

## Co-Creating space for Practicing SDi from a SDi “2<sup>nd</sup> Tier” perspective.

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After 2+ years of monthly ‘Learning Lab’ Skype calls together, I was finally able to meet Claudine and Juergen *face-to-face* to further build upon our shared ideas and visioning. My primary interests have been around learning-how-to-learn, especially in community, and in exploring new ways to engage practitioners in learning from and with each other – especially regarding designing for emergence and complexity.

My enthusiasm for visiting was mostly attracted around the intention for co-creating a new form of inquiry space, a forum specifically for practitioners *practicing SDi from a SDi “2<sup>nd</sup> Tier” perspective*. Such a space would apply SDi principles and practices directly to practitioners’ real-life projects, allowing their ideas for designing to be shared and, thereby, enhanced by the inquiry and insights from across the cohort members.

In addition, I am inspired by the intention to incorporate a variety of other approaches and methodologies (i.e. Vistar), particularly for being ‘in service’ first and foremost to 1<sup>st</sup> Tier health and capacity-building for healthy evolving within unique life conditions. This approach seems essential and fundamental in order to design responsibly for emergence and the degree of complexity occurring across life conditions in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Working with the core team members to explore and identify the important elements and processes necessary to designing and holding this work was delightfully *emergent* in itself – and the specifics recorded on cards that were later reviewed, amended, clustered and themed – consolidating a solid framing for moving forward coherently. This example of modeling how we can apply SDi and other approaches to our own processes ‘as a practice’ represents a high degree of integrity and respect ‘as a community’ operating *in community*.

I experienced our conversations as focused yet open to following a natural flow; each person expressing authentically with heart and meaning. While I was ‘the outsider’ in this group, it did not take long for me to feel quite relaxed and at home – and very appreciative of the willingness of everyone else to speak entirely in English. I have gained a very real sense of how deeply this work is being held *collectively* – not just for a few – but in dedication towards the greatest benefit *for humanity!*

It is an honour and privilege for me to be included in these early stages of laying the foundation for this unique community of practitioners. I know of no other place in the world where this is being done. I remain committed to continuing my support and contributions wherever they might be most contributive as this community develops into the future.