

Future creating workshop

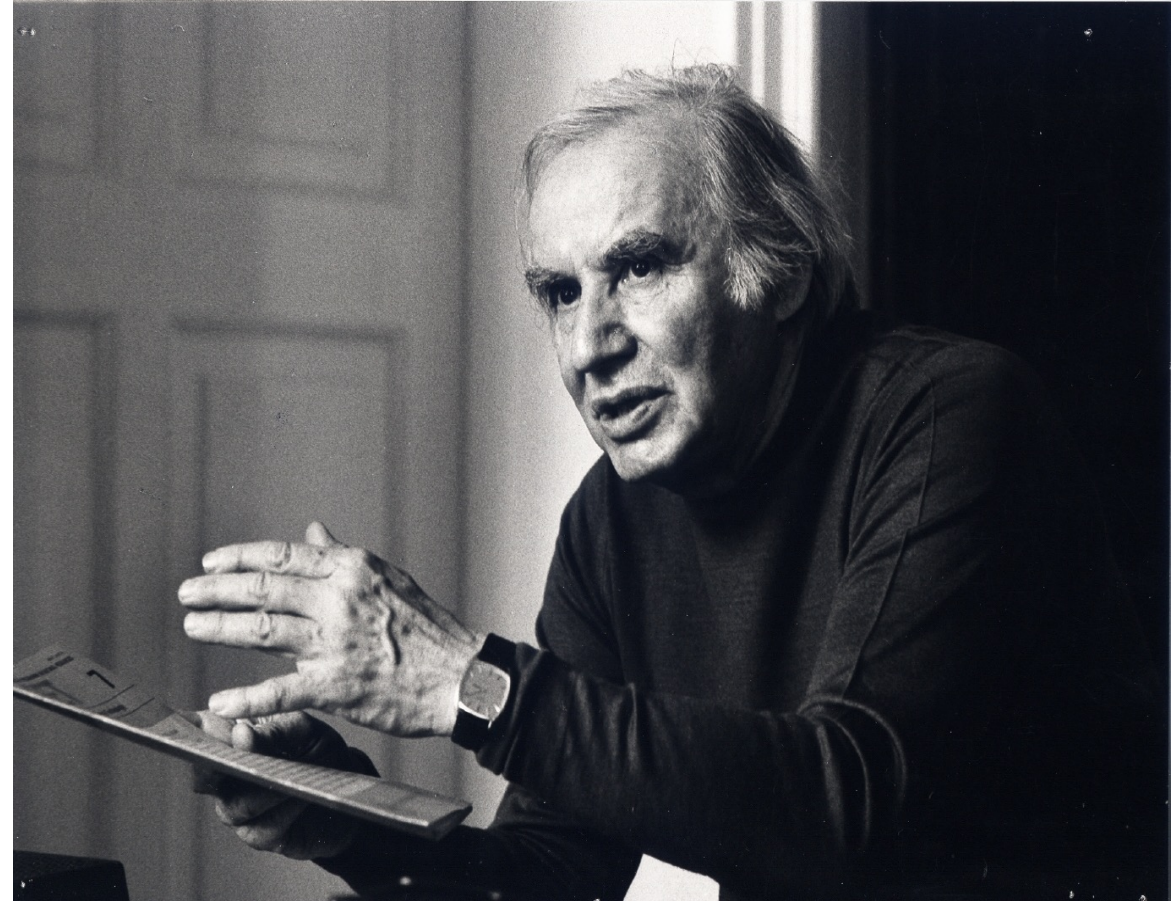


'The future belongs to us all'

(R. Jungk og N. R. Müllert 1987)

The future are being colonized and formed by a smaller group of people – we are not to go blind within this future'.

The future creating workshop is a participatory process where people can meet and explore questions conncted to them. Freeing people's resources and encourages them to take part in creating common futures.



