Welcome to the long time

Why does long-
timism matter ?

Long-termism: exploring, planning and forecasting for the future

Long-timism: cultivating care for the world beyond our lifetimes

A long-time movement

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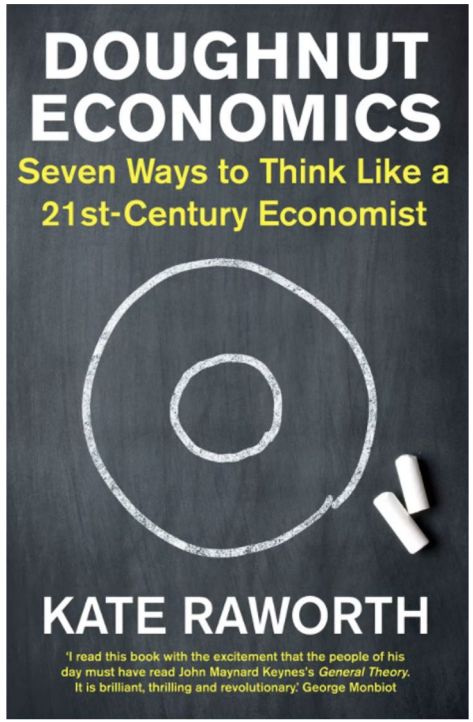
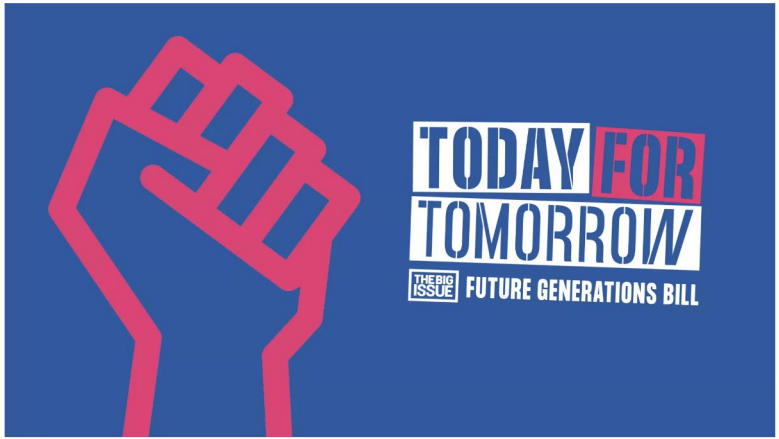
The Long-Term Stock Exchange opens for business

A public-market option for companies and investors who share a long-term vision

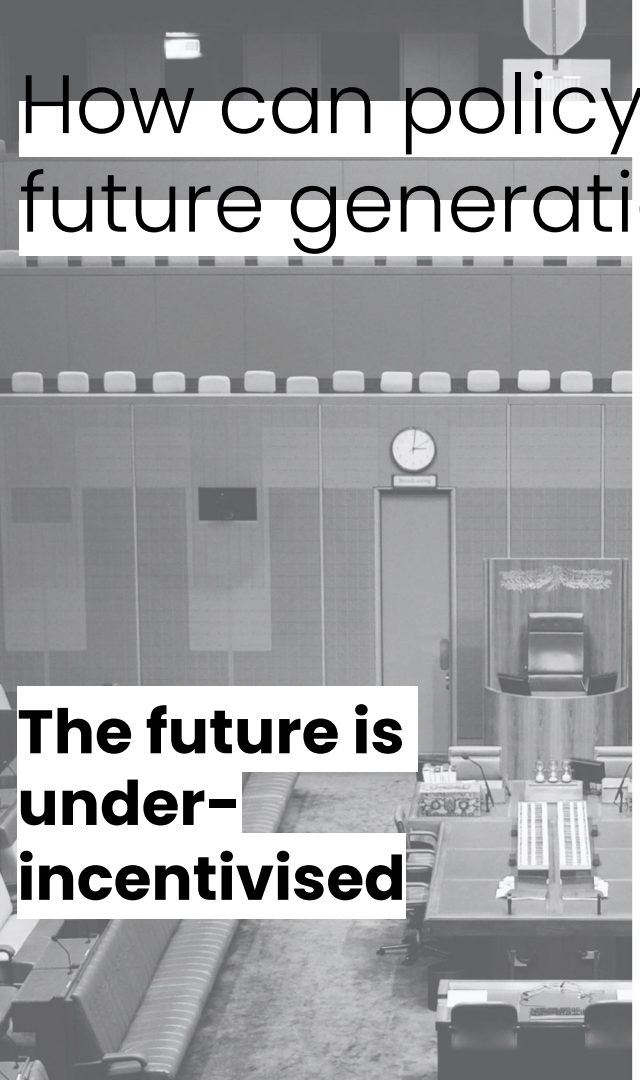




Australian court finds government has duty to protect young people from climate crisis

Eight teenagers, along with 86-year-old nun, launched case to prevent the approval of a massive coalmine

How can policy-making be inclusive of future generations?



