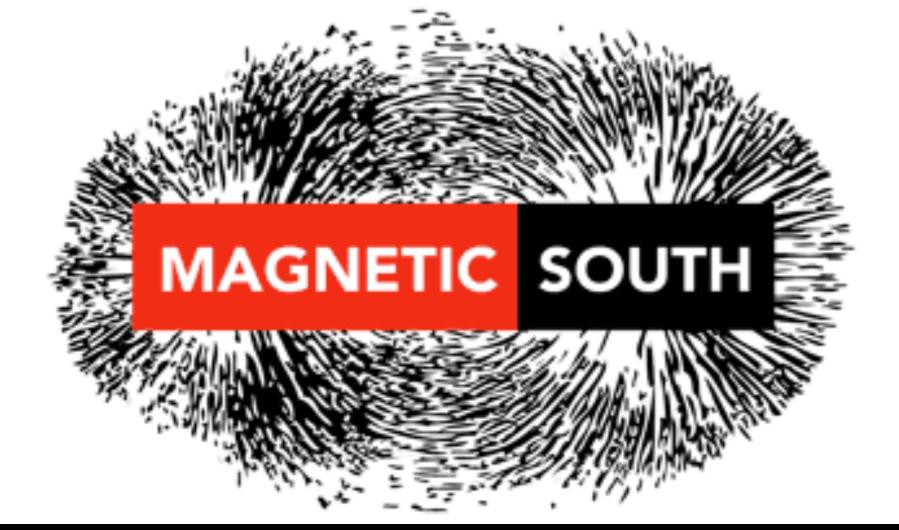
Participatory Futures: Frameworks, Examples, Questions

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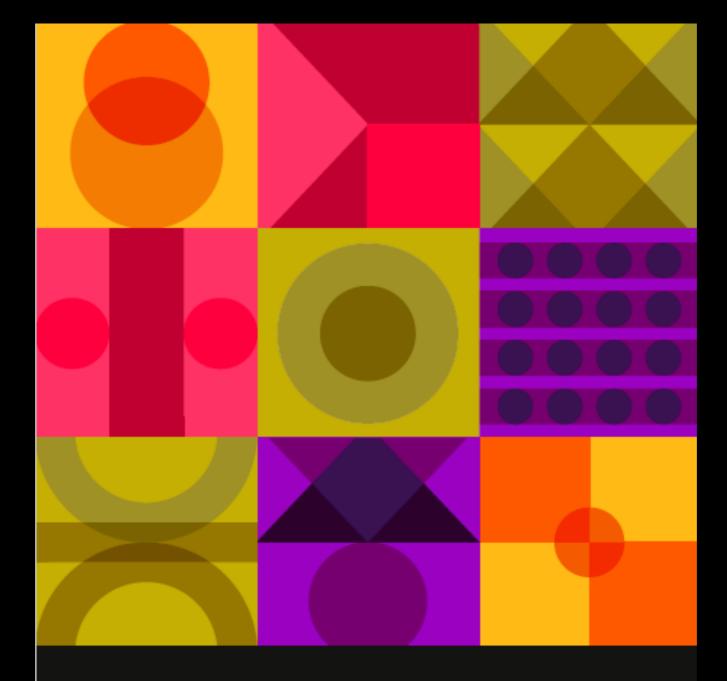




"**Participatory Futures** refers to a range of approaches for involving citizens in exploring or shaping potential futures. It aims to democratise and encourage longterm thinking, and inform collective actions in the present." In 2019 we worked with Nesta to document **Participatory** Futures projects around the world - to find the most interesting, cutting edge and impactful projects.



