



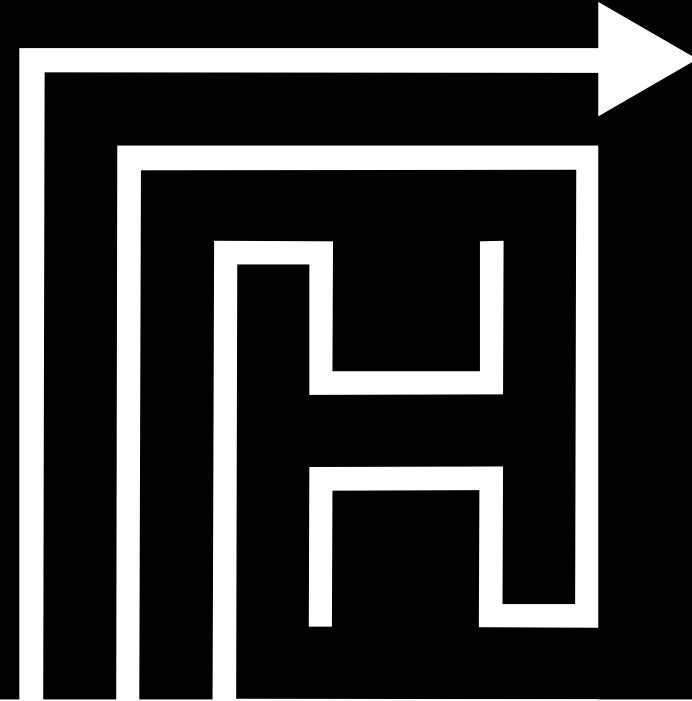
**YOUR GUIDE TO**

**FUTURE  
GARAGE**



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**MOVING AWAY FROM BEING MEDIATORS  
OF EXPERT KNOWLEDGE TO HOSTING  
COLLABORATIONS IN LOCAL CONTEXT**



If you want to have an organisation that is more embedded in the local community, inviting the community in to co-create future activities could be beneficial for the local engagement on the long term. One tool for reflecting on current activities and approaches and sharing future visions is the future garage. (NB this approach can also be used for internal development).

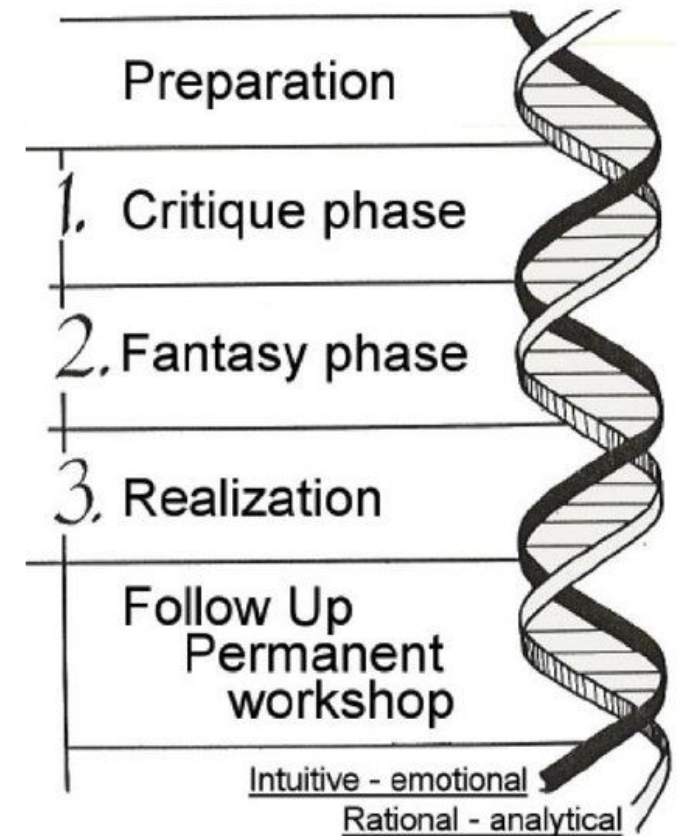
# FUTURE GARAGE

The framework of this tool is based on the the following three phases:

1. Criticism phase
2. Fantasy phase
3. Reality phase

Moving forward through the phases it is the facilitator's job to make sure the participants do not object to each others contributions.

As preparation participants will be informed about the theme and purpose of the workshop in order to reflect on the context.

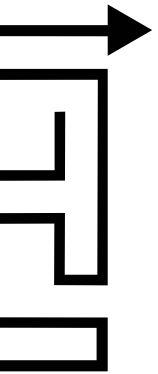


# PHASE 1: CRITICISM

In this phase participants are to formulate all the critical statements they can think of in relation to the workshop's theme. The statements are written on flipcharts, which are hung up in the room. It is not allowed to comment on or ask questions about the statements, except for clarification questions.

The purpose of the critique phase is for participants to express negative feelings. The critical statements are then addressed and prioritized.

The highest-prioritized themes will make it to the next phase.



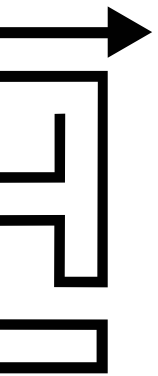
## PHASE 2: FANTASY

In this phase, the aim is to turn the criticism of the current state into ideas and visions of how things should be.

During the fantasy phase, all suggestions for changes related to the highest-prioritized themes of criticism from the previous phase are noted again on flip charts.

The rule here is that participants must not worry about laws, logic, economics, space, "necessities", power dynamics, etc. There should be room for all utopias, visions, and dreams, even if they may seem impossible or "crazy" to some.

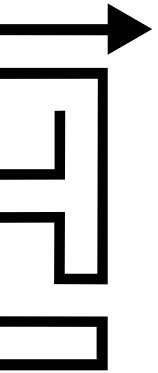
No objections are allowed during this phase, but elaborative questions are permitted. The suggestions are thematized again and prioritized.



## PHASE 3: REALITY

In this phase, the prioritized themes from the fantasy phase are discussed with the aim of translating them into reality. It is a matter of determining how the implementation should take place (who, what, when).

Finally, the tasks that need to be realized are prioritized. A summary is prepared with statements, a list of participants, and the names of the people responsible for follow-up - and within what timeframe.





## FURTHER USE

Following up on the future garage the results can lead to different levels of local engagement ranging from the community having been consulted to letting local actors lead certain projects or activities within the framework of the organisation or leading to new collaborations between different actors.



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