Future creating workshop – the story behind

- 1950s Jungk and Müllert develops the method
- Experiences with European totalitarian regimes in the 1930's and 1940's - powerlessness towards the regimes
- 1980's in Denmark:
 - Local movements, the housing movement, local communities
 - Future creating workshop as part of technology assessment (Teknologirådet)
- 2000's Future creating workshop develops further in nature and community development as part of critical utopian action research – find its way into research

Future creating workshop – principles

Everyday life approach - personal experiences

"The common" and societality

Utopian and not the dystopian - focus upon what we fight for and not against

The free space:

- The free space for the common utopias
- constitutes a free space for something and not from anything
- as a basis for empowerment and learning are maintained

Future creating workshop - method

The dynamics between the 3 phases; criticism, utopia, realization

Free space to create new horizons of change:

- Participants' critique of difficulties
- Social imagination about difficulties and challenges
- Change of current difficulties

Ontology: Reality must always be understood as unfinished and can be shaped by people through democratic processes founded in everyday life

Future creating workshop – participatory

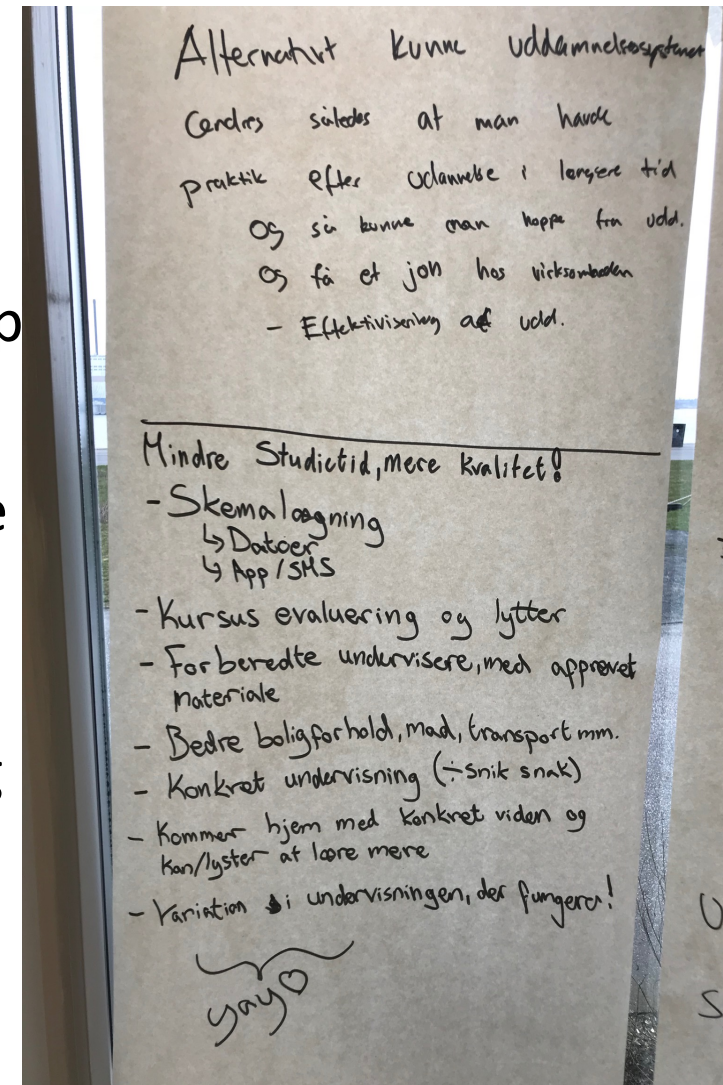
There is no pre-given purpose –it's is the participants' workshop

Everything that is developed, written and done is owned by the participants

The participants decide what should happen next (if something should happen)

The role of the facilitator

- Establish the framework for the social space by neutrally facilitating and keeping to the rules
- Help sharpen perspectives - publicity



Future creating workshop – democracy og empowerment

Vertical empowerment:

- strengthening groups and local communities in society, strengthening positions of power outwards and upwards in society
- Must be ensured when implementing ideas and further organization

Horizontal empowerment:

- strengthening of active networks, inwards and downwards
- Will be ensured during the workshops

Democratic orientation:

- It is the participants' workshop
- There is no pre-given purpose other than the participants' work on the theme

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