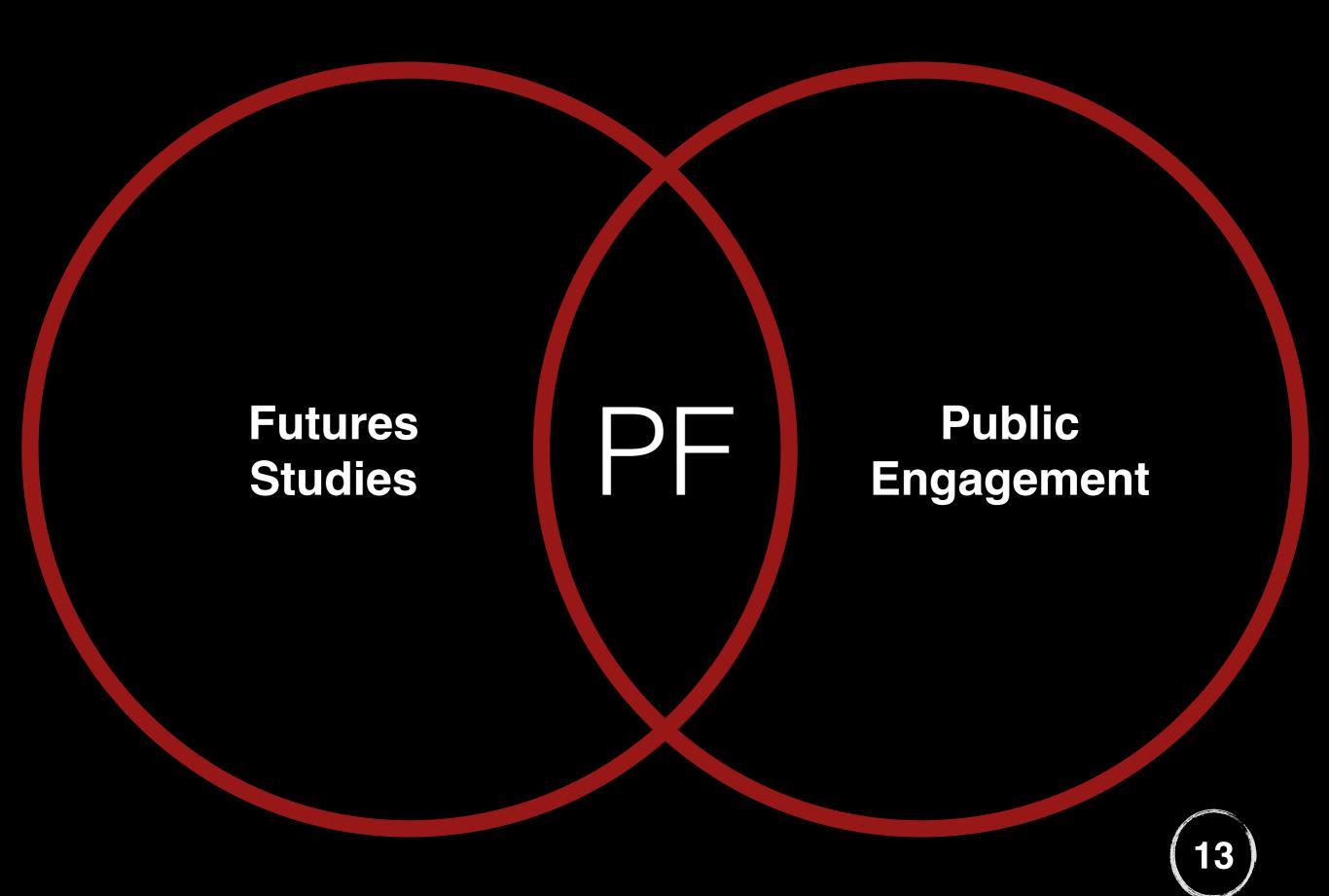
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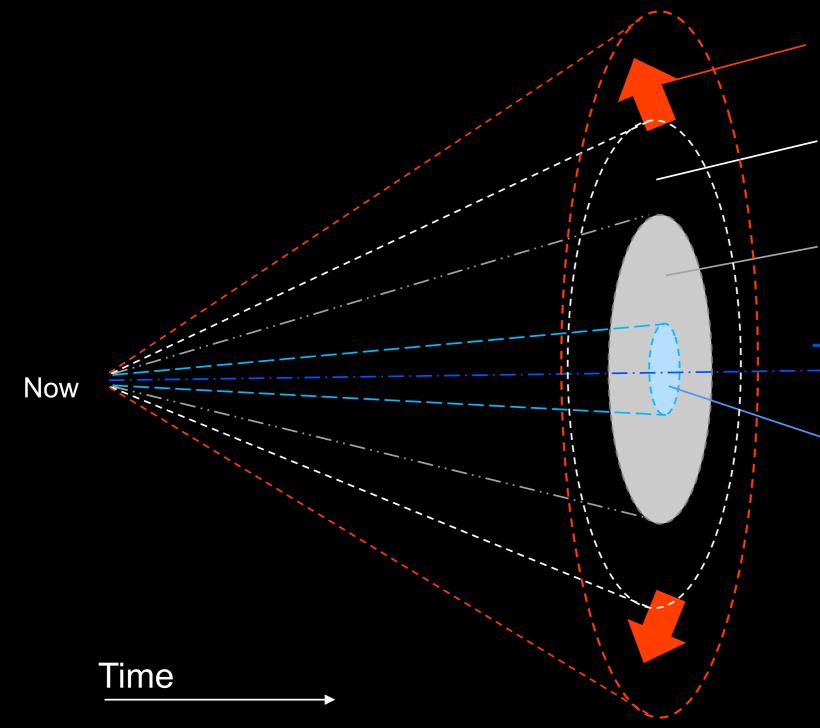