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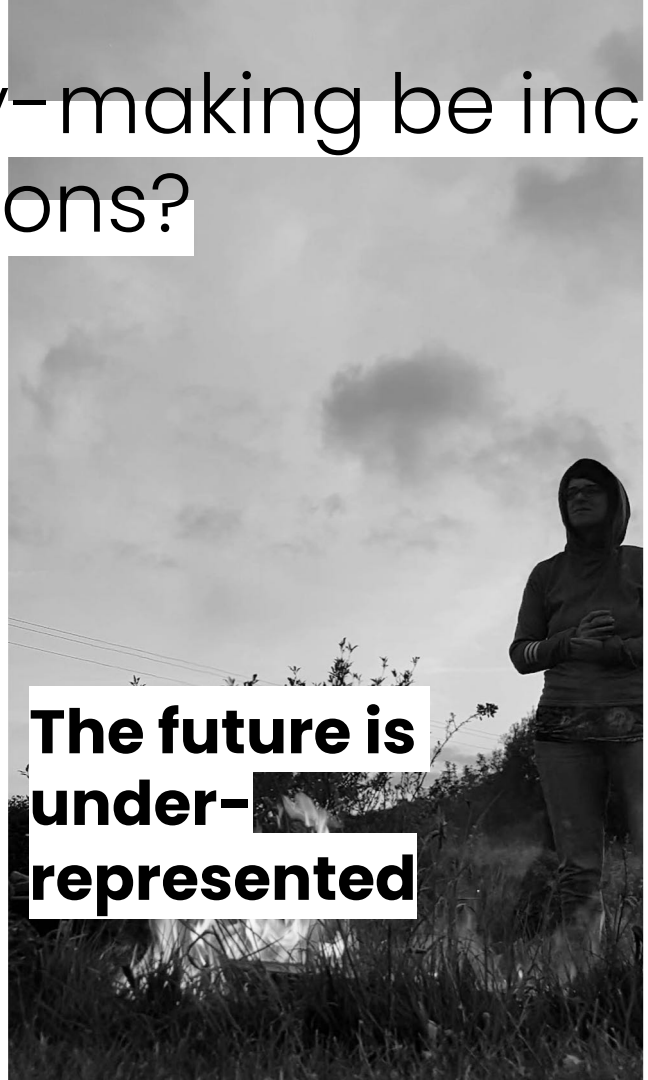
