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Facilitating generative emergence within large-scale networks

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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?

muddling through (Lindblom, 1959; 1979) wicked problems (Rittel & Webber, 1973) fourth domain (Jones and van Patter, 2009)









generative emergence in large-scale networks

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"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* ullet

* 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).











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)

facilitator as design roles: Body, Terrey, & Tergas, 2010; Manzini, 2015; Meroni & Sangiorgi, 2011; Napier & Wada, 2015; Tan, 2012; Thackara, 2005).

designers as value facilitators: Wetter-Edman et al., 2014

What are the dimensions of these designed facilitation tools?





Dimensions of designed tools for facilitation

Core dimensions

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

Design dimensions

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HEC Design Lens

to analyze design-tools for facilitation







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human-centric

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human-centric

Invites participants to articulate different perspectives.

human-centric

Addresses issues of diverse perspectives.

human-centric

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experiential

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Prompts abductive thinking to support the production of multiple ideas.













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human-centric

invites participants to reflect upon a patients perspectivse 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

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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

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experiential

creative

Irrelevant.





volunteer events

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Facilitator's kit





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Collective opportunities - 'the Parliament event'



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creative ••• This dimension is not addressed or is irrelevant.

Group table signs human-centric ••• Super-powers experiential ••• Provide ambience and transforms the existing environment.

participants to name and write experiential their super-power. It is used as a playful icebreaker that also allows participants to get to know each other.

It invites abductive thinking in relation to your own abilitites and potentials.

most affected.

Journey map maps. This is an opportunity experiential the situation from the perspective of the persons

creative thinking.

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Series of events



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Design-driven volunteer events



Collective opportunities - 'the Parliament event'



Journey map	human-centric •••	System's giga-map	human-centric •••	Photo prompts	human-centric •••	Sketching	human-centric
Allowing participant's to reflect and collectively build an asylum seeker's journey	It prompts empathic insights and embody new perspectives.		It articulates multiple perspectives.		It prompts participants to share their individual perspectives with each other.		This dimension is addressed.
maps. This is an opportunity	experiential •••	institutions relate and interact	experiential •••	participants.	experiential •••	process or suggest an	experiential
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Co-creation of possibilities - 'follow-up Parliament event'



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y to do	human-centric •••	poster exhibition	human-centric ••••	project plotting table	human-centric	visual discussion summaries	human-centric	time cap
part of the room for contempla- n, the participants were asked to ite down personal to-do lists,	Irrelevant.	As a summary of the outcome from the first work package an exhibi- tion of posters were set up as a	Addresses issues of diverse perspectives.	In order to get an overview of the C3 project portfolio a plotting table was dveloped. The particiopants	Addresses issues of diverse perspectives.	Visual summaries were scethed out "on the fly", as part of the closing discussions. They serve as a playful	Addresses issues of diverse perspectives.	A 2020 tim participant will beome
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Design facilitated tool

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Activity individual or collective exercises



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[1 hour and twenty min.]







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Event

a participatory workshop or session



[four hours]









Series of events

orchestration of events over time



[one year]









HEC flows patterns may emerge









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experiential beginnings and endings



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#MyPotentials (individual potential speech bubbles) were shared in social media platforms. By hash tagging them, they could be searchable, thus creating a new type of database.

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	Provide ambience and transforms the existing environment.
	creative •••
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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 be part of the idea.

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Invites abductive thinking to build on existing design material

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Articulates a new idea or creation. Prompts reflection.

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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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