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Session One: 10:00-11:00

- Introductions
- Objectives
- Foundations of Rebooting Democracy

Rebooting Democracy, Restoring the Commons

Getting to know each other in 3's (20 mins)

1. Describe the crossroads you feel you & your organisation are at?
2. What dilemmas are you facing?

Defining Democracy

- Demos = The People
- Kratia = Power (Rule)

The Problem

1. Citizens become defined by their deficits
2. Citizenship retreats in the face of top down institutional approaches
3. Majority of money intended to address poverty goes to service providers.

4. People internalize the deficit map
5. Functions that previously belonged to citizens are appropriated by institutions.

The response?

Objective

Show up like we would, if democracy worked like it should.

Cultivate practices that citizens & 21st century public servants require to negotiate a citizen centered democratic social contract.

Democratic Social Contract

Q: What's a democratic social contract?

A: An ongoing process of deliberation that positions citizens as the primary inventors of democracy.

Role of 21st Century Public Servant & Public Servant

Q: Where does that place public servants & Local Government?

A: As the ones who are elected and/or employed to enable/facilitate create a dome of protection around



Source: new economics foundation

**Done
To**

**Done
For**

**Done
With**

**Done
To**

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For**

**Done
With**

**Done
By**

Instead of asking how you or your organisation can create more value to/for or with community; ask how you can create more space for community to create what they value.

- Cormac Russell

From “Host”

- Invite the community
- Include the community
- Value the community

to “Guest”

- Invited by community
- Included by
community
- Valued by community

IF YOU
GIVE SOME-
ONE A FISH,



THEY EAT
FOR A DAY.

IF YOU
TEACH SOME-
ONE TO FISH,



THEY CAN FEED THEM-
SELVES UNTIL THE
WATER IS CONTAMINATED
OR THE SHORELINE IS
SEIZED FOR DEVELOPMENT.

IF YOU TEACH
SOMEONE TO
THINK CRITICALLY
AND BE POLITICALLY
CONSCIOUS,



THEN WHATEVER THE
CHALLENGE, THEY CAN
ORGANIZE WITH THEIR
PEERS AND STAND UP
FOR THEIR INTERESTS.

What courage would be required for you to show up more authentically in the “By the people” space? *(11:00-11:20)*

Coffee Break 11:20-35

***“Those who tell the
stories rule the world.”***

- Hopi Proverb

Session Two: 11:35-12:30

- Expert; Pair of Hands; Enabler
- Skills Practice (Wants & Offers)

Expert; Pair of Hands; Enabler



Emalia Romagne; Opzoomer

First Do No Harm



Citizen centered democracy

1

**What is it that Communities Do
Best?**

2

**What Do Communities Require
Help with?**

3

**What do communities need
outside Agencies to do for
them?**

The Wigan Deal

- Contact before content; contact shapes content
- To be effective you must be affective
- Change the conversation from Deliverables to Discoverables
- Be clear about wants and offers

Back Home Challenge 11:50-12:30

- Working in threes choose a back home challenge

Lunch 12:30-13:00

Session Three: Shifting the Conversation

- Learning Conversations
- Motivations to Act
- 6 Conversations that Matter

Conversation 1:

Conversation 2:

Conversation 3:

Conversation 4:

Conversation 5:

Conversation 6:

Closing Reflections

Closing Thoughts

- Shift from Expert to Collaborator
- Shift from Deliverables to Discoverables
- Shift from what's wrong to what's strong