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Our futures: by the people, for the people

How mass involvement in shaping the future can solve complex problems AUTHORS Jose Ramas, John A Sweeney, Kathy Peach and Laurie Smith





Preposterous!

"impossible" "won't ever happen"

Possible

Future Knowledge "might happen"

Plausible

Current Knowledge "could happen"

The 'Projected' Future

The 'default' extrapolated 'business as usual' future

Probable

Current Trends "likely to happen"



Based on Joe Voros' Futures Cone

How do we help people to think rigorously and critically about probable, possible, preferred futures, and empower informed action?

20 people Workshop

Community

2000 people

2,000,000 people

Public (16

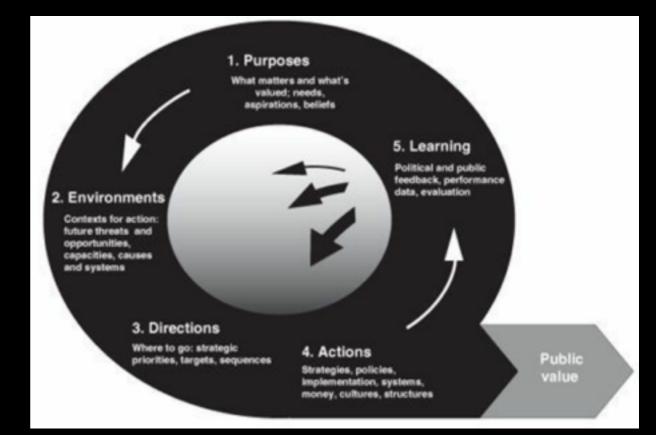
How do we mobilise far larger numbers of people in thinking about the future – and tap into distributed knowledge and expertise?