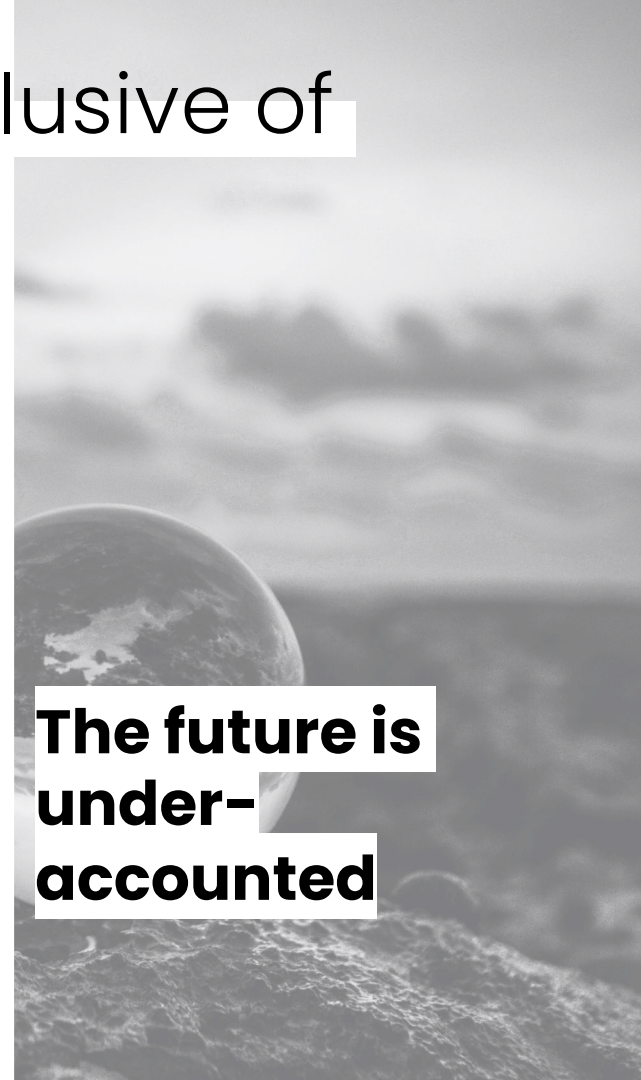
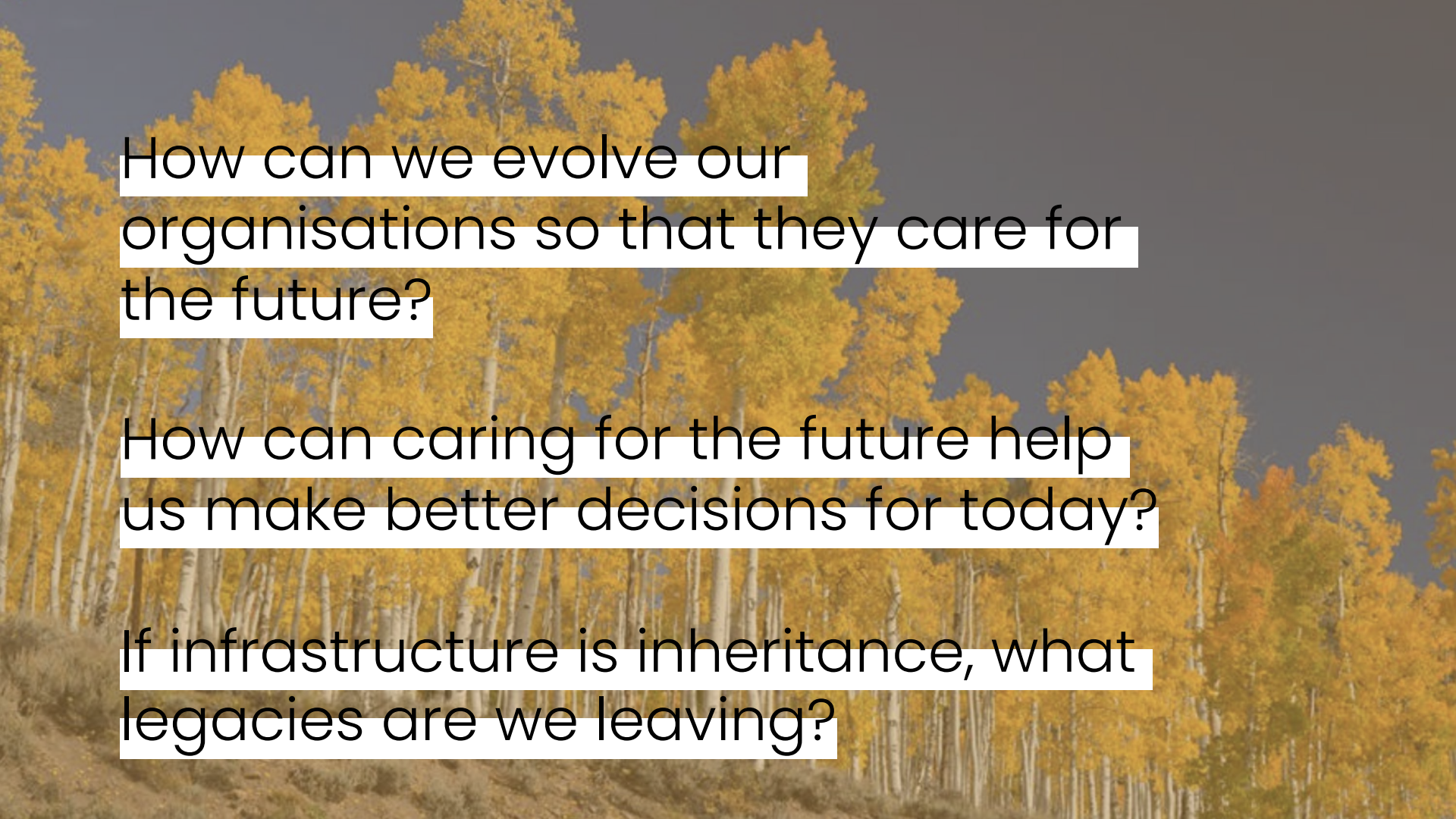


