



eSyn2030

A Metaphorum Online Experiment



The E-Syn 2030 Experiment

How did it go and what next?

- Welcome - E-Syn 2030 (10 min)
- How did it go?
 - Directions for development (40 m)
- What next?
 - Emerging initiatives (40 m)
 - E learning Community development (30 m)
 - Research outputs
 - Clarifications & Collaborations
 - Rethinking the Metaphorum

● E-Syn 2030 – action learning



Zoom monthly meetings

(Last Thursday each month, 4-6 pm (UK))

+ Sched/ Slack/ You Tube/ Google Drive/Webpage



ESyn 2030 new experiments

Experimenting with:

- *new technologies*
- *new processes*
- *new communities*
- *Interested in the E Syn-2030 developing group?*

ESyn ongoing initiatives (1..x)

- *Self organised initiatives*
- *Continuing conversations in Sched/Zoom/ Slack*
- *Volunteers?*

Redesigning the Metaphorum

- *Clarifying ethos/ rules of the game*
- *Building up capabilities*
- *Developing alliances and partnerships*
- *Sharing our platform + tools Sched/Zoom/ Slack*
- *Volunteers?*



How did it go? + Directions for development

- (40min)



- Overall assessment (JW)
- Discovery Lab summary (DB, DS, CH, MP)
- Criteria to assess a good event (AL)
- Directions for development: interested in the 'E Syn-2030 developing group'?



Overall Assessment (JW)

- We were all delighted with the very positive response from everyone.
- We have learned a lot from the experiment
- We think improvements can be made in all stages of the process.
- We hope that other participants will become involved in reviewing and refining the process. (More on this later)
- We look forward to other experiments and hope that Metaphorum can provide a central information point to collect all the learning.



Quality Rules to assess a good event (AL)

1. Sponsor establishes opening question (which may or may not be altered by participants) but cannot choose the twelve topics.
2. All participants have equal status in the process
3. Facilitators monitor and guide process but do not direct content.
4. Three, not two, iterations are necessary for reverberation
5. There is a limit on how short a time can be allocated for the event.
6. Meeting times need to be adhered to
7. Participants need to keep to their roles (Participant, Critic or Observer)
8. Topics must have buy in from more than the initiator
9. Materials are written and posted for all: at a minimum, topics, colours, assignments and Outcome Resolve Summaries at the end of each meeting.
10. Participants must be free to speak with an expectation of confidentiality.



Curiosity Lab – testimonials (DB et al)

- Sched Post Q-aire & the Slack entry
- Testimonials:
 - Martin Pffifner,
 - Catherine Hobbs,
 - David Solomon
- Pop Up recollections



What next?

Emerging Initiatives

(30 min)

- Announcement of ongoing projects (all interested) (10 min)
- Breakout rooms – per project (20min)
- Plenary (10 min) - each team to offer a brief summary of
 - Project's purpose
 - Interested participants
 - Any action plans?



What next?

E-Syn Community development

(20 m)

- Research outputs (AL)
- Clarifications & Collaborations (AL)
- Rethinking the Metaphorum (JW/ AE)



Clarifications and Collaborations (1)

From Constantin Malik

1. Metaphorum is free to make use of Stafford's work and the IP-rights owned by Malik in any way the Board seems fit.
2. We believe that we share the same understanding of Stafford's work and what he would have wanted and decide to work together to promote this.
3. We are planning to collaborate more closely and are looking into forms of partnership or maybe a closer involvement of us in Metaphorum (and vice versa).
4. Existing IP rights need to be honored. And we (Metaphorum and Malik) are looking into models of how this can be achieved while letting as many interested people as possible use these rights freely.



Clarifications and Collaborations (2)

- Partnerships & Alliances

- Oroburus Foundation
- ISSS/ WOSC/ ISFR
- Universities (e.g. Centre for Systems Studies - Hull University)
- SCIO/ Cybernetics Society/ ASC
- Others?



Re-thinking the Metaphorum - a viable learning community -

- S1
 - E Syn 2030 experiments
 - Emerging initiatives
 - Conferences (Belgium 2021)
 - Webinar Series
 - Publications
- S2-S5 - Meta-systemic management





Meta-systemic management



S5 - Clarifying:

- Constitution/ Board
- Ethos
- Membership
- IPs/ Creative Commons



S4 - (SV/ AE/PT)

- Technological developments
- Community development
- E Syn *movement*

S2- preventing conflicts

- Simple rules
- Shared values
- Quality standards
- Members' communications



S2 - Information & Communications

- Google Drive
- You Tube Videos
- Web page
- Mail chimp
- Sched
- Wikispaces?



S3 - Creating Synergies/ Managing resources

- E Syn 2030 'contracting'
- Pooling resources

