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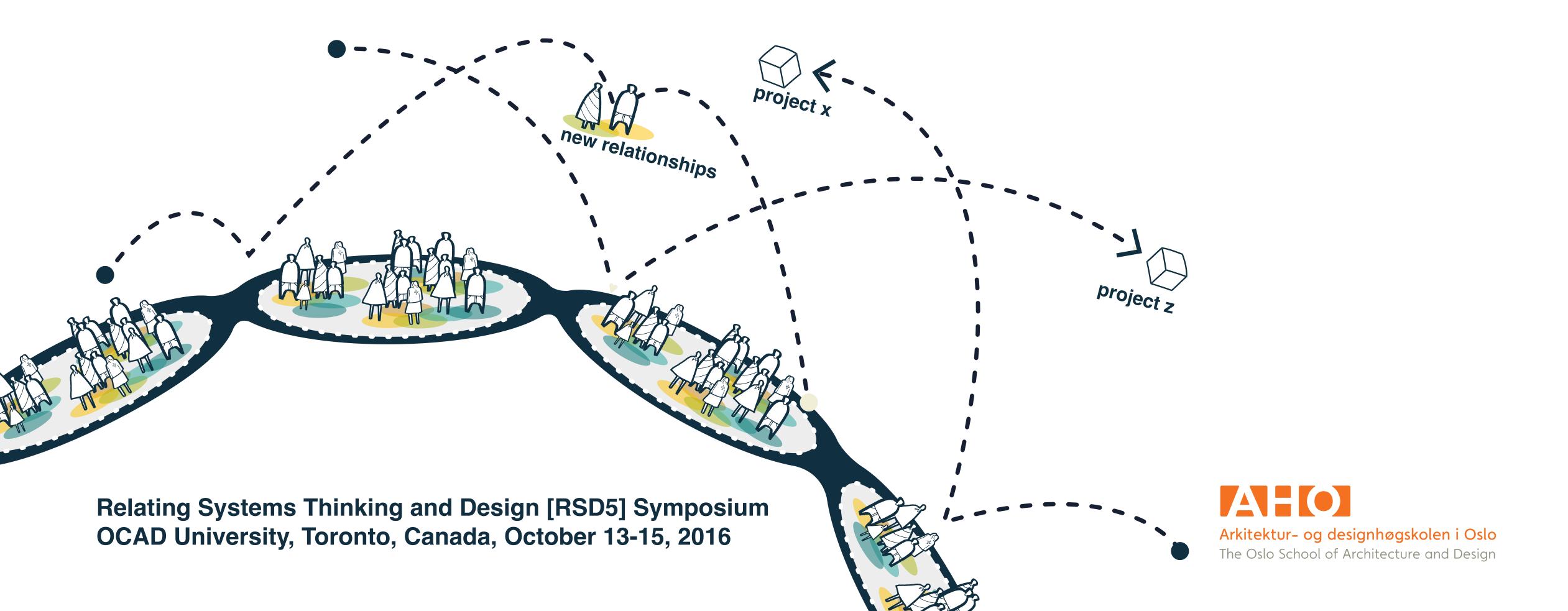
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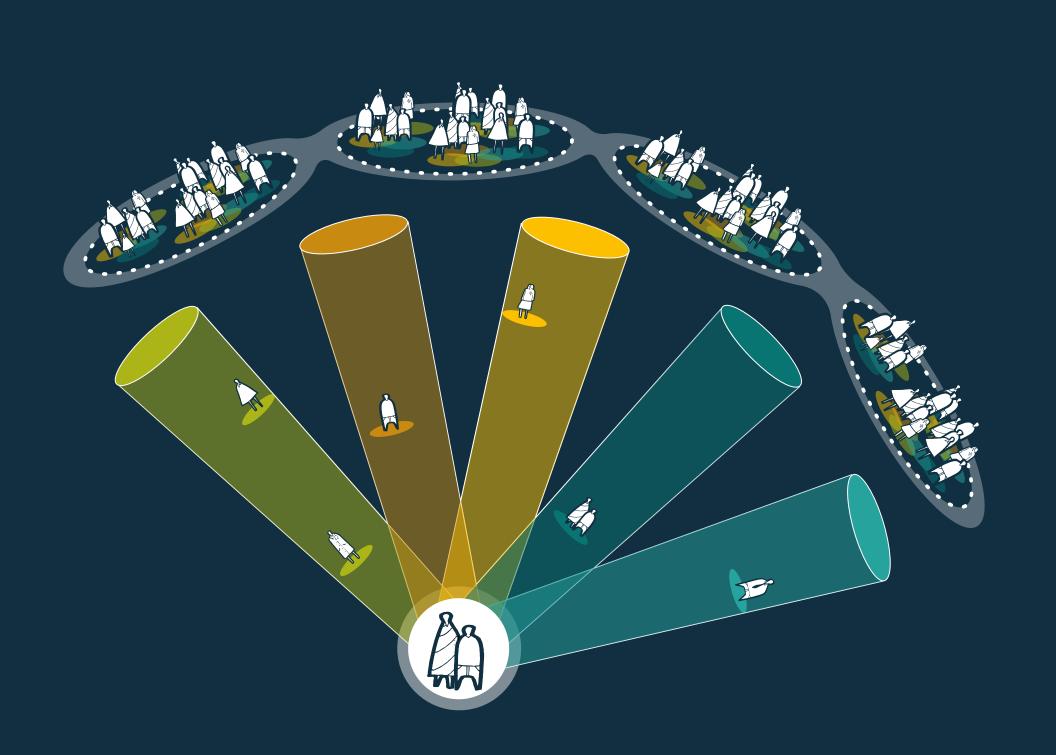


muddling through the 3rd and 4th domain of design

Wicked problems

- social complexity
- polarized tensions
- conflicting agendas
- power inequalities

How to start? Whom and how to invite? How to sustain momentum over time?





generative emergence in large-scale networks

[**jen**-er-*uh*-tiv / ih-**mur**-j*uh* ns]

"Network effects in large social networks display emergent qualities that cannot be designed or planned in the absence of large numbers of active participants" (Jones, 2014:117)

- engage diverse perspectives in dialogue
- spread ownership and agency
- · co-envision possible futures across silos
- embody experiential intelligence*
- embrace change and challenge assumptions*
- playfully open to risk*





^{*} Schweitzer, Groeger & Sobel, 2016. The 11 Design Thinking Mindsets.





two cases - different in nature

but share the same body

(of work)







case 1: Center for Connected Care

network type: Formal network for healthcare innovation **partners:** 17 institutions (public, private and academic)

timing: 8 year funded commitment

purpose: diffuse and adopt patient-centric innovation in Norway

scope: Four main events (January-September 2016)

case 2: Guts to Change

network type: Informal network for social innovation **partners:** two-hundred individuals (mixed sectors)

timing: 6 months of design-driven volunteer movement

purpose: transform a 'crisis' into a participatory opportunity

scope: Four main events (November 2015-May 2016)



Research by Design

"A special research mode where the explorative, generative and innovative aspects of design are engaged and aligned in a systematic research inquiry" (Sevaldson, 2010:11).