The future is under-represented



The future is under-accounted


How can we evolve our organisations so that they care for the future?
How can caring for the future help us make better decisions for today?
If infrastructure is inheritance, what legacies are we leaving?

Getting practical...

The Children's Fire

Future Design

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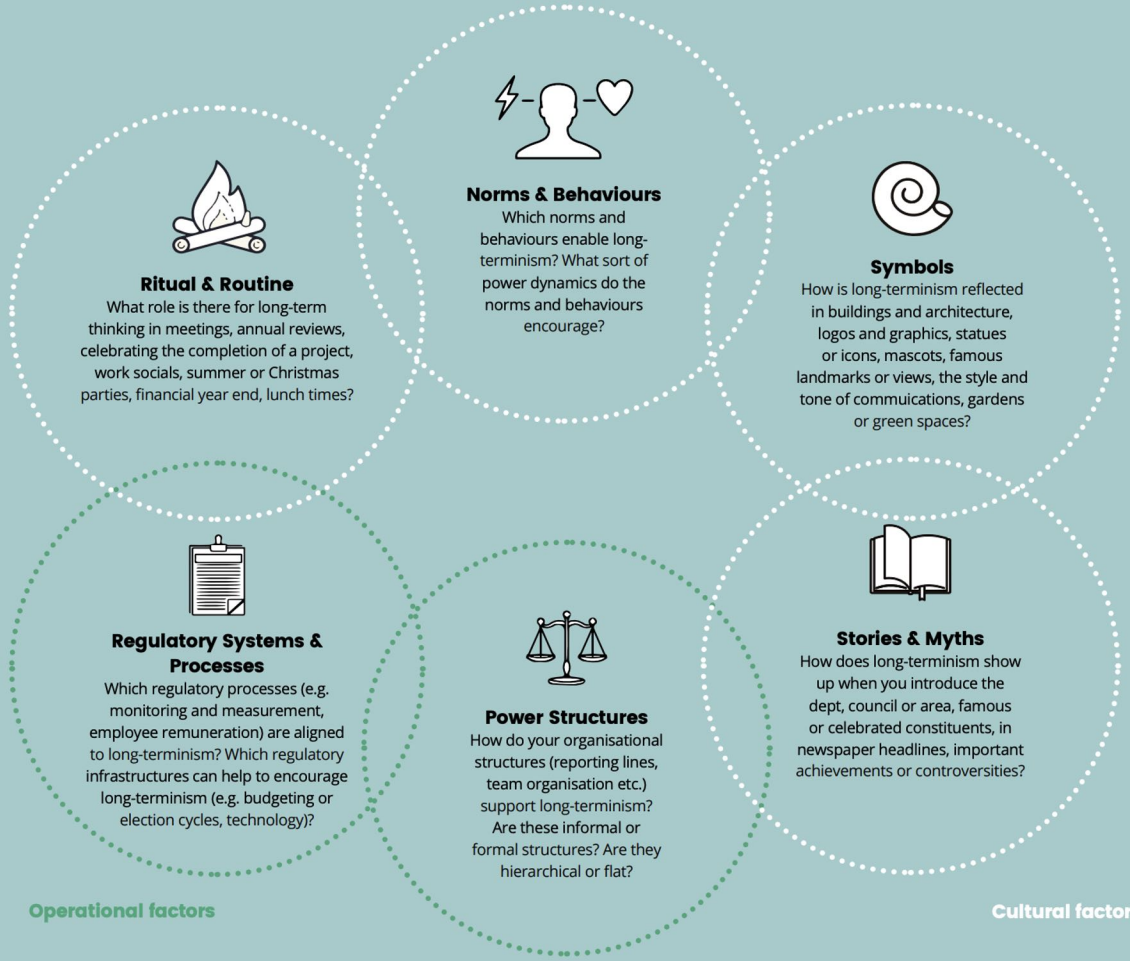
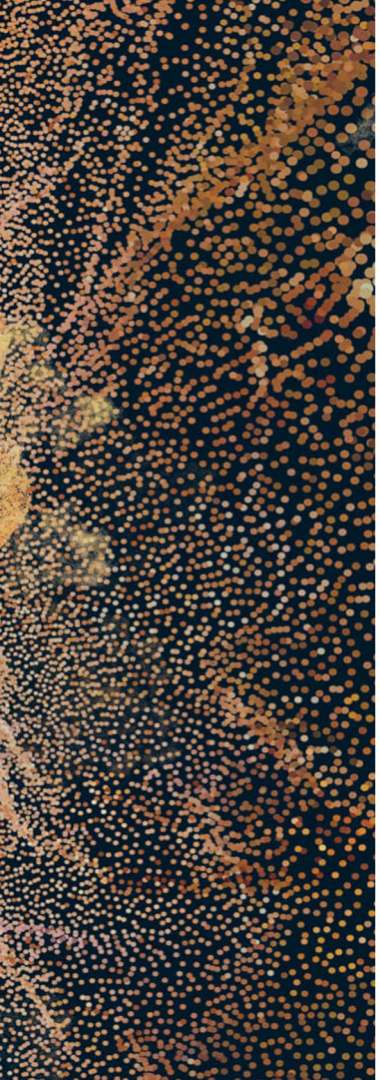
Six long time levers: The model

