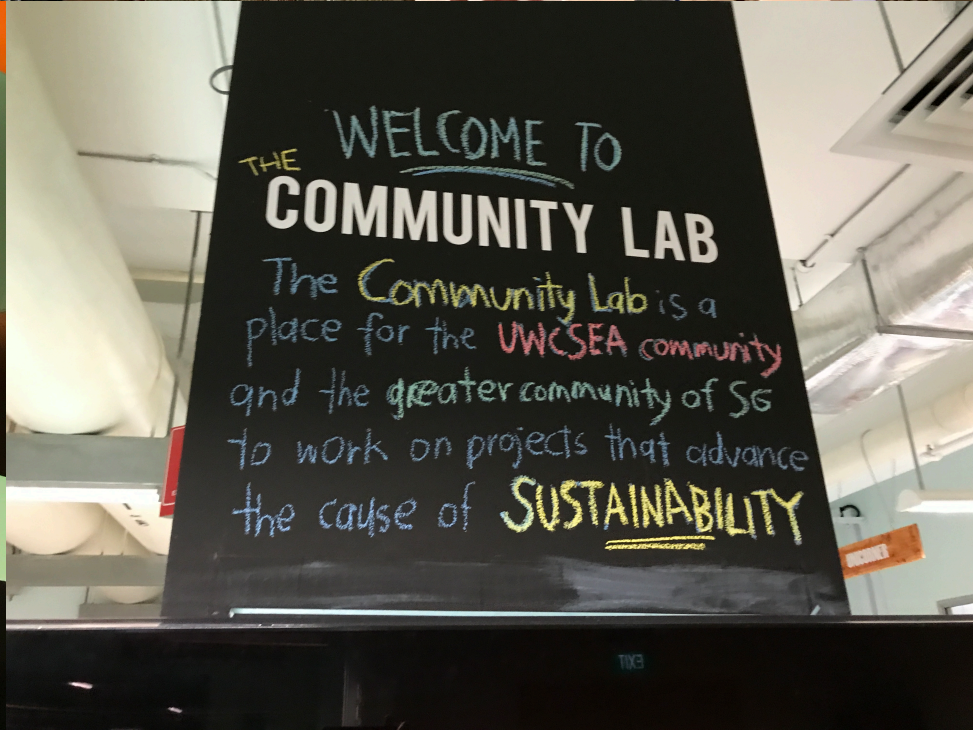
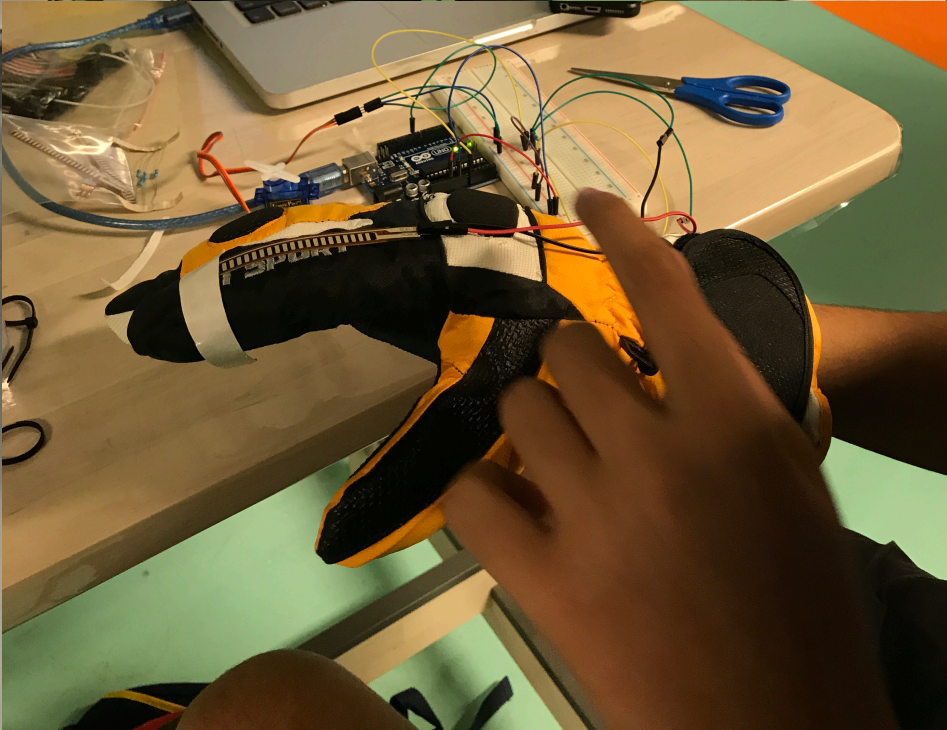
(j) Not dreaming



(k) Not being aware



(I) Not making enough public spaces



(m) Not thinking long-term



Thank you