Planning

Producing

Facilitating

Documenting

Visual mapping

Research

Interviews

Observations

Reflection

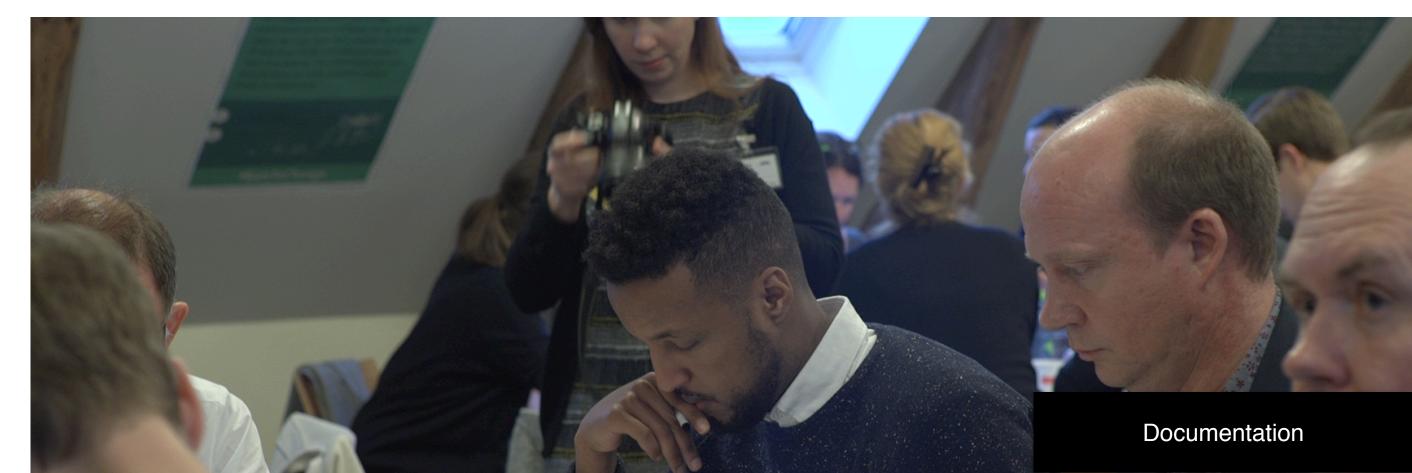
Grounded theory

Literature review













Facilitation / facilis "to make easy"

Facilitation is an increasing role designers perform. Designers as 'value facilitator'.

Designers use a variety of tools for facilitation of generative conversations, such as:

- 1. Generic tools (post-it, whiteboard, flipcharts, makers)
- 2. Templates (business model canvas, service blueprint, SWAT)
- 3. Designed facilitation tools (tailored designed tools)

What are the dimensions of these designed facilitation tools?



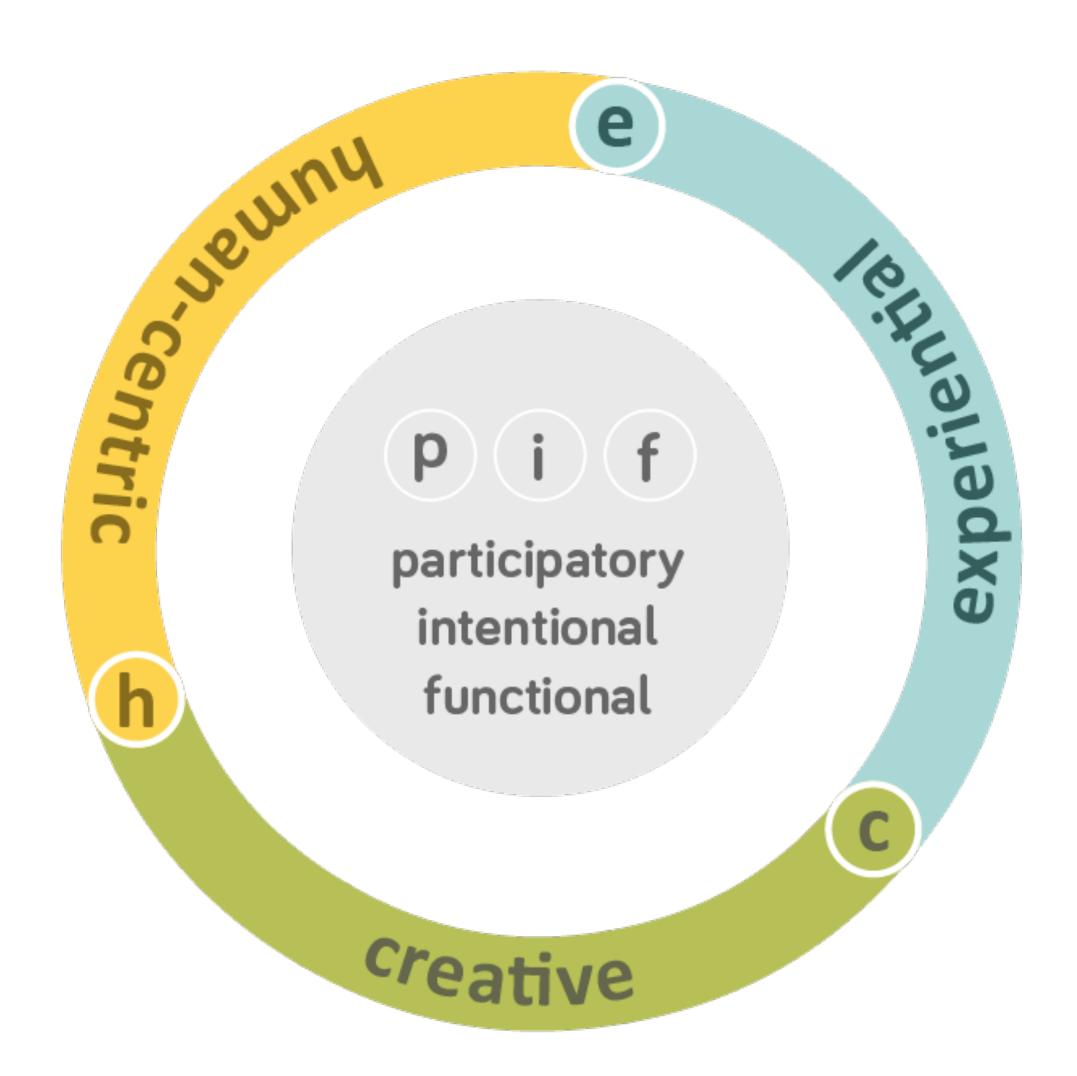
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- 2) Functional: considers logistics, usability and ergonomics.
- 3) Participatory: enables collaboration and dialogue.

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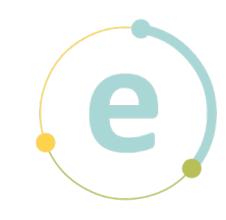
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human-centric •••

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Immersive, extraordinary, sensorial, aesthetic.

creative

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human-centric ••

Invites participants to articulate different perspectives.

experiential

Interactive, applies metaphors or symbols, playful.

creative

Invites abductive and lateral thinking. Builds on existing design material.



human-centric

Addresses issues of diverse perspectives.

experiential

Accessible, provides ambience or has a peripheral presence.

creative

Allows for reflection, feedback and critique to evaluate design material.



human-centric

This dimension is not addressed or is irrelevant.

experiential

This dimension is not addressed or is irrelevant.

creative

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-centric ••

culation of drivers from mulitiple er perspectives.

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by usage of colour elated to themes.

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eral thinking and of multiple future ces of change.

the pill experience

Participants were exposed to an experience by being symbolically medticated with "miracle frooties" - a pill that twists the sensoric ability of tase. This in order to gain empathic insight in to a medicated patients' perspective and woh a patient is depended on trusting provides to give good instructions related to medication.

human-centric

invites participants to reflect upon a patients perspectives related to medication.

experiential

Highly immersive, sensorial and symbolic theatrical experience.

creative

Not adressed.

idea card

Idea cards developed to help participants describe ideas for possible future C3 projects related to each theme.

human-centric

Invites to describe ideas from different perspectives.

experiential

Idea card layout helps to describe ideas in a cohesive and easy way.

creative •••

Prompts abductive thinking to support the production of multiple ideas.

floor plan division

The floor was devided in four sections mirroring the four scenarios that were presented to "move" the participants mentally in to each scenario.

human-centric

Irrelevant.

