

Hardanger Camp for Societal Innovation (HACSI): A strategic discussion on WFSF futures!
CREATIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT SOCIETAL INNOVATION AND IMPACT

This pre-conference *Hardanger Societal Innovation Camp* will address a number of the important challenges that face the world – and the WFSF – in the decades moving towards midcentury. We will do this in a highly participative and co-creative manner, from 14.00 – 18.00 on the day before the conference begins.

How can the WFSF develop in the coming years? What kind of voice can it have? Is it possible – or desirable – to influence policy making and societal innovation?

To stimulate focused thinking about possible futures for the WFSF, we need a shared understanding of the key questions. Important issues span the boundaries of different disciplines and responsibilities, and shared understanding often requires powerful conversations to explore multiple perspectives of diverse issues. Without this, it is all too easy to avoid asking the difficult questions, answer only the simple ones, and work in ways that do not adequately address the systemic requirements for effective solutions.

This ‘societal innovation camp’ aims to clarify and enhance WFSF opportunities to be an important actor in the framework of societal innovation. The facilitated conversation will explore relevant and provocative issues from diverse perspectives, and develop ideas about what is required to achieve desired outcomes.

The Camp will address questions such as: *What are the right questions to ask? What are the true challenges we face? From which perspectives can we look at these challenges? How are the issues interrelated and interdependent? How to move forward effectively? What kind of impact is possible, relevant – and desirable – for the WFSF and its members?*

The questions and issues for these creative conversations will reflect and resonate with the main themes of the conference: *Peace, Development, and the Environment*. Gentle provocations by WFSF members, conference speakers, HACSI participants – and the two moderators – will feed the conversations.

Two moderators will lead the process, allowing sufficient opportunity for participants to express and clarify their ideas. The working method emphasizes participants’ shared ownership of the process and responsibility for the results. It is based on an innovation dialogue methodology used in Sweden and the Netherlands, and used in 16 societal innovation camps run in in Europe, South Africa and Japan since 2011.

This “HACSI” pre-conference creative conversation will feed discussions on the potential influence (and impact) of WFSF. In the short term, it will lead to new insights about the conference themes, and a better understanding of how to contextualize the presentations and discussions in a broader perspective of societal impact. In the longer term, many things may be possible; what is it that participants want?

Coffee and tea will be available, and an outdoor activity will add a psycho-motor impulse to thinking, ending with a wrap up and “what happens next”.

Date & time: 14.00 – 18.00 on 6th June 2017

Moderators: Magnus Jörgel (Senior Strategist, Region Skåne, Sweden) and Hank Kune (Director, Educore; Founding Partner, Future Center Alliance, The Netherlands)

Price: 50 euros

Maximum 20 participants

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