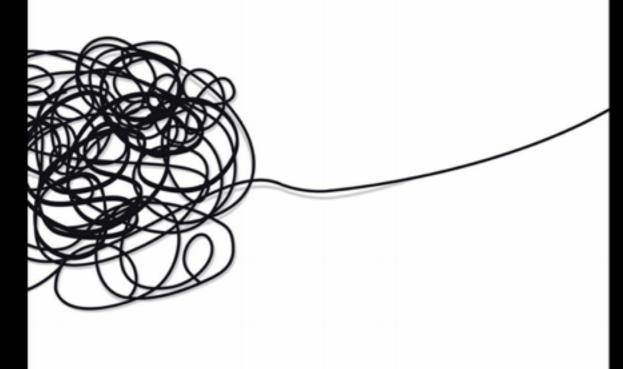
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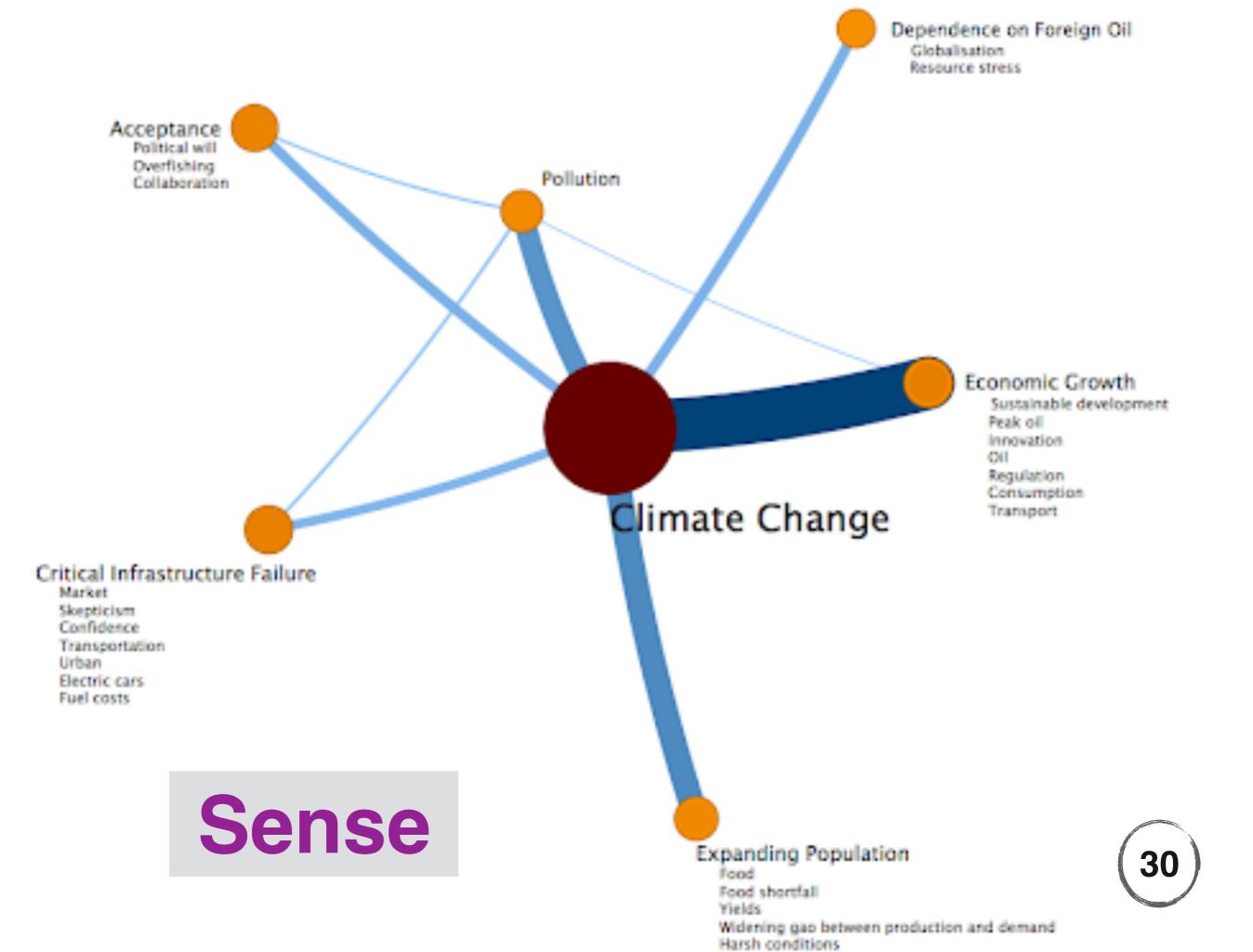


