Sharing Knowledge and Building Skills for Resilience

- MAIN -

Mitigation Adaptation Information Network for Sustainable Communities

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Overview

• MAIN for Sustainable Communities
  • Theory – U: Prototyping
    • Building the Network
    • Resilience?

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...Creating the future we want to see...

...where there is disaster there is also compassion; where there is devastation there is also restoration; where there is war, there is also peace... What happens when an eight year old child repeatedly sees the Greenland ice melting, piles of dead fishes, huge areas of fire...? This child will probably grow up imbued with skepticism and fear, rather than being inspired to create the future he or she desires.”

– Rosa Alegria, Futures Group, Sao Paulo University
MAIN, Mitigation and Adaptation Information Network for Sustainable Communities, is an Information Communication & Technology (ICT) based network designed for exchange of information and experience, promoting innovation, capacity building, green economy and empowerment by and for local communities.
MAIN cont.

to bring together expertise, knowledge, and local experiences in a common network that empowers communities across the globe to create, share, use, and store knowledge to support more sustainable communities.
LISTENING 1: Downloading habits of judgment
from habits

LISTENING 2: Factual listening noticing differences
from outside

LISTENING 3: Empathic listening
from within

LISTENING 4: Generative listening
(from the future wanting to emerge)

reconfirming old opinions & judgments

disconfirming [new] data

seeing through another person’s eyes emotional connection

connecting to an emerging future whole; shift in identity and self

LISTENING 2: Factual listening noticing differences
Open Mind

LISTENING 3: Empathic listening
Open Heart

LISTENING 4: Generative listening
(from the future wanting to emerge)
Open Will
The purpose of prototyping is to create a microcosm that allows you to explore the future by doing. Prototypes work on the principle of “failing early to learn quickly.” (IDEO)

- Valuable feedback from stakeholders on an idea that helps to refine the concept and its underlying assumptions
- A practical and tested mini-version of what later could become a pilot project that can be shared and eventually scaled.
- Ideas to refine the existing and invent new concepts
Prototyping: Process & Criteria

1. **Is it relevant**—does it matter to all the key stakeholders involved at all levels: individually (for the person involved), institutionally (for the organizations involved), and socially (for the communities involved).

2. **Is it right**—can you see the whole in the microcosm that you focus on? Get the dimensions of the problem or project definition right.

3. **Is it revolutionary**—is it new? Could it change the game? Does it change (some of) the root issues in the system?

4. **Is it rapid**—can you do it quickly?

5. **Is it rough**—can you do it on a small scale? Can you do it locally? Let the local context teach you how to get it right.

6. **Is it relationally effective**—does it leverage the strengths, competencies, and possibilities of the existing networks and communities at hand?

7. **Is it replicable**—can you scale it?
BUILDING THE NETWORK
...prototyping...
Communities

Join a community of your interest or create one of your own

**Recent**

- Chulika Giving
  - The Chulika
  - Join
- Nordic Eco...
  - Nordic prof...
  - Join
- Baner Hills...
  - This is a g...
  - Join
- Baner Rangers
  - Baner Rangers
  - View
- Go Green is...
  - Go Green
  - View
- Chulika Giving
  - The Chulika
  - View

**In My Area**

- Baner Hills...
  - This is a g...
  - Join

Note: You can find communities by title, location, author/creator, type or any keywords by using the search box in the top right-hand corner.
Create New Community

* denotes mandatory fields
Enter community title:

Enter community description:

Select type:

Select type:

Location:

Tags: (Enter comma separated tags)

Choose a photo for your community:

Community access:
- Open: Anyone can join
- Restricted: Requires community owner’s approval

Save or Cancel

New Community
Ex. Community Profile page
The Elpis Community Action Plan

Make your community sustainable by creating a personalized plan from our extensive database of best practices and interventions.

Our database enables you to select ideas that work for your specific community from a wide range of options that have been tried and tested in many communities across the world.

Click here to learn more about how CAP works.

Click on a card below to setup or modify your CAP.

### Clean Energy
- Total Value: 1.14 tonnes
- Types: Solar, Wind, Water

### Sustainability
- Total Value: 1.14 tonnes
- Sub Types: Livelihoods, Waste, Water

### Development
- Total Value: 2.27 tonnes
- Sub Types: Health, Educate, Social Issues

### CAP Interventions

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Note: Default values shown in red are world averages. Calculated values shown in blue.
Resilience? => Green Economy

“A green economy is an economy that imitates green plants as far as possible.”

- Herman Daly

Photo: The Living Centre
“All I want to do is to be able to feed my family and send my kids to school. If this means I have to cut trees, I will. If I can make more money by not doing so, then I wont.”

- Ardianto, farmer, Sumatra Indonesia
“MAIN in a Nutshell

• ICT platform of change-agents
• GEOiq (simplified GIS) to collect and present environmental data and information.
• For NGOs and grassroots organizations in both a rural and urban context, spanning North and South
• Social networking, project facilitation, environmental data collection.
• MAIN will work with partners and existing networks to optimize outreach, creativity and co-creation.
• Dedicated to making a difference.
• We explore how environmental information impacts on decision-making and the environment
• Seeking to bridge the gap between science and politics
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