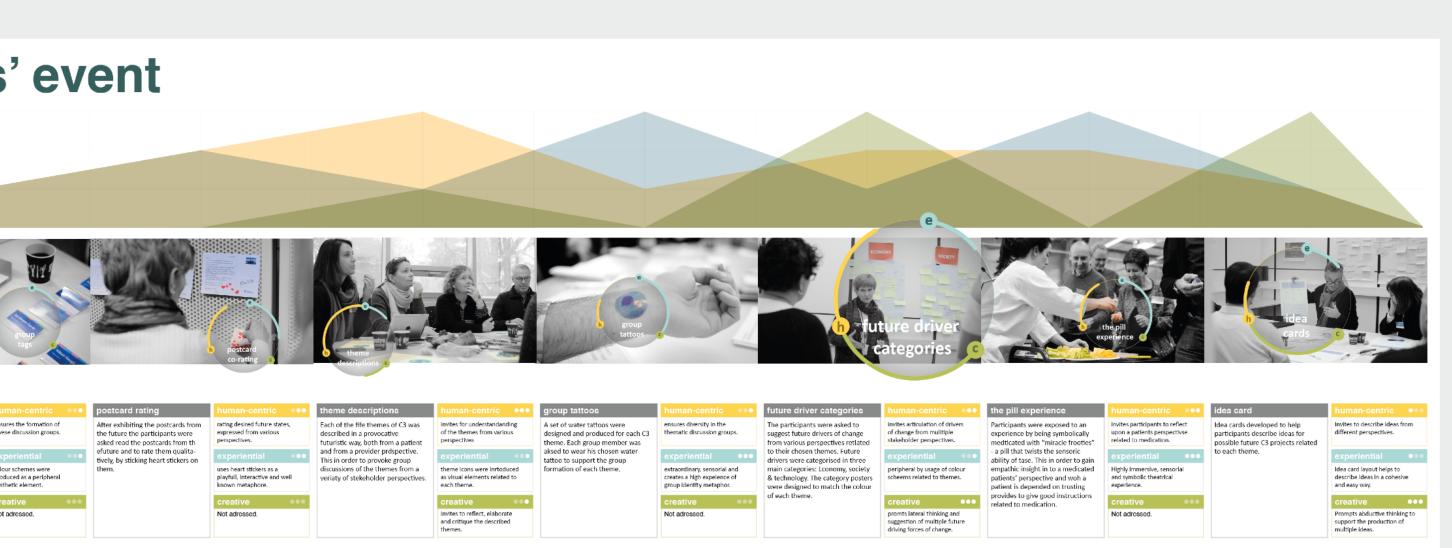
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experiential

Immersive, prompts the participants to relate to the different scenarios spatially.

creative

Irrelevant.



environment.

representing (public, private, academic, lived experience, Prompt reflection and etc). It visually represented Creative

Allows reflection among the

that each group was diverse. diverse perspectives, but not in relation to creation.

were carefully put together in

This dimension is not

addressed or is irrelevant.

transparent folders.



the conversation.

Prompt reflection and

creative •••
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creative thinking.

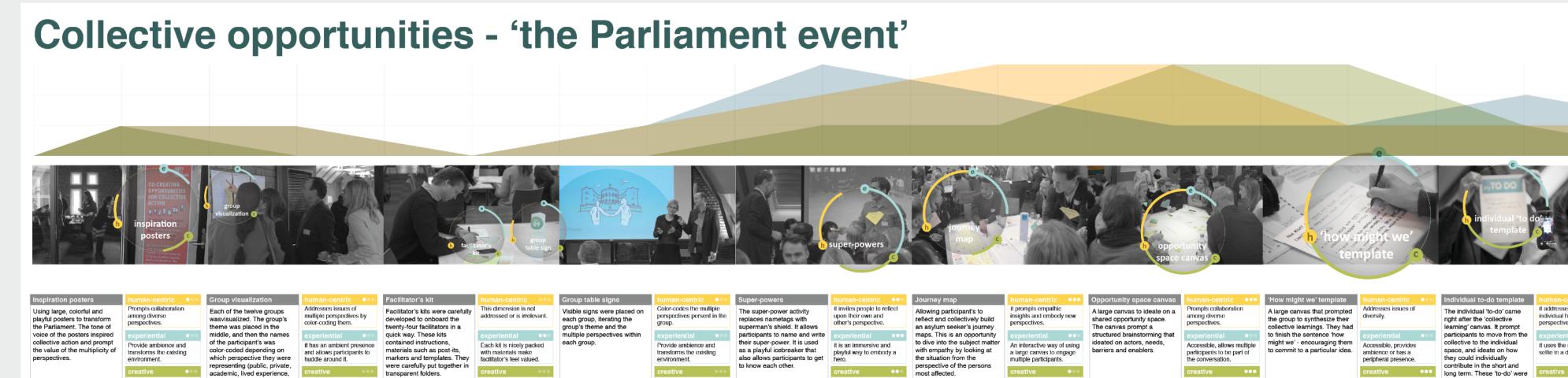
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Prompt reflection and anonymously photographed. It nudges

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It invites abductive thinking

environment.

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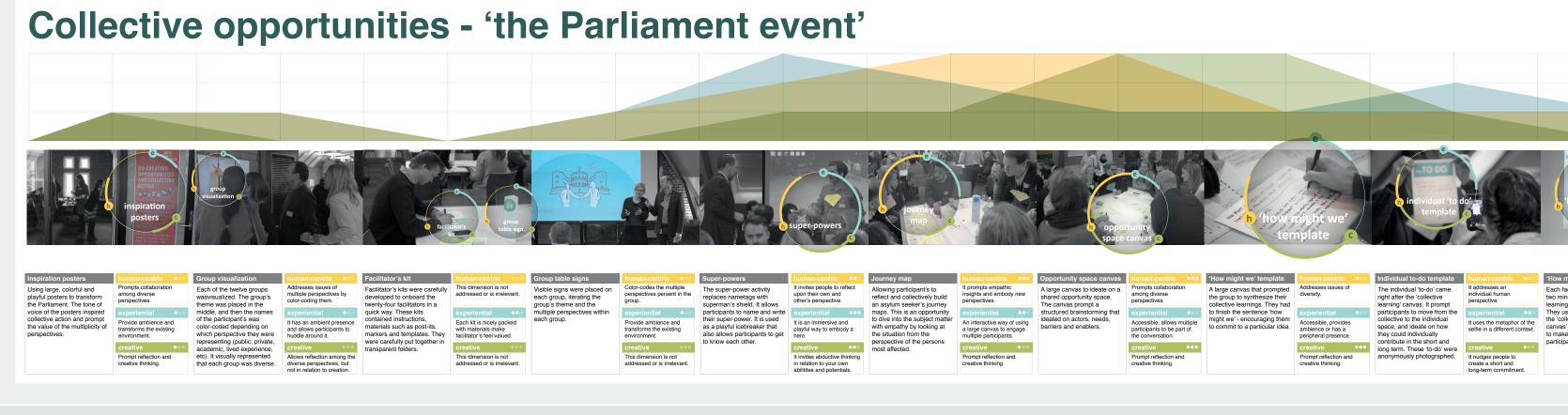
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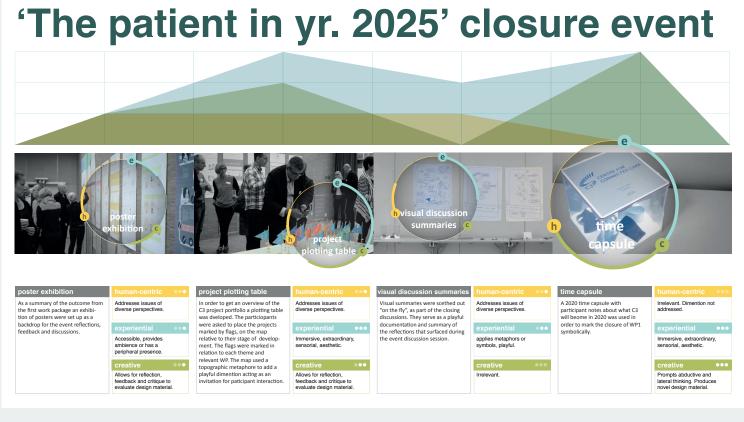