We've created this model to help organisations consider the full scope and potential of long-termism. There are many places that long-termism can appear within organisations, affecting both cultural and operational functions. Different levers will be more effective and more appealing at different times and for different purposes.

Adapted from Johnson and Scholes, The Cultural Web (1992) and developed with Dark Matter Labs.





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Levers for long-termism

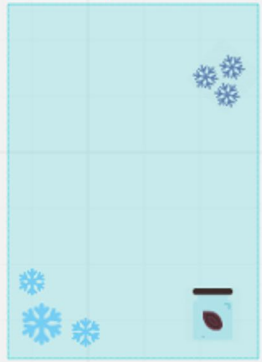
Already exists

New idea

Opportunity / leverage

Barrier

seed vault



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Name your idea:

Is it :

- [ ] An object
- [ ] A process
- [ ] A ritual
- [ ] Something else:

Who will use it?

When will they use it?

What would it take for this to be widely used?

Describe or draw how it works:

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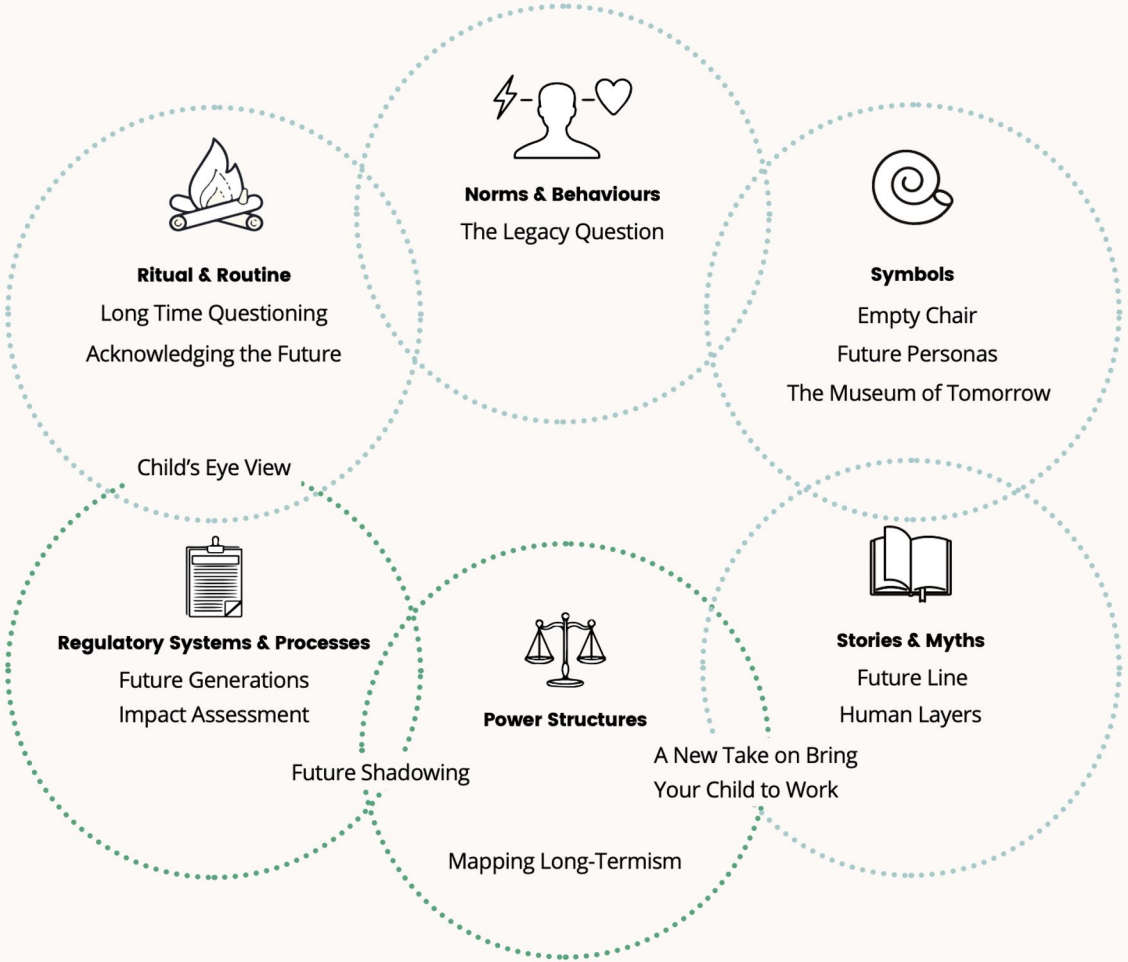

