Human-Centered Design in the Public Sector Training Course

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Public Sector Innovation	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

1. Understand core principles of human-centered design and design thinking in the public sector.
2. Apply empathy-driven research techniques to understand citizen needs and pain points.
3. Use problem-framing tools to address complex public policy and service challenges.
4. Conduct user research and stakeholder mapping in public institutions.
5. Design inclusive public services that respond to diverse citizen needs.
6. Apply co-creation and participatory design methods in government contexts.
7. Develop low-cost prototypes and pilot public service innovations.
8. Integrate human-centered design into policy formulation processes.
9. Improve digital government services using user experience design principles.
10. Strengthen service delivery efficiency through iterative design approaches.
11. Measure impact and outcomes of human-centered public services.
12. Manage organizational change to support innovation and user-centered culture.
13. Develop implementation roadmaps for scaling human-centered design in government.

Organizational Benefits

- Improved citizen satisfaction and trust in public services
- Enhanced effectiveness of policies and programs
- Reduced service delivery inefficiencies and costs
- Better alignment of services with real citizen needs
- Increased adoption of digital government platforms
- Stronger stakeholder engagement and collaboration
- Improved problem-solving capacity within public institutions
- Faster innovation cycles and service improvement
- Strengthened accountability and transparency
- Sustainable culture of user-centered governance

Target Audiences

- Public sector managers and administrators
- Policy makers and government planners
- Service delivery and operations officers
- Digital government and ICT teams

- Monitoring and evaluation professionals
- Local government officials
- Public sector innovation units
- Consultants supporting government reform initiatives

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Human-Centered Design

- Overview of human-centered design and design thinking principles
- Differences between traditional and user-centered public services
- Core stages of the human-centered design process
- Role of empathy and user insights in governance
- Global trends in public sector innovation
- Case Study: Applying human-centered design to improve citizen service centers

Module 2: Understanding Citizens and Stakeholders

- Techniques for citizen interviews and observations
- Stakeholder mapping and power-interest analysis
- Identifying underserved and vulnerable populations
- Capturing user journeys across public services
- Synthesizing qualitative research insights
- Case Study: Citizen journey mapping for a public licensing service

Module 3: Problem Framing and Opportunity Identification

- Defining public sector challenges using problem statements
- Root cause analysis for service delivery issues
- Reframing problems to uncover innovation opportunities
- Aligning citizen needs with policy objectives
- Prioritizing problems based on impact and feasibility
- Case Study: Reframing a low uptake social protection program

Module 4: Co-Creation and Participatory Design

- Principles of co-creation in the public sector
- Engaging citizens and frontline staff in solution design
- Facilitating design workshops and ideation sessions
- Managing diverse stakeholder inputs
- Ensuring inclusivity and equity in participation

- Case Study: Co-designing a community health outreach program

Module 5: Prototyping and Testing Public Services

- Developing low-fidelity and high-fidelity prototypes
- Rapid testing methods for public sector solutions
- Collecting and analyzing user feedback
- Iterating solutions based on evidence
- Managing pilot projects in government settings
- Case Study: Prototyping a digital public service platform

Module 6: Human-Centered Digital Government Services

- User experience principles for digital public services
- Designing accessible and inclusive digital interfaces
- Integrating offline and online service channels
- Addressing digital literacy and access challenges
- Evaluating usability and performance metrics
- Case Study: Redesigning an e-government portal using UX principles

Module 7: Measuring Impact and Scaling Solutions

- Defining success metrics for human-centered services
- Monitoring outcomes and citizen satisfaction
- Using data and feedback for continuous improvement
- Scaling pilots across departments and regions
- Managing risks and sustainability challenges
- Case Study: Scaling a successful pilot across multiple municipalities

Module 8: Institutionalizing Human-Centered Design

- Embedding human-centered design into policies and procedures
- Building internal capacity and design skills
- Leadership roles in driving user-centered culture
- Integrating HCD into budgeting and planning cycles
- Developing implementation roadmaps
- Case Study: Institutionalizing design thinking in a government ministry

Training Methodology

- Instructor-led conceptual presentations and discussions

- Practical group exercises and design workshops
- Real-world public sector case study analysis
- Role plays and citizen simulation activities
- Hands-on prototyping and testing sessions
- Action planning and peer feedback

Register as a group from 3 participants for a Discount

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally- recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

We also offer tailor-made courses based on your needs.

Key Notes

a. The participant must be conversant with English.

b. Upon completion of training the participant will be issued with an Authorized Training Certificate

c. Course duration is flexible and the contents can be modified to fit any number of days.

d. The course fee includes facilitation training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch and A Certificate upon successful completion of Training.

e. One-year post-training support Consultation and Coaching provided after the course.
f. Payment should be done at least a week before commence of the training, to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice so as to enable us prepare better for you.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000

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