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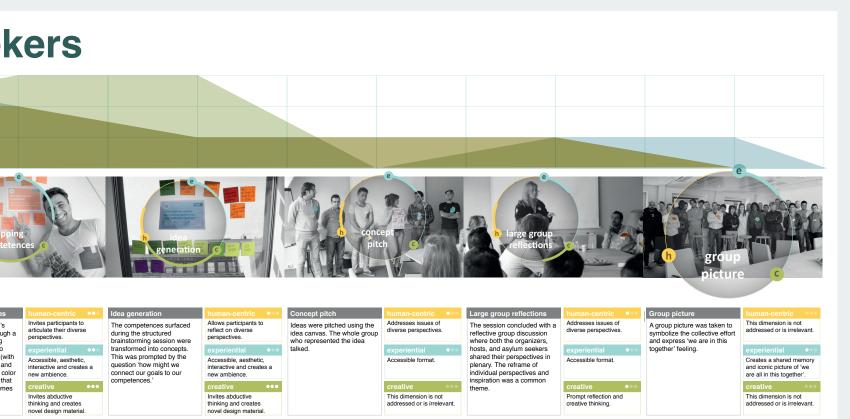
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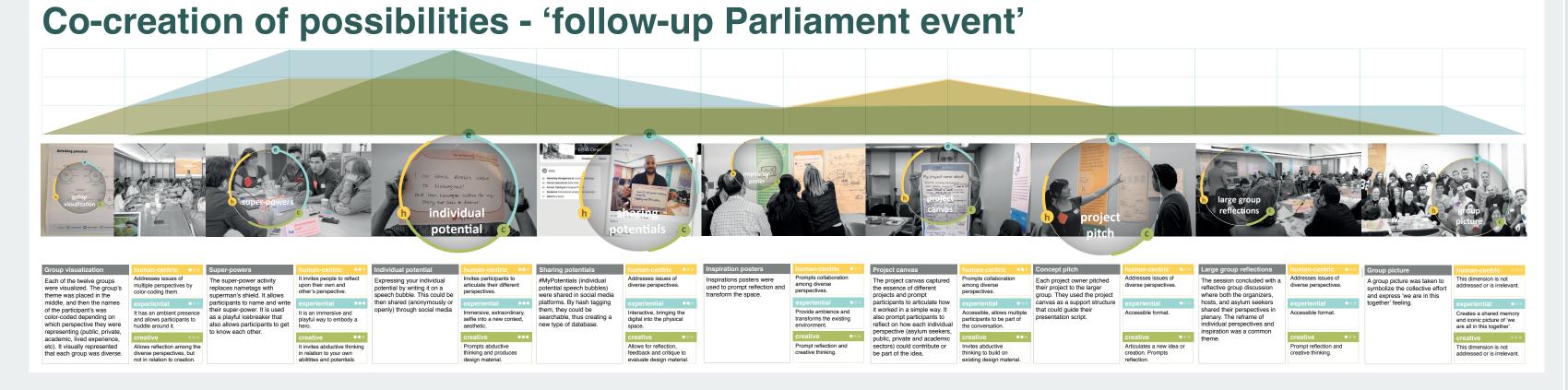
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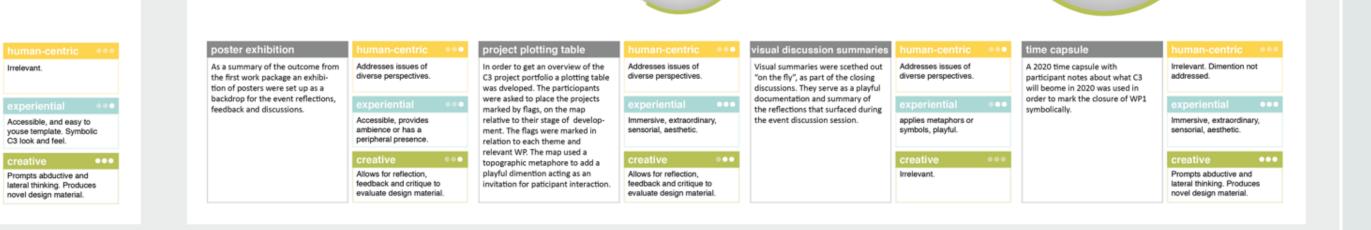
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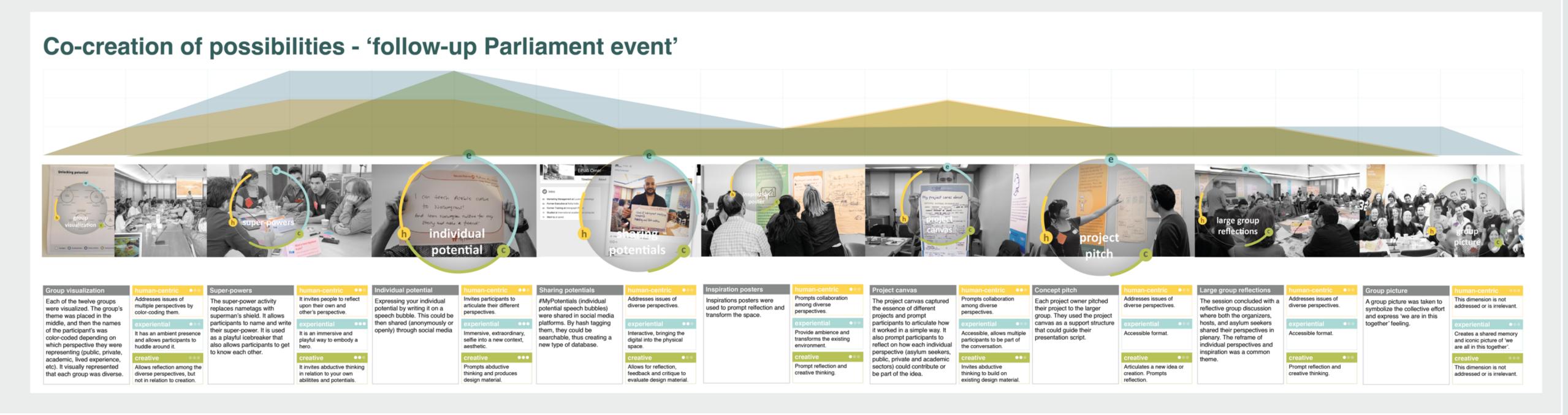


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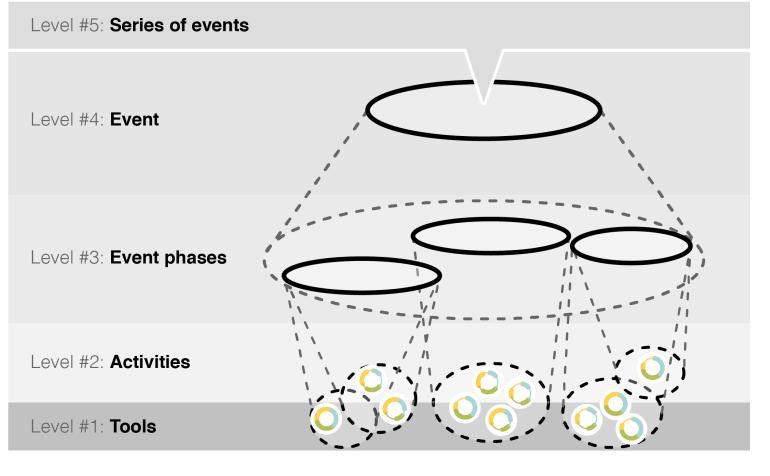
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what is an event?