4. Future Personas: Citizen and Non-Human Needs

Personas are increasingly common in government as a way to prompt policymakers to consider different people's needs and viewpoints. Any set of personas should include a set of Future Personas as a way to provoke discussions about what future citizens might need from a service, and consider the needs of non-human entities such as natural assets.

7. Acknowledging the Future

Acknowledging the Future is as simple as saying a short statement at the start of meetings or events to recognise future generations and those who have yet to be born. It borrows from Australia's Welcome to and Acknowledgement of Country, where the country's colonial past is recognised and respects are paid to the Traditional Owners and ongoing custodians of the land, the Aboriginal peoples.

This simple ritual involves stating an easy to remember phrase that resonates with whatever context you work in. You can design your own or try out one of the following:

"Before we start, I'd like to acknowledge that the decisions we make in this room today may have implications into the future and far beyond the lifetime of this project, team or organisation. We make those decisions with that in mind."

"We recognise that the actions we take today have implications for tomorrow. We acknowledge and respect the needs of today's children and those yet to be born."

"As we start this work, we acknowledge the world that will exist beyond our lifetimes and the people, animals and nature that will thrive in it."

10. Future Shadowing

In this process, you create a ‘shadow’ role from a specified time in the future, e.g. 75 or a 100 years. The shadow member from the future works alongside their present-day counterpart and advocates for future generations within a specific portfolio. Feel free to use imaginative processes to help someone ‘inhabit’ the future from which they are coming.

6. Future Generations Impact Assessment

The Future Generations Impact Assessment is a process to consider the impact of an initiative on children or those yet to be born.

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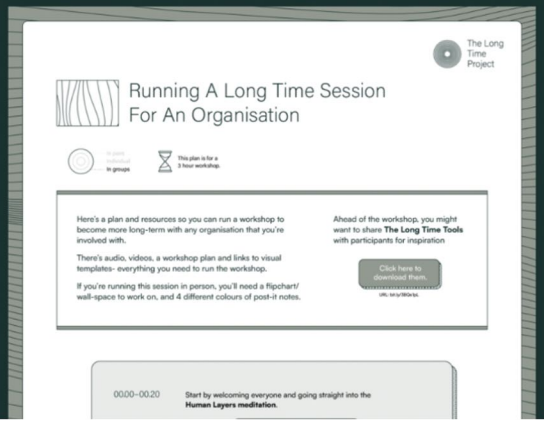
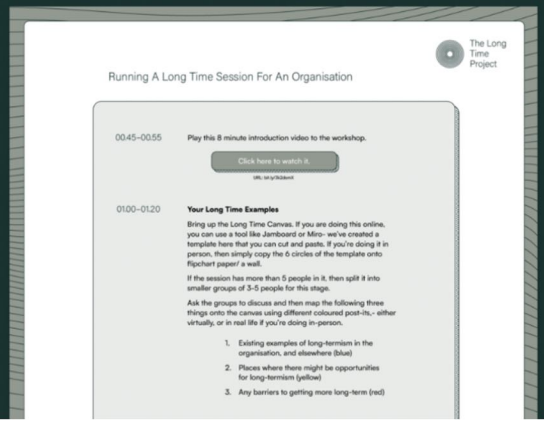
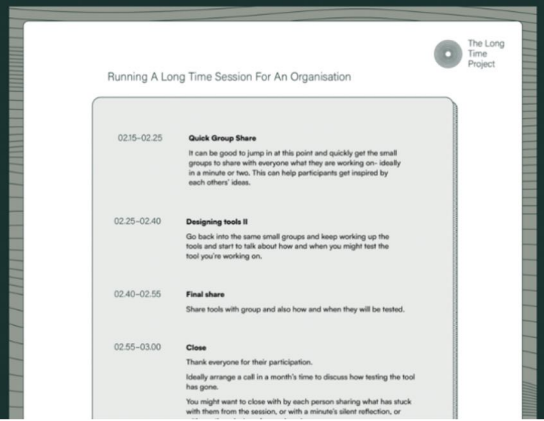
Running A Long Time Session For An Organisation







