NESSiE Community/Stakeholder Forum – Process Design

On arrival participants are given a name-tag with a randomly allocated number, 1-8, on it.

8.30 1. Introductions – Whole Group – Gallery
   - Welcome to guests and participants
   - Opening statements from distinguished guests
   - Overview of the day

8.50 2. Connecting & Framing Discussion – Whole Group / Small Groups / Whole Group - Gallery
   - Participants invited to introduce themselves to three people they don’t already know
   - Quick sociogram to share information about who is participating
   - Participants invited to form groups of three – each person in each group has 3 minutes to share why they believe sustainability is a core issue for New England’s future
   - Quick soundings from the whole group…
     o What was the most challenging thing you heard?
     o What was the most inspiring thing you heard?
     o What was the most way-out thing you heard?
   - At the end of this session participants are invited to move downstairs for the Open Space set-up session

   - Introduction to Open Space – 2 laws, 4 principles
   - Participants invited to consider the questions related to the transition to sustainability that they would like to spend the next two hours exploring, then write their question on a sheet of paper and post it on the wall
   - Whole group reviews the questions, then people chose the one they want to work on
   - Groups allocated meeting spaces and convenors move there with their group
   - Each group has written guidelines to assist their discussion with particular emphasis on how reporting will be done (posters)
   - 20 participants, selected at random (? Or 20 volunteers?) to join the Vision workshop with Tex, remain in the studio

10.15 4. Open Space Workshops – Small Groups – Various
   - Groups self-organising
   - 20 minutes before the end of the session they are reminded to work on their report
   - At the end of the session the convenors post the reports on the studio wall during the lunch break
5. Visioning Workshop – Group of 20 – Studio
   - The selected/volunteer group works with Tex and Ann while the Open Space groups are working.

12.30 LUNCH – simple, quick serve

1.00 6. Open Space Poster Display – Whole Group informal – Studio
   - Immediately after lunch the convenor and/or scribe for each OS group is asked to stand beside their group’s poster and participants are invited to review the outcomes, seek any additional information they require, and write their names beside the posters they are interested in further work on.

1.20 7. Vision Feedback – Whole Group – Studio
   - Tex and Ann and the participants of their visioning workshop present the outcomes of their process.

2.00 8. Topic Groups – Small Groups – Studio
   - Participants are invited to convene in groups according to their name-tag number.
   - Each group convened by a representative of a pre-forum Working Group.
   - Convenor presents their Working Group’s SWOC in the form of a mind map, then invites participants to consider:
     - What’s missing? (Gaps, oversights, emerging issues)
     - What should be the three top action priorities for the region in this issue area?
     - What would be the best leading initiative to advance these priorities? (Criteria: potential to build strong alliances/partnerships; to involve new stakeholders or sections of the community; to achieve early results – low fruit; to have the greatest or widest impact – knock-on; etc.)
   - At the end of the discussion period a spokesperson for each group briefly reports:
     - 3 action priorities
     - Best leading initiative
   - Evolveri mapping these reportbacks in real time.

3.00 9. Review of Outcomes – Whole Group / Individuals – Studio
   - Evolveri presents the mindmap.
   - Facilitated whole group discussion.
   - At the end of the discussion participants are invited to individually reflect on the outcomes, then write on a piece of paper some key words or images that arise for them as expressing the potential of this strategy. If time, some of these reflections are shared at random, but all are collected.

4.10 10. Summing Up – Whole Group – Studio
   - Strategy Co-ordinator draws out some of the key outcomes of the day and outlines the proposed next steps.
   - Thanks to participants and team.

4.30 CLOSURE