Design facilitated tool

an enabling interaction

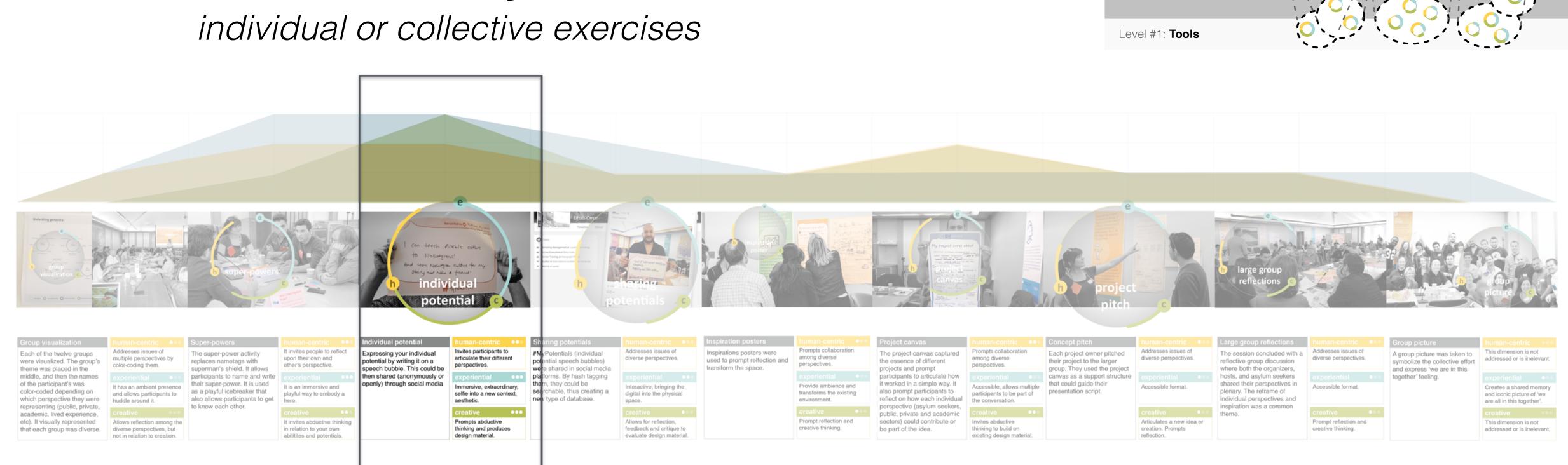




[2 min for introduction]



Activity



[15 min]



Level #5: Series of events

Level #3: **Event phases**

Level #2: Activities

Level #4: Event

Event phase

a purposeful theme for activities



[1 hour and twenty min.]



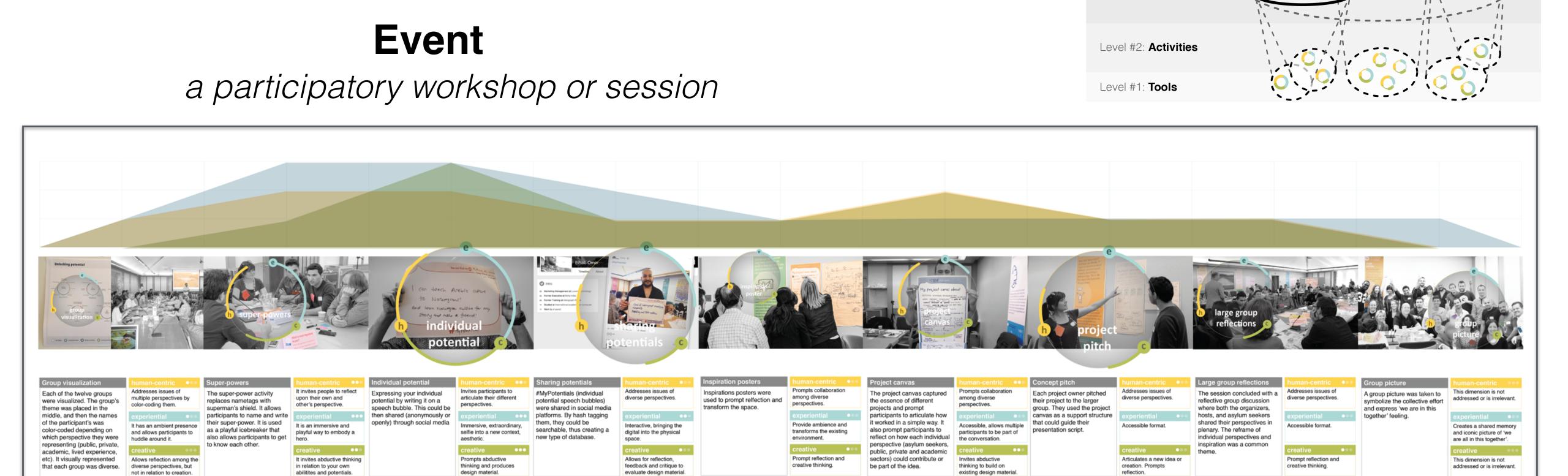
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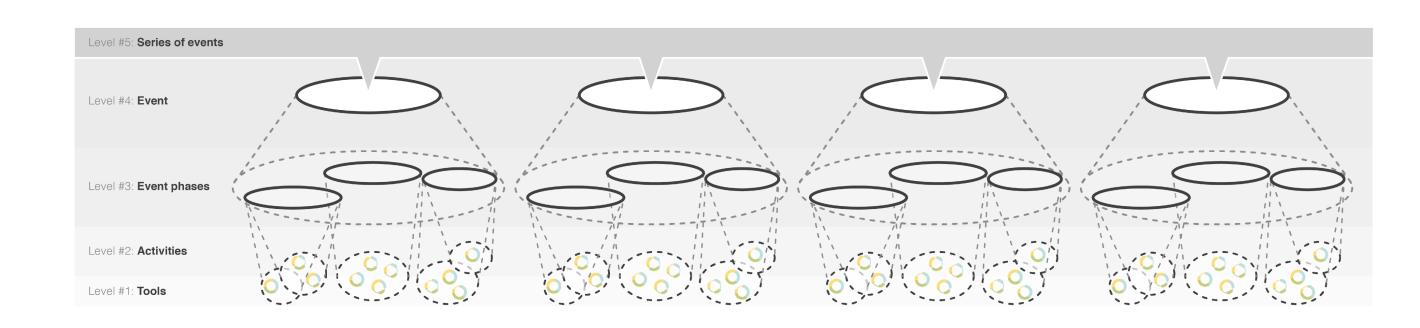
[four hours]



Level #5: Series of events

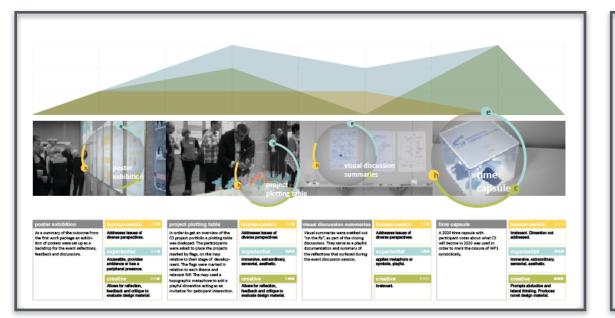
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Level #4: **Event**

