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THINKING AND WORKING FOR FUTURE: Setting the frame right

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Future Thinking:

“Past is always tense; Future is Perfect” Zadie Smith

- **Language sets how we see Future:** The way we speak about the future also shapes how we think about it.
- A language that frames the future as intention or desire invites a different mindset than one that frames it as certainty. The words we use for the future can open—or limit—the way we imagine it.
- **Agency** – Future not predetermined; what is the role of young people?
- **Future** – One future or Different Futures?



Different Futures; Different way of Thinking




The upcoming future

The upcoming future seems like an inevitable horizon: the one we are gradually approaching, no matter our intentions or interventions. It calls for recognition and readiness.

It is medium and long-term-focused.




The 'plannable' future

This is the future we feel empowered to shape. It is driven by strategic thinking and action, where we emphasise our sense of agency and influence through intentional decisions and design.

It is short-term focused.



(Our) potential future

This is the future of possibility and purpose, shaped by a wide range of 'what we might become'. It calls for the importance of the awareness of that potential within the bigger picture/larger context, for an in-depth reflection on our place in a larger environment and for transformative growth.


It is long-term focused.

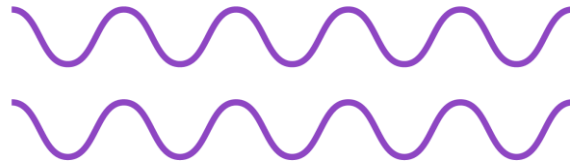



The preferable future

This future is guided by our hopes, values, ideals, judgment, what is right and wrong, assumptions, etc. It is about what we want to see rather than what we expect, and it therefore contrasts with undesirable outcomes or an 'unpreferable' (undesirable) future.

It is medium/short-term focused.

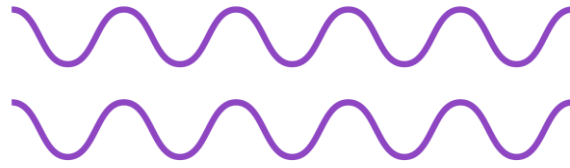



Ownership of Relations

Who owns / who will own the relations?

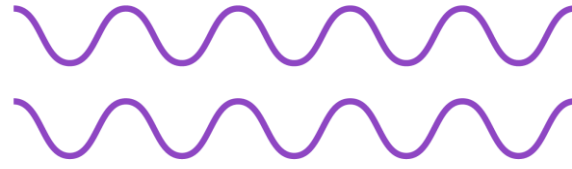




Going beyond membership trap

Thinking and designing relations before
& beyond membership?





Reality vs Aspirations

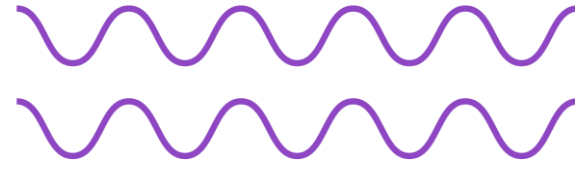
Dealing and living the harsh reality:
Life





Thank you!





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