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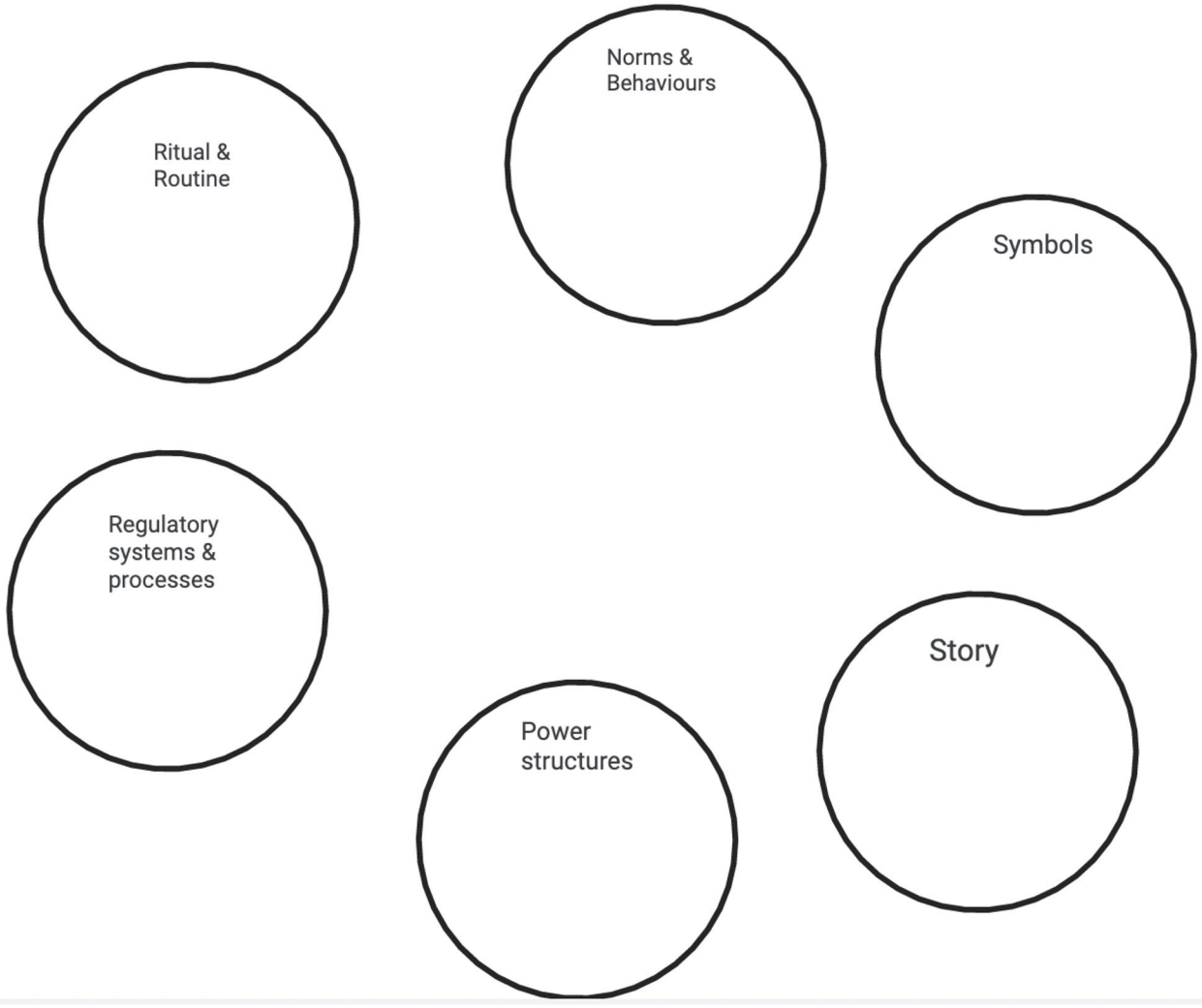