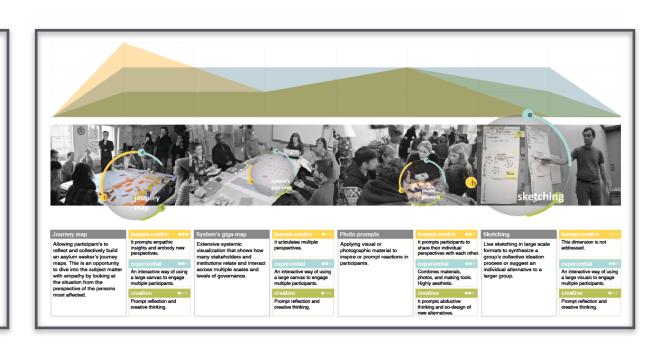


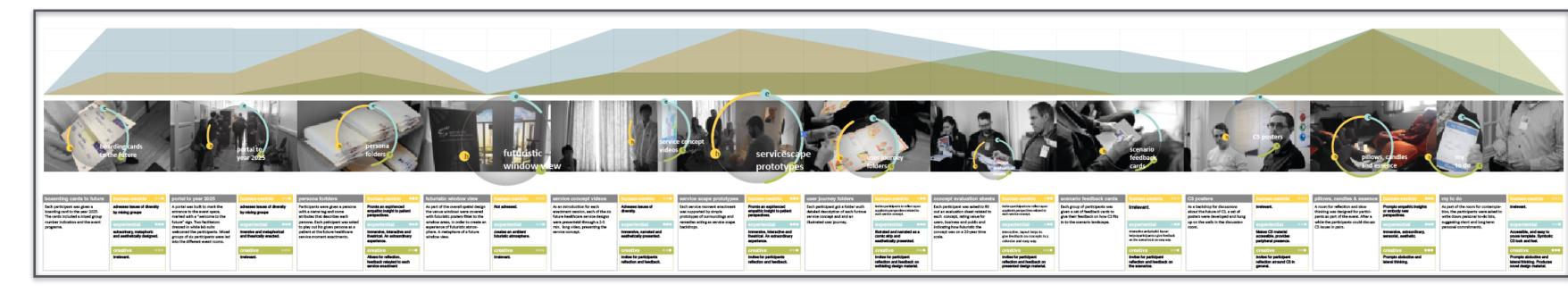
Series of events

orchestration of events over time









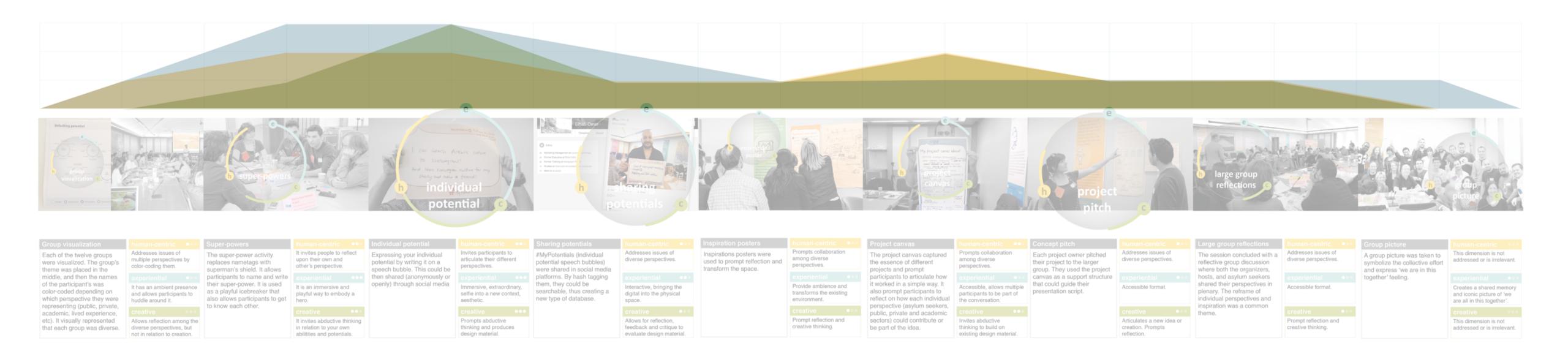


[one year]



HEC flows

patterns may emerge





experiential beginnings and endings



Each of the twelve groups were visualized. The group's theme was placed in the middle, and then the names of the participant's was color-coded depending on which perspective they were representing (public, private, academic, lived experience,

etc). It visually represented

multiple perspectives by color-coding them.

It has an ambient presence and allows participants to huddle around it.

Allows reflection among the that each group was diverse. diverse perspectives, but

The super-power activity replaces nametags with superman's shield. It allows participants to name and write their super-power. It is used as a playful icebreaker that also allows participants to get to know each other.

upon their own and other's perspective. It is an immersive and playful way to embody a

It invites abductive thinking in relation to your own

It invites people to reflect

openly) through social media

Expressing your individual potential by writing it on a speech bubble. This could be then shared (anonymously or

Immersive, extraordinary, selfie into a new context.

Prompts abductive thinking and produces

Invites participants to #MyPotentials (individual articulate their different potential speech bubbles)

were shared in social media platforms. By hash tagging them, they could be searchable, thus creating a new type of database.

diverse perspectives Interactive, bringing the digital into the physical Allows for reflection,

Addresses issues of

evaluate design material.

Prompts collaboration Inspirations posters were among diverse used to prompt relfection and perspectives. transform the space.

Provide ambience and environment. Prompt reflection and

The project canvas captured the essence of different projects and prompt participants to articulate how it worked in a simple way. It also prompt participants to reflect on how each individual perspective (asylum seekers, public, private and academic sectors) could contribute or

among diverse be part of the idea. thinking to build on

Prompts collaboration

Accessible, allows multiple participants to be part of Invites abductive

Each project owner pitched their project to the larger group. They used the project canvas as a support structure

that could guide their presentation script.

Articulates a new idea or creation. Prompts reflection.

Addresses issues of

diverse perspectives

The session concluded with a reflective group discussion where both the organizers,

hosts, and asylum seekers

shared their perspectives in plenary. The reframe of individual perspectives and inspiration was a common Prompt reflection and

Addresses issues of A group picture was taken to diverse perspectives.

symbolize the collective effort and express 'we are in this together' feeling.

Creates a shared memory and iconic picture of 'we are all in this together'. This dimension is not

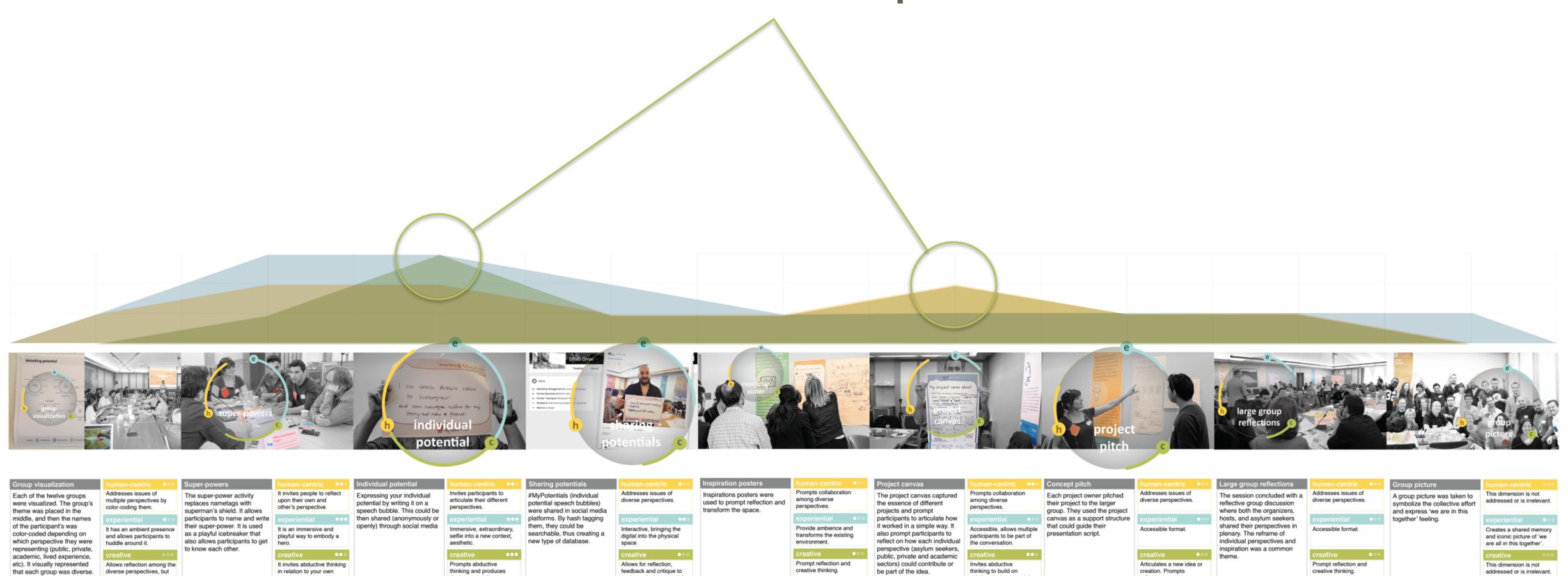
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two creative peaks



