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TIPS AND INSTRUCTIONS

4 ARCHETYPES

The 4 ARCHETYPES is a method used to identify the uncertainties of the futures. It helps to investigate your assumptions about the direction of the future in regard to particular drivers of change.

01 Analyze the issue/topic of your concern and highlight the key core element(s) in it. These elements are possible core issues(s).

02 Identify the core/focal issue of the project. This should be detailed and defined in order to be able to clearly map possible consequences and scenarios.

03 It's essential in this exercise to identify a timeline for the futures design project. So that you map future events in regard to specific time horizon.

04 According to the focal issue, map the futures in four different types of futures the "growing", "collapsing", the one that had major "transform" and the world that is sustaining a "discipline".

05 Create scenarios according to these four different perspectives.

TIP

Revisit the map you made in the framing signals exercises.

TIP

Use the lexicon Neoligiser to come up with names for your scenarios

TIP

Use dotmocracy to vote on selected scenario.

FOCAL ISSUE

GROW

Grow is a kind of future in which everything and everyone keeps climbing: population, production, consumption...

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COLLAPSE

Collapse is a kind of future in which life as we know it has fallen – or is falling – apart.

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DISCIPLINE

Discipline is a kind of future in which things are carefully managed by concerted coordination, perhaps top-down or perhaps collaboratively

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TRANSFORM

Transform is a kind of future in which a profound historical transition has occurred, whether spiritual or technological in nature.

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TIME HORIZON _____

(*) FOUR ARCHETYPES model is inspired by Jim Dator (1979) & (2002).

Further Reading: Dator, J. (2002) Advancing Futures - Futures Studies in Higher Education, Praeger Publishers