A new generative system of community creation
A new economy
Place - Culture - Enterprise - Government - Commons

DEGENERATING
Mechanistic Design
Reductionist Thinking
Parts

REGENERATING
Holistic Thinking
Patterns
Natural System Design

Conventional  Green  Sustainable  Restorative  Regenerative
Where there is a vision the people will flourish.
From tidy towns to green streets to transition streets
A new goal for communities
Big Little Ideas
Creating Sustainable Places
Sustainable Place DNA

Equitable & Accessible
Day & Night Activation
Give Back: Power of free
Environmentally conscious
Variety of co-working spaces
Freedom to move & connect
Rituals of celebration

Beauty attracts
Curated and Managed
Boutique localised mix
Third places
Sharehood
Digital experience
A culture of share-hood
Car share, collaborative consumption, culinary gardens
Movement & Cycling Hubs
Creating environments conducive to new patterns of movement
Giving Back - The New Gifting Economy
Community participation & new community experiences
Going Green
Creating resilience
Beauty Attracts
Using locally sourced, sustainable creativity that activates
‘Third Places’

Great local cafés & hang out spaces
Rituals of Celebration

The rooftop experience, the grand public piazza
Global Trends affecting People & Places
People are searching for meaning
A connection to soul and a sense of place
Communities are taking back control
Equity, Dignity & Access for All
We must create places for all people, every day
The New Business of Business
Local, experiential and ethically responsible retail
New Working Environments
Environments to support co-working & start-ups
Conscious Consumption
Climate Change & Food Security
Shared Spaces & Communal Living

10-30% of Danish households are co-housing
Pop-Up Culture

Promoting new ideas and innovations
The Future of Local Government
A new place paradigm for local government

If you are about people & place
THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CURRENTLY...
- The mob is NOT happy!
- The urgent crowds out the important
- Opportunity is knocking! Anyone home?
- Only 10% indicate "a lot of trust" in federal govt.

FUTURE
- Council as experts & directors
- Community as consumers & customers
- Informed citizenry: How can you decide if you don't know?

FUTURE
- Community as citizens, co-owners, collaborators

LOCALISM, SIMPLICITY, LIVING IN PLACE

SHARE MORE WITH LESS
- Local councils working with the community are an enormous resource!

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- The only sphere that is continuously, place-based, directly accountable

POLITICAL COMMUNITY
- Managerial/professional
FUTURES

- Council as experts & directors
- Community as consumers, clients, customers
- Informed citizenry: how can you decide if you don’t know?
- Shared responsibility
- Do more with less
- Local governance: not government

TRANSPARENT

- New start
- Build a narrative of the change we want to be
- Map: what’s actually there

ENERGY & MOVEMENT

- Change your location: move people/teams around... maybe work from a cafe!

RELEVANT 2017
PRACTICAL

RITUAL & CELEBRATION
IN RECLAIMING COMMON SPACES
TO CHANGE OUR COMMUNITIES,
WE NEED...
SOCIAL LICENSE
& CONNECTION

LOCALISM, SIMPLICITY,
& LIVING IN PLACE

RIDE OF
‘THIRD PLACES’
E.G. GREAT CAFES, COSY BARS

LOCAL COUNCILS WORKING WITH
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ENORMOUS RESOURCE!

DEMYSTIFYING
INNOVATION

IT IS SIMPLY...
FRESH THINKING
THAT CREATES VALUE!

PLACE BASED
COMMUNITY

MANAGERIAL/
PROFESSIONAL

DIVERSE
NIMBLE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT
AS THE PUBLISHER
NOT THE AUTHOR

ELEVATED
LISTENING

I'LL GET OUT OF THE WAY!
WE WROTE IT!

UNLOCK
THE VALUE
OF PEOPLE
PLACE

A NEW NARRATIVE

DO TO
RESILIENT & SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITY

DO WITH
COMMUNITY

WEAKEST
Collaborative

Resilient & Sustainable Communities

- Do To: Community
- Do For: Community
- Do With: Community
- Of/By: Community

Unlock the Value of People & Place

Fiscal

Decentralized Administration

Citizens Involved in Decision Making

Strongest

Active & Committed Community Leaders!
Facilitate community leadership

Inclusive
TRUSTED

- says YES
- supports it
- has passion, grit, authenticity
- great sense of humour

BREAKING BREAD

ELDER CIRCLES

PLACE VISIONING

ENGAGEMENT TOOLS

MAINTAIN STRATEGIES

REACT

DETECTIVE

- strong self-awareness
- mutual support = high touch
- participatory budgeting
DRAFT MANIFESTO

WE FACE A CRISIS...

WE NEED A NEW MODEL OF GOVERNANCE... A LOCALIST RESPONSE. THE HEALTH OF OUR SOCIETY STARTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, NOT IN PARLIAMENTS OR BOARDROOMS.

THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE

- Understand & listen to communities, engage in diverse ways
- Empower citizens
- Embrace new ways of working
- Forge partnerships

FIRST STEPS

‘MAP’ THE ENERGY OF OUR COMMUNITIES
ADOPT THE MANIFESTO/CHARTER & DEVELOP ACTION PLAN

BOLD & BRAVE FOR CHANGE!
The Art of Engagement
Characteristics of a sound engagement process:

- Respectful
- Inclusive
- Appreciative
- Collaborative
- Empowering
- Realistic
- Flexible
- Transparent
- Celebratory
### Principles and Actions

1. Start by creating a compelling shared Story, Vision and Values

2. Listen deeply to the differently minded - seek out the hidden gems of wisdom

3. Be a facilitator of positive change, and hold the space for others
4. Find the hot and cold spots of a place. Cold spots need love while hot spots are where things are working and can be even better.

5. Walk the beat with the community. Doing a place diagnosis is a powerful process for activation and ownership. It generates ideas and small wins.

6. Find shared themes: The top 3 issues, and 3 opportunities.
Principles and Actions

7. Use power ‘with’ not power ‘over’ processes to gain trust, respect and ownership

8. Go with the energy and what’s working: an asset based approach to place development

9. Collaboration will unleash creativity and innovation

10. Build your allies and supporters

11. Celebrate your wins
Use a diverse toolbox of engagement tools, virtual and physical such as:

- Asset Based Community Development
- Kitchen Table Conversations
- Co-Design Charettes
- Forums and Think Tanks
- Vision Workshops
- Listening Posts
- Social Media
- Surveys
- Deliberative Processes
- Citizen Juries
- Celebrations
Townhall App

1. Vote
2. Add Reason
3. See Results
The Key Qualities of a Place Leader

- Creative
- Visionary
- Courageous
- Open Minded
- Inclusive
- Community Minded
- Curious
- Intuitive
- Observant
- Passionate
- Purposeful
- Generous
Case Studies
Nourishing the Commons
Neighbours of the Abbey
Ghent
NEST
Newly Established State of Temporality
Ghent
By 2050, 264 million people in the EU could be producing their own electricity.
Bologna
Welcome to Murrundaka Cohousing Community (through gate)

Murrundaka Cohousing Heidelberg
Imagine Horsham
Put your community here
There is a field out there beyond right and wrong. I’ll meet you there.
Thank You