Protopia Futuriser

An Experiment of Meeting the Future

August 31

September 6

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The world is changing, and education should be changing as well

- Global civilization is in an accelerated transition toward the new model of living which emerges across the dimensions of technology, economy, science, politics, culture, and other domains of human society.

- Educational systems across the world embark on a search of a new paradigm which will let go of the old, standard-oriented, rigid & mechanistic system and will give rise to a new, creative, fluid & organic eco-system; that would get more alive by bringing learner-centered, engaging, activity-oriented education that would allow those in need of learning to learn everywhere & all the time & throughout their lives.
It’s time to co-create the future!

Hundreds of educational leaders from around the world formed a map of future education as part of a global initiative Global Education Futures (GEF) *. Now participants are moving towards prototyping a facets of the new global educational eco-system with a global movement of systemic educational innovators, Protopia Labs.

We invite you to co-create the future of education with us!

* See www.edu2035.org for details
Protopia Lab Gathering: Futuriser

Because new education paradigm is emergent & organic, it cannot be mechanically “assembled”, or bought or copied from somebody who already knows “how to do stuff”. It can only be grown by those who already hold some of the keys of the future. Our intent is to bring together global educational innovators who want to create a society based on a collaboration, co-creation, collective wisdom, and compassionate development.

Protopia Futuriser will become pro-active and living gathering of global changemakers and innovators who will experiment on co-creating new educational ecosystem through exchange of practices, collective playing, and establishing a network of international transformative teams. The first gathering will be held in Cyprus on August 31 – September 6, 2016.
**Futuriser: key objectives**

**Futuriser** is a platform which invites and features experimental approaches, techniques, and practices for the Future in the present – primarily focused on, but not limited to, new models of education.

**Futuriser** is an incubator of “spaces of the future” that will weave best practices and education technologies into long-term initiatives, training courses and new collaborations of universities, cities, and online platforms.

**Futuriser** is an event that will initiate groups of glocal education changemakers, connect them with peers across the world, expand & strengthen their vision, and will help participating teams / projects to grow in the global educational space.
Futuriser: attracting the future

Futuriser will aim on creating international student / teacher teams that will establish “points of attracting the Future” – transformative projects that can help bring new education & new society into being. It will particularly focused on projects that will address, or combine, three types of educational “venues”:

- **University / school** as a heart of educational “ecosystem” that transforms its environment (re-shapes its city / region, creates new industry, etc.)

- Cultural/educational **hub for life-long urban learners** that attracts city activists and acts as a center of city transformation

- Educational **online / offline platform for** regional / country / global activism
Futuriser will engage methodologies & tools that support educational changemakers teams from ideation to scaling up

Tools increase personal & collective resilience & improve quality of life

- Vision Building & Project Design
- Modelling / Prototyping
- Implementing & Scaling up

Tools that enhance creativity & collaboration
Some methods / tools to be featured in Protopia Futuriser 2016

- **Cyprus (Reinventing Democracy):** structured dialogue technologies
- **Argentina (ITBA CLaSI):** systemic innovation approaches
- **Russia (Metaversity):** prototyping through gamification
- **Cyprus [Protopia Futuriser]:** tech-enhanced distributed collaboration
- **Norway (Knowledge Federation):** practices of collective thinking
- **Netherlands (City Embassies):** methods of living infrastructure design

And other elements of the future education, with teams from India, Africa, Russia, etc.
Futuriser “Flow”

During Futuriser, participants will live through phases necessary to bring vision into reality. These six days will set up teams on the journey that will continue throughout the next year.

**Downloading the Future**
[Aug 31 – Sept 1]
- Meeting each other & sharing stories
- Mapping concerns
- Dreaming together
- Mapping the Future
- Choosing focal problems & forming project teams

**Project incubation**: concept design / rapid prototyping / team building
[Sept 1-4]
- Working in teams to (a) design the solution, (b) quickly prototype the concept, and (c) plan implementation.
- Enriching project work by learning from, and co-creating with, leading educational innovators that will demonstrate their methods / technologies (in addition to project-based learning with teams, each participant will also learn through personalized learning trajectory)

**Uploading projects into the Present**
[Sept 4-5]
- Prototyping collaboration between projects (through gamified formats)
- Setting up post-Futuriser intra- / inter-project collaboration tools
- Planning the joint activities after Futuriser
- Reflecting
Study global, act local, become glocal!

During six days of Futuriser 2016, we will co-create glocal educational programs, projects & initiatives which will become seeds of a global educational ecosystem. They will enhance existing institutions and will support their transformation to match needs of the XXI century. The network of educational laboratories, built around participating student / teacher teams, will be developing skills and competencies of the future:

Attention Management & Mindfulness / Empathy / Collaboration / Creativity / Future Awareness / Gamefication / Information & Media Literacy / Intercultural Communication / Paradox-Based Thinking / System Thinking / Resilience & Stress Endurance

And many more.
Join the Future!

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