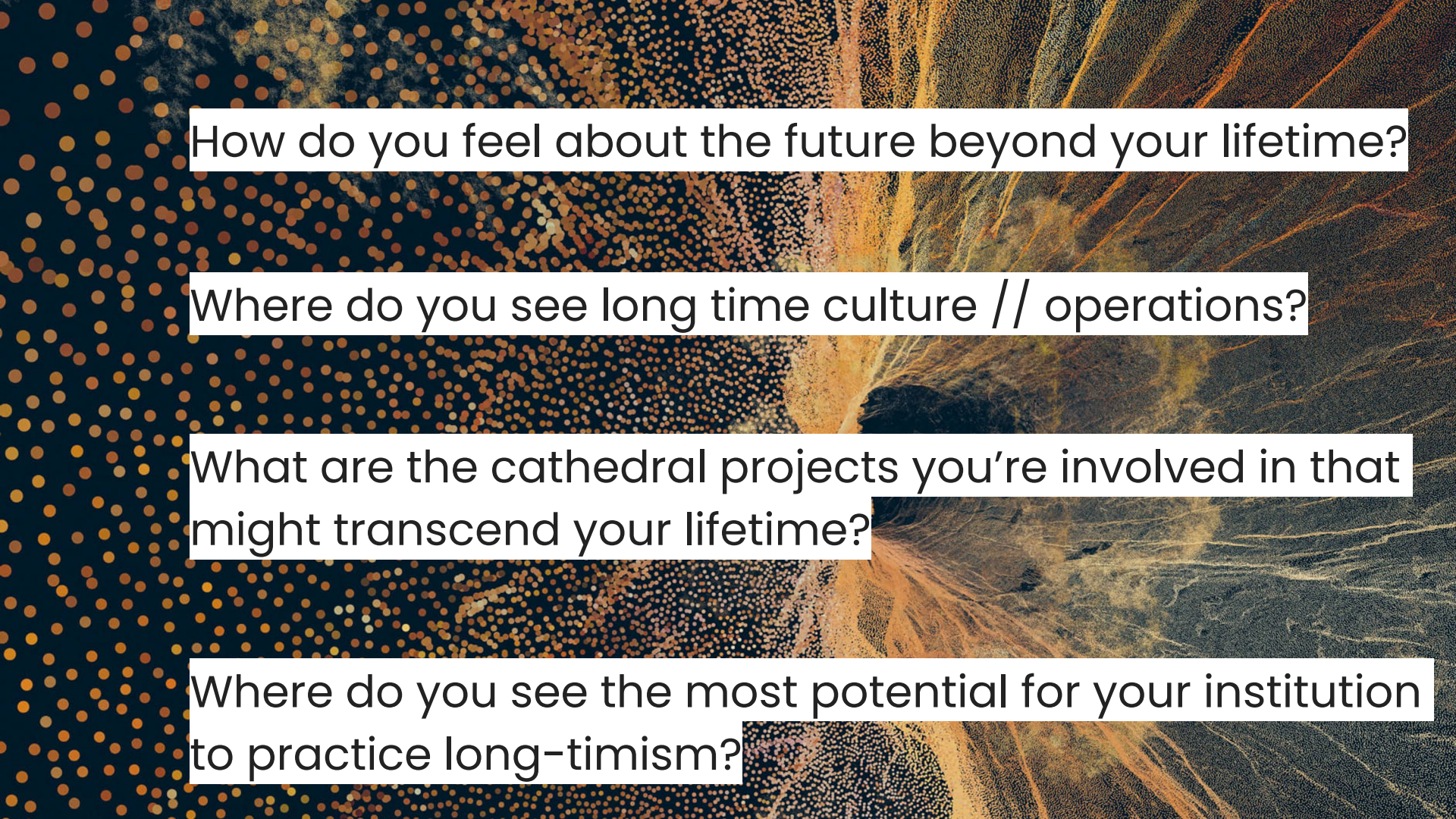
How do you feel about the future beyond your lifetime?
Where do you see long time culture // operations?
What are the cathedral projects you're involved in that might transcend your lifetime?
Where do you see the most potential for your institution to practice long-timism?