Rethinking your Strategy: Planning Recovery for COVID-19 (a series of three sessions)

Session 3: Design – Create a new future

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Session 1 – The opportunity of a crisis

In this session, we will examine the opportunity of adaptation, the value of holding fast to key parts of your identity, the importance of focusing on impact, a way to become re-oriented to the new context, and the need to evolve.

Session 2 – Adapt your strategy

In this session, we will explore the mechanisms of adaptation – how to reposition your value proposition, find the potential amidst of uncertainty, and make directional adjustments for the future.

Session 3 – Create a new future

In this session, we will talk about how to take adaptive steps in your strategy, what to experiment with, how to help your team make critical shifts, and why having a renewed vision for impact is critical.

For Today

Create a new version of the future

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- Continue to be motivated by love

Two reminders

Evolve, not just Pivot

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Adaptive, not just Technical

Step 1 – Identify the adaptive challenge Step 2 – Examine the pre-existing context Step 3 – Refresh your intended impact Step 4 – Identify your principles of change Step 5 – Look for your inspiration Step 6 – Develop some ideas Step 7 – Do the research

An example

Ukraine NGO Instead of Summer Camps..

New approaches to...

Capacity-building Partnerships Expanding the repertoire of offerings Engaging the under-represented



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A few ideas Survival quest Amazing race Camp in a box Festival of non-traditional games 3-day football challenge



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"A plan is only as good as its options." - Linda Cannell

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Take a moment to write it down



Part A – Your current assets

- relationships and connections
- skills sets on your team
- people who believe in your cause
- people who have experienced your impact
- your reputation, track record, community trust
- your knowledge and I.P.
- your processes

Part B – Your potential assets

- What do you have that will need to be adjusted?
- What is accessible, but not yet in your grasp?
- What could you get more of?
- What do you have that could be repurposed?
- What do you have little of?
- What do you not have at all?

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The Minimum Viable Product (MVP)

The Lean Startup -- Eric Ries

Think experimental – Be modest and take 1 step, not 10 Think minimalist – Remember the Minimal Viable Product (MVP) of product design Think leverage – Use what you're good at already (your principles of change) to try what you don't yet know how to do Think creative – Try to hold an abundance outlook Think specifics – Don't make this about vague intent Think soon – Make this something you can move on right away

Key Features (who, what, when, where, how)

Process (steps, order, length)

Ingredients (location, number of participants, equipment, preparation, transportation, staff)

Marketing (What is the value you're bringing to people? How will people find out about it? Why do they want to participate? Where will the funding come from? What is the hook/need?)

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Will it work?

(Remember the value of peer consultation.)

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 - multiplier (ripple out or ripple in)
 - momentum (give you energy or draw energy from you)

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Step 12 – Partners and Resources



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Who might get excited about this with you? Who has expertise that you could use for this? Who might you partner with? Who would be a champion? Where in the community is there energy for something like this? Who might want to support this? Who could be your ally, sponsor, promoter?

Step 12 – Partners and Resources

Take a moment to write it down

Step 13 – Plan the first steps

How do you build up your team?



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What is one step you can take today?



Step 13 – Plan the first steps

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Take field trip into the future...

If you want a deeper dive...

Rapid Redesign Project

Two days, two weeks apart, with your team, in a cohort, July 13 & 27

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