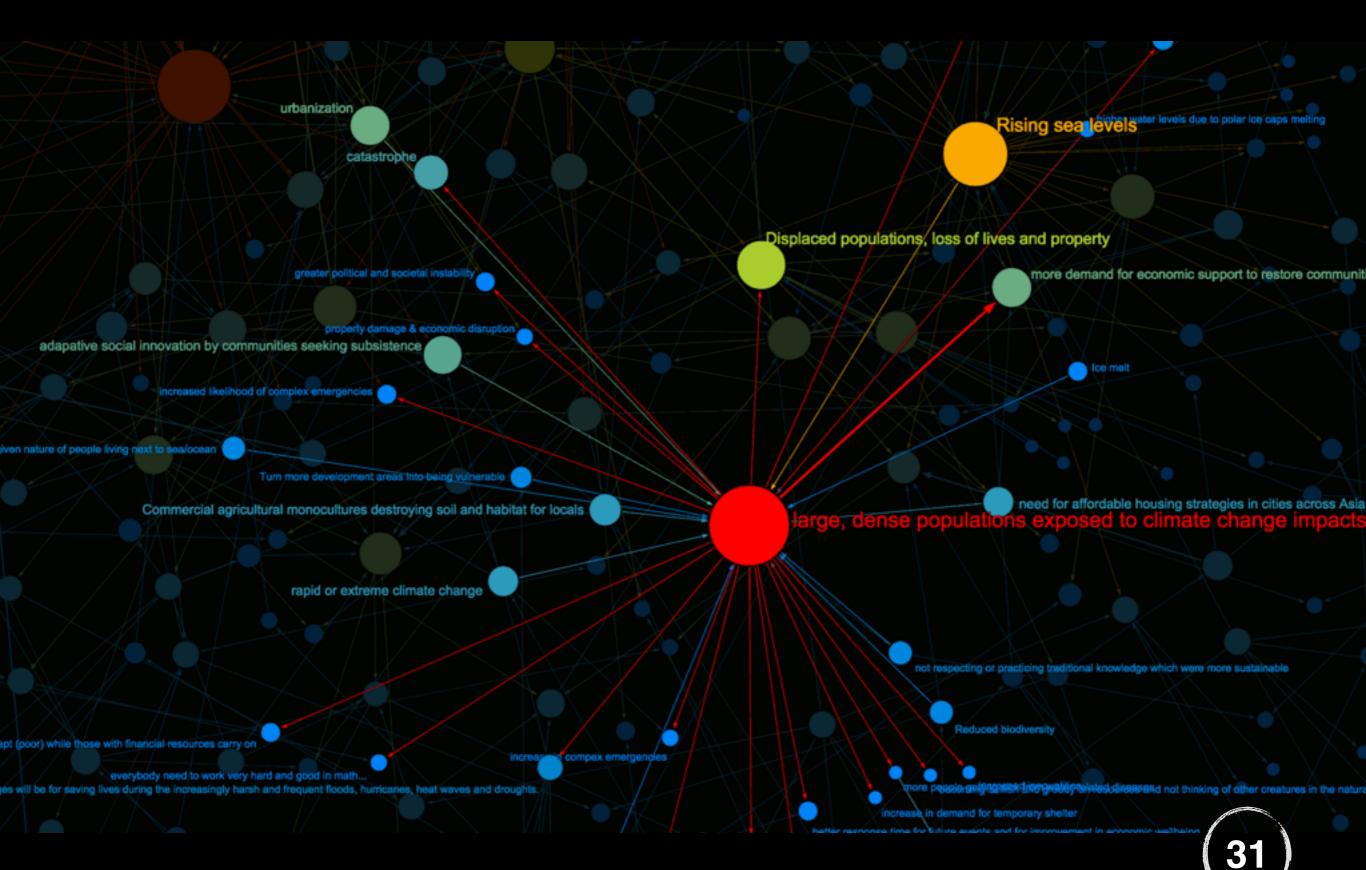






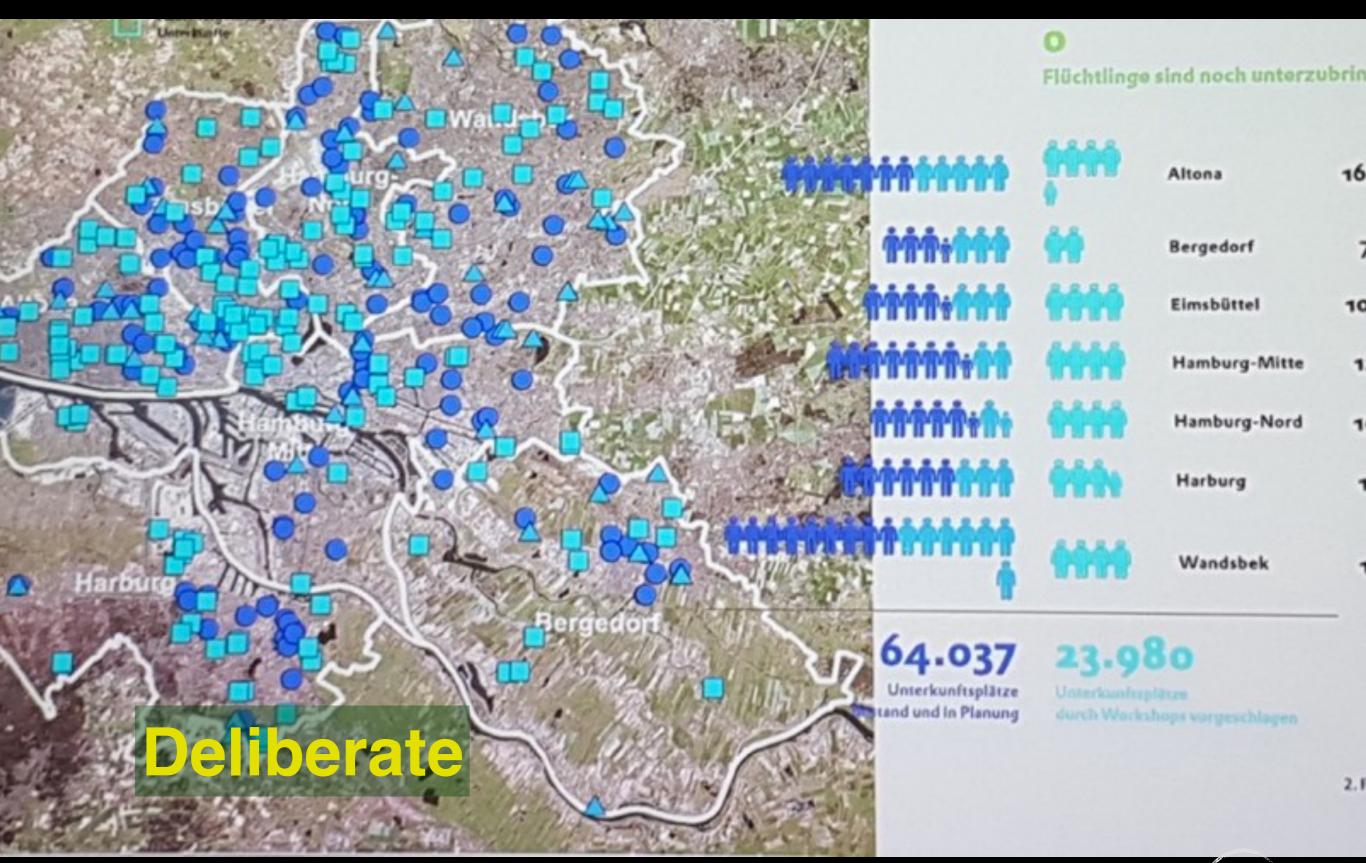














How can we use art, embodied and experiential processes to engage citizens in thinking about the future and acting for the future?

What approaches will effectively influence citizens, their sense of meaning, motivation and subsequent actions?

Public engagement is often a statutory requirement - a process that "must be done" - an exercise in good governance, due process and legitimation.

What if this obligation was transformed into an opportunity, **because**...

- Engaging larger numbers of people in long term thinking strengthens our democracy,
- The ability to create coherence / consensus / convergence on decisions that account for the future (generations, species) can help rebuild trust in institutions,
- Engaging citizens in new ways of thinking (art, embodied and experiential processes) taps collective intelligence, motivation and generates better assumptions about the futures,
- Future informed citizens can drive actions and behaviours in the present to address the challenges that matter most.

Partnership between citizens and government - government can muster resources but cannot achieve outcomes without strong community and sector collaboration and partnership. Where does PF point toward in terms of government - citizen partnership?

Collective Intelligence - how do we leverage the embodied knowledges and expertise distributed across society, and the wisdom that can emerge through participation, to address future challenges?

Democratising long-term thinking for collective action - how can PF help to build social capacity and responsibility for change?

New approaches / mutant futures - how are future challenges asking us to reinvent public engagement? What are the opportunities for leveraging PF to address emerging challenges and issues, especially challenges government is struggling with?

Thank You