be part of the idea.

reflection.

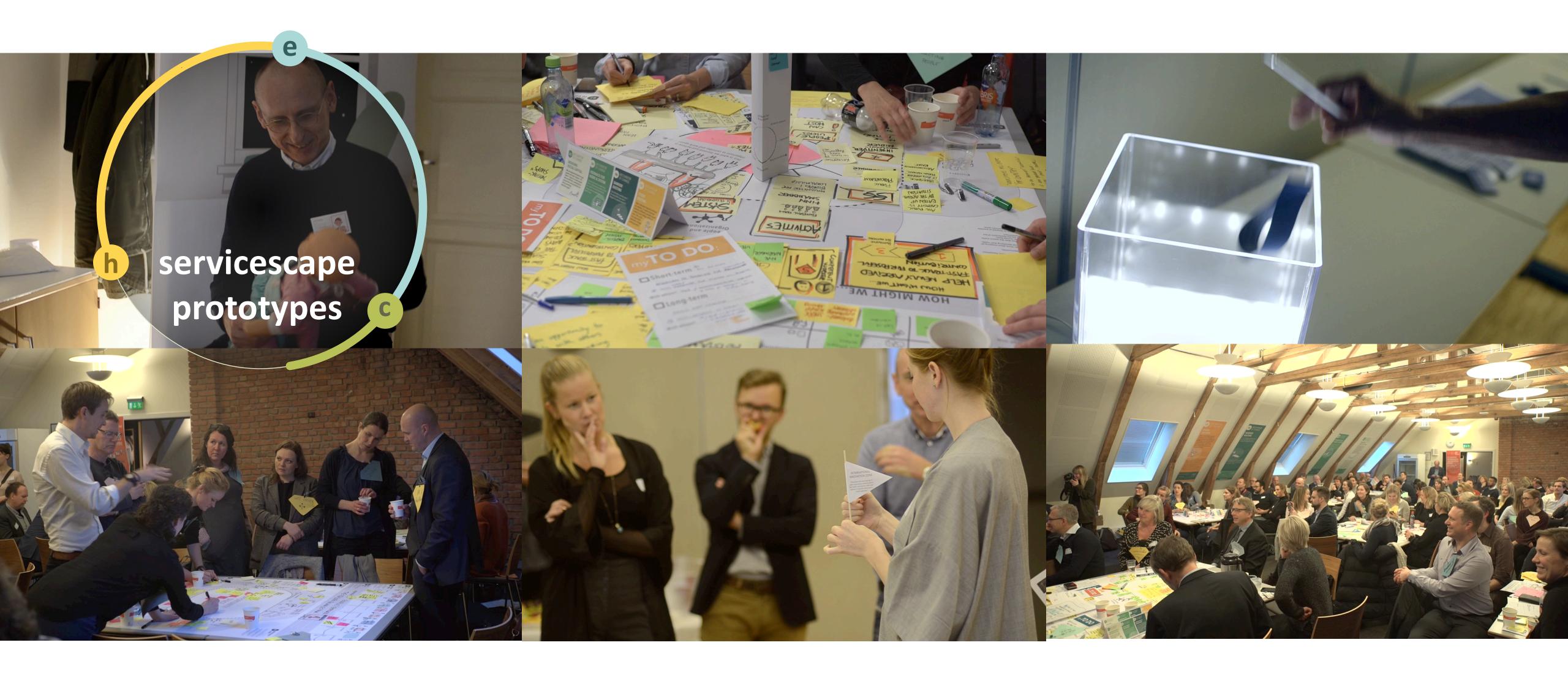
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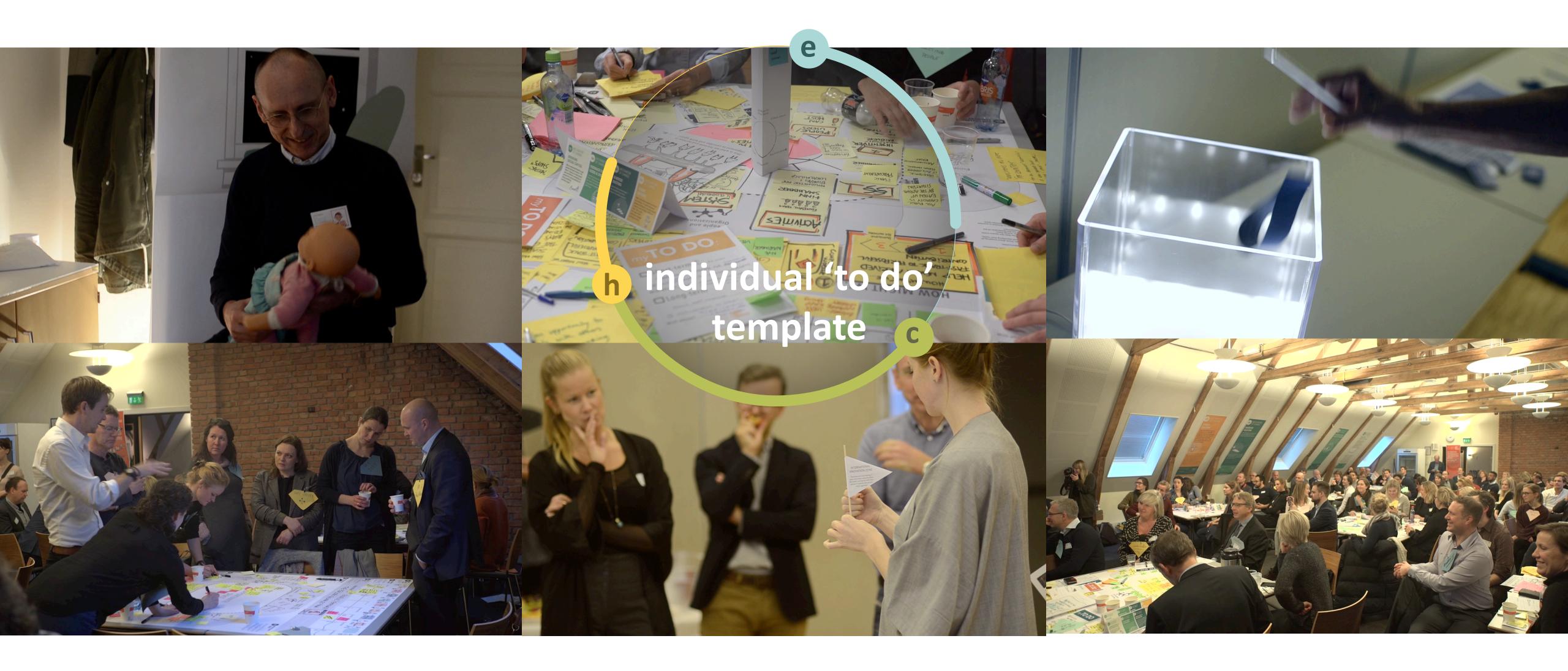
design material.

evaluate design material.



