

Exercise #3 Manoa Approach Step 2 - Futures Wheel

Purpose

The futures wheel is a mindmap of impacts that are related to a trend. This process creates a way to brainstorm a visual representation of the impacts that are caused by a trend and the connection among a multiple trends. This process also aids in systems thinking; allowing us to visualize how trends can influence one another.

How to

1. Put the trend in an inner circle.
2. Take a few minutes to imagine possible impacts of the trend of a variety of life aspects (work, communication, education, families, information, leisure, etc... Think STEEP. With your group use a piece of flipchart paper to connect the impacts to the trend.
3. Next consider each primary impact, and brainstorm two or three impacts it will have, and map those, connecting each to its primary impact.
4. Do a separate futures wheel for each of your three chosen trends.
5. Now lay the futures wheels next to each other and explore the connection points among the three trends. Draw lines of connection.
6. Be prepared to share with the larger group your futures wheels and discoveries.

Starting Notes

