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The Sustainability Society
In partnership with
Morphum Environmental
presents
Sara Parkin OBE

One day workshop

Thursday 29 November 2012

Sustainability:

Future proofing in uncertain times

A fast-track, participatory workshop that picks up on two of the key 'navigational' tools used by Forum for the Future: the Five Capitals Framework and Future scenarios and featuring a workshop session on the latter.

Thursday 29th November

Participants are asked to prepare and bring with them a list of PESTLE⁺ factors that they think are likely to affect their business/organisation over the next 15-20 years.

- + Political
- Economic
- Social
- Technological
- Legislative
- Environmental

10.00-12.30

Key concepts for 21st century Sustainability Critical policy conundrums

The morning starts with discussion around key concepts that underpin decision-making for sustainability, building on the previous evening lecture: will include whole system thinking, resilience and futurity.

Break

Some critical policy 'conundrums' will be posed for discussion in the context of these concepts. Before lunch, the 'navigational' tools will be re-introduced, and more information about how to use the Five Capitals Framework given (for participants to use later).

Lunch

13.30-16.00 Future Scenario workshop

Introduction to scenario design, using examples from Forum's work.

Breakout groups

Using the PESTLE factors they have brought, participants, in groups, will be invited to design 4 scenarios for 2025, using the axis given below.

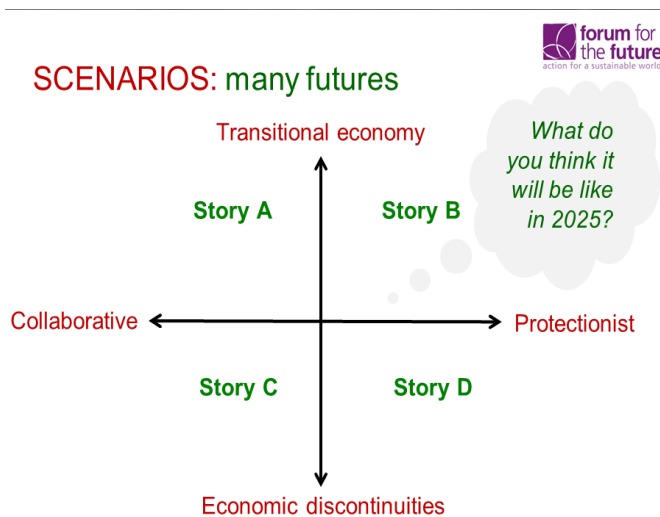
Break

Report Back (Assuming 4 groups)

Group 1 describes Story A, other groups contributing similarities and differences; discussion. Group 2 describes Story B, and so on.

Final discussion

How to use the scenarios; discussions around risk management and opportunity spotting; combination with other decision-making. Examples from group for next steps.



Fees: \$350 plus GST for members of The Sustainability Society.

\$395 plus GST for non-members

Venue: University of Auckland, Faculty of Engineering
(Room number to be confirmed)

Register: by email to Vicky@thesustainabilitysociety.org.nz

Closing date for registrations: Wednesday 14 November 2012

SARA PARKIN OBE

Sara Parkin is a Founder Director of [Forum for the Future](#) (1995-). She is also a Trustee of the [St Andrews Prize](#) (1998-), sits on the board of the [European Training Foundation](#) (2009-) and advises on science in society for the [Living With Environmental Change](#) research programme (2009-). Recently she has completed terms on the boards of the [Natural Environment Research Council](#) (2003-2009) and the [Leadership Foundation for Higher Education](#) (2003-2009). She sits on the Advisory Committee of the [Finance South East Community Generation Fund](#) (2011-).

After starting her working life as a nurse, in various roles she has campaigned for the environment and sustainable development for over 40 years, including playing leading roles in the [UK Green Party](#) and international green politics during the 1970s and 1980s. She has served terms on the boards of [New Economics Foundation](#) (1994-1995), [Groundwork](#) (1997-1999) and [Friends of the Earth](#) (1996-2002) and written several books, the latest being [*The Positive Deviant: Leadership for sustainability in a perverse world*](#) published by Earthscan in July 2010.

Sara is an honorary companion of the [Institution of Civil Engineers](#) and of [the Institute of Energy](#), and became a Founding Fellow of the [Engineering Council](#) in 2009. In 2001 she was awarded an OBE for services to education and sustainability.