# Get Ready: 5 trends that will change your community, and how to adapt

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# Who Dis?



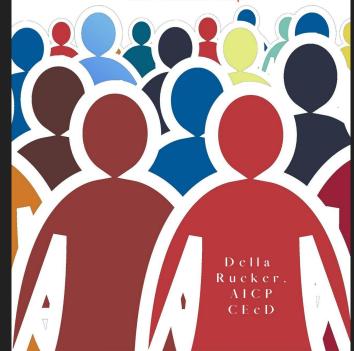
#### The book

FROM THE AUTHOR OF EVERYBODY INNOVATES HERE

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#### LOCAL ECONOMY REVOLUTION HAS ARRIVED!

What's Changed and How You Can Help



#### The basic idea

We are living in an era where everything is changing

Stuff we did before isn't working (if it ever did)

We need not just new tools, but new foundations (That's what makes it hard)







# You know about some of these changes



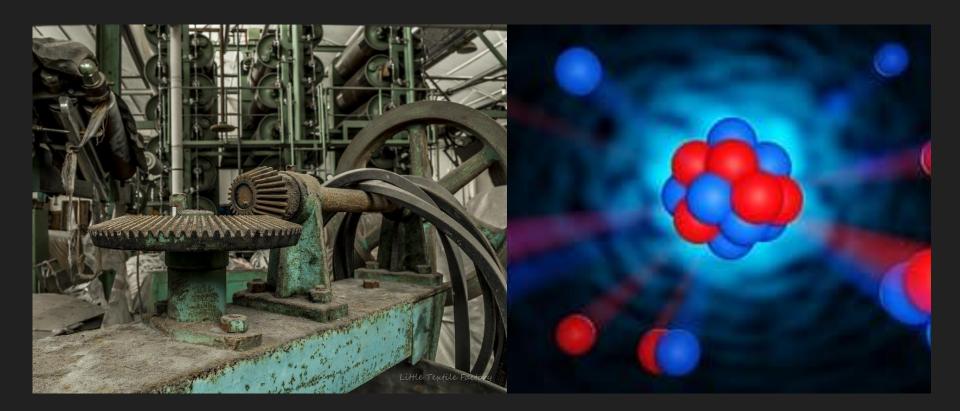




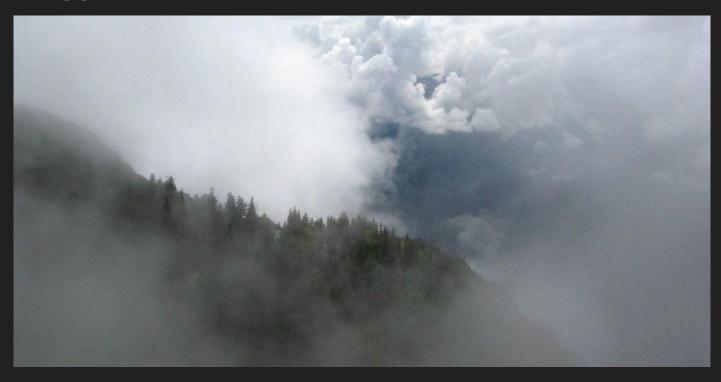


# They're not the biggest ones





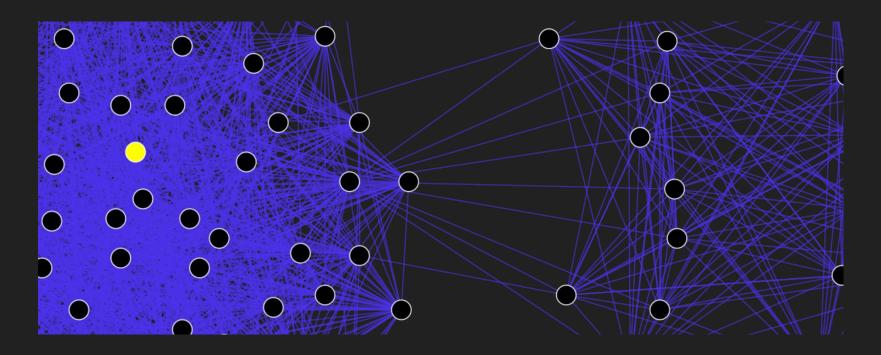
Predictable → VUCA



Mediated → Unmediated



Hierarchies → Networks



Specialties → Spaces between



Labor → Creation



## Fusion Era implications

New strategy: Clear vision & priorities, flexible delivery

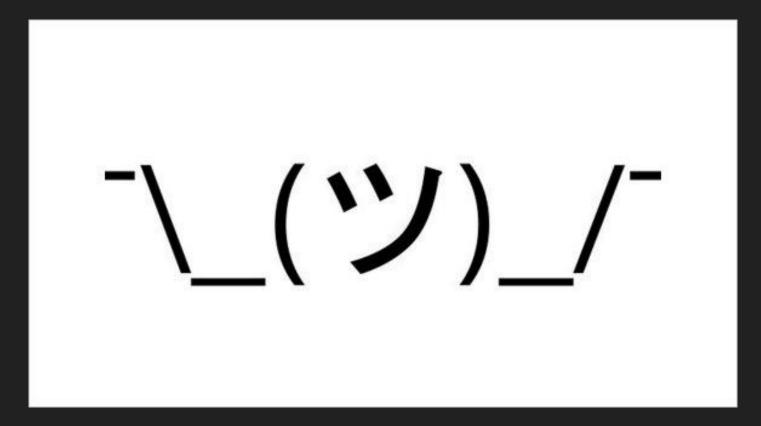
New control systems: humility and transparency

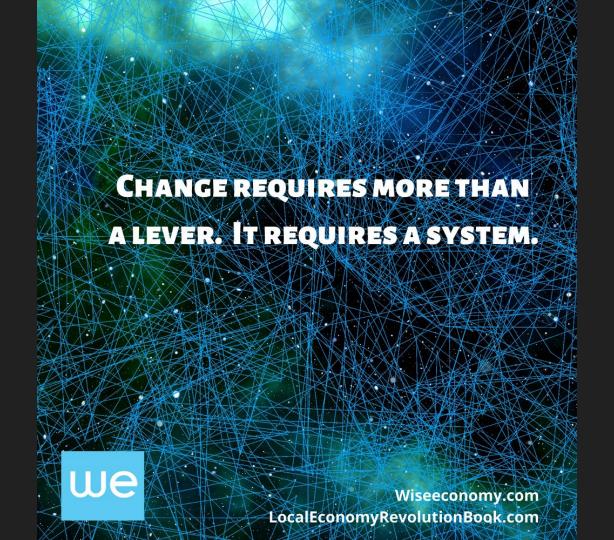
New path to impact: networks

New skills: wide vs. deep

New raw materials: humans (all of 'em)

# So... what does that have to do with my job?



















#### So what do we do with that?

Get clear on your mission. What matters to you?

Open doors wide - Who are you not including?

Break down your own silo - What impacts your mission that you're artificially avoiding?

#### So what do we do with that?

Initiate cross-group problem solving -- Who could you work with that you're not connecting to now?

Try more stuff (in a limited and tested way)

Tell the real story. Build understanding. It needs more than a sound bite.

## But we don't have time/money/people/ etc.

#### What happens if you don't?

- Loss of relevance
- Fewer donors
- Fewer volunteers
- Cynicism.



## But we don't have time/money/people/ etc.

What can come to you by opening up?

- New volunteers?
- New visitors?
- New donors?
- New programs?

New possibilities





## Thanks. You're nice.

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