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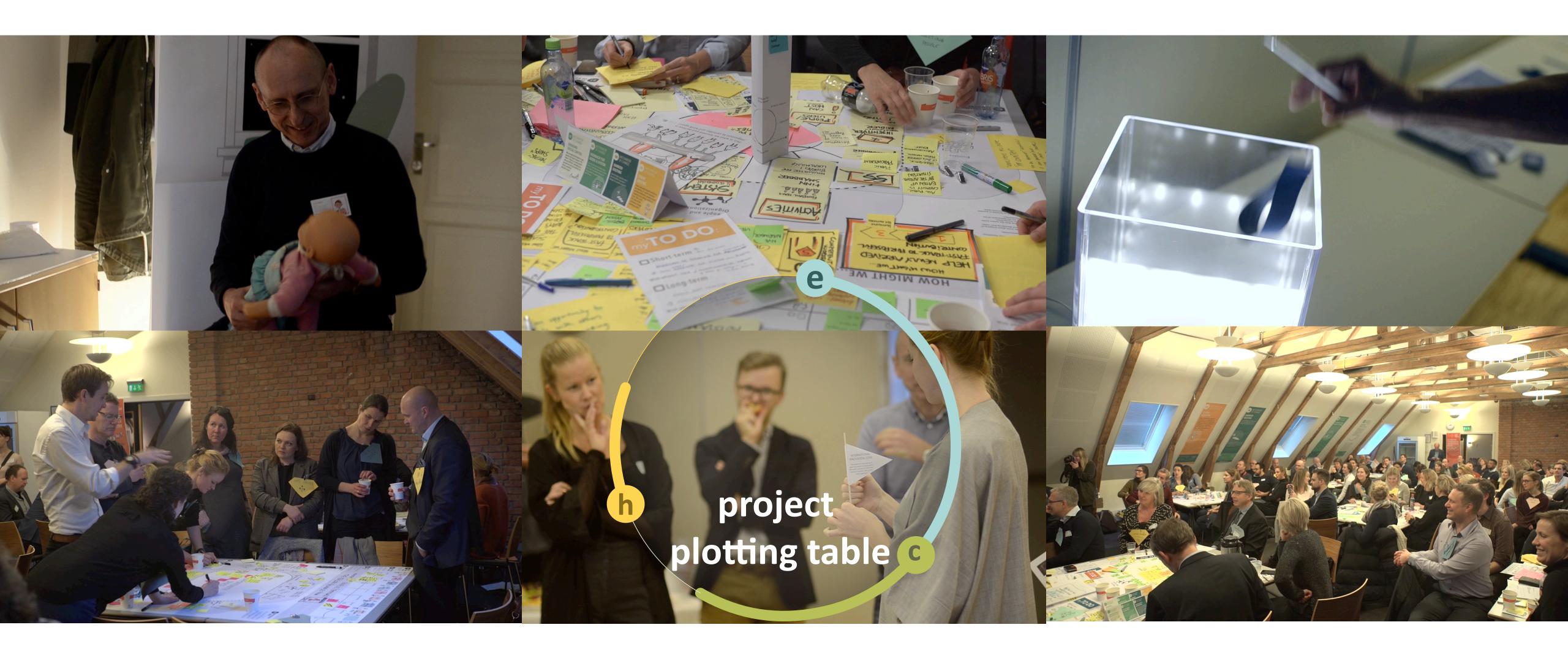














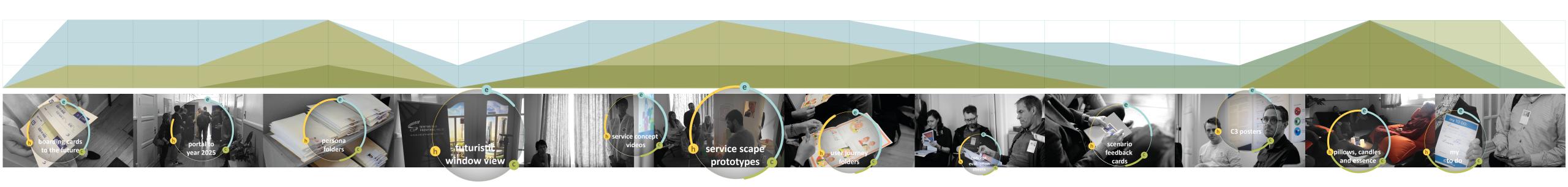






why are we doing this?

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- gain insights on how design tools perform

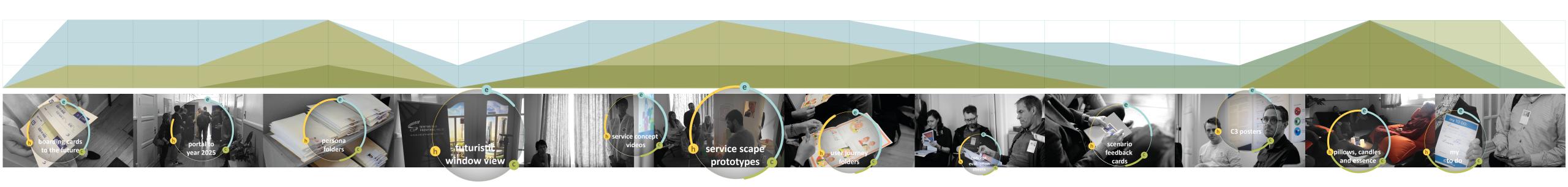






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Carefully designed facilitation tools supports generative emergence within large-scale social complexity

- enables constructive conversations
- exposes multiple worldview
- infuses creativity
- brings context to life

Moving forward

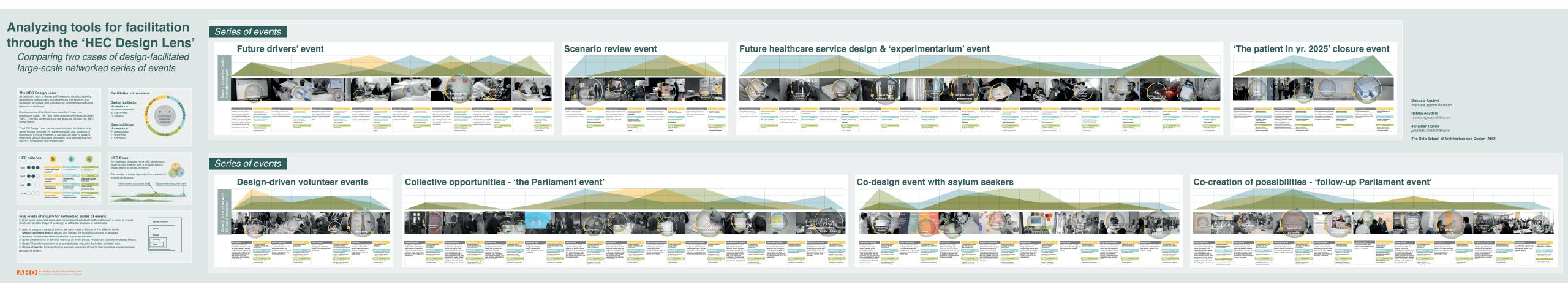
- strengthen the framework in connection to similar bodies of work
- further develop the lens by involving other practitioners
- · deepen our understanding of flows and event orchestration





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