

# Creative Futures



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## Creative Futures

Futures are imaginal ‘possibility spaces’ to **dream into** and explore, envision, renew, transform, and **ignite** a deeper shift of being and understanding.

**Collective** imagination - how that could be harnessed to support positive action?

**Create** space for creativity in your projects - change the experiment to learning how to co-create a thriving and regenerative world that does work for all.

**Practice** now - a skill we need that is hard to do when under duress (stress)

### CollinsDictionary

**Collective** actions, situations, or feelings involve or are shared by every member of a group of people. [...]

Your **imagination** is the ability that you have to form pictures or ideas in your mind of things that are new and exciting, or things that you have not experienced. [...]



# Reflection

Where do you add a little creativity in your world?



**Rainer Maria Rilke:**

**“The future enters into us, in order to transform  
itself in us, long before it happens.”**

# Activity

**Thinking about your projects, talk about the craziest, creative ideas?**

How permaculture is not  
just stand alone - bring  
other skills in

How this course (PEI)  
sparks creativity -  
stumble upon a new  
thing and your brain  
sparks,

people who talk to us  
plant creative seeds

Adapt and change to  
circumstances

Adapt teaching to the  
situation of the area

Created a feeling

Sparked

**All living systems are designed to be future creative by enabling new choices, new combinations, and new structures from the manifest AND potential information that is available within and to the system (Smitsman and Smitsman, 2020).**

“imagine what the world will be like in 500 years”

*Or 2, 5, 20 years can be  
easier to grasp*

## Distal imagination

(Smitsman and Smitsman, 2020)

Creatives are better at distal imagination

Using their brain's  
dorsal medial system default network

Which has been associated with thinking about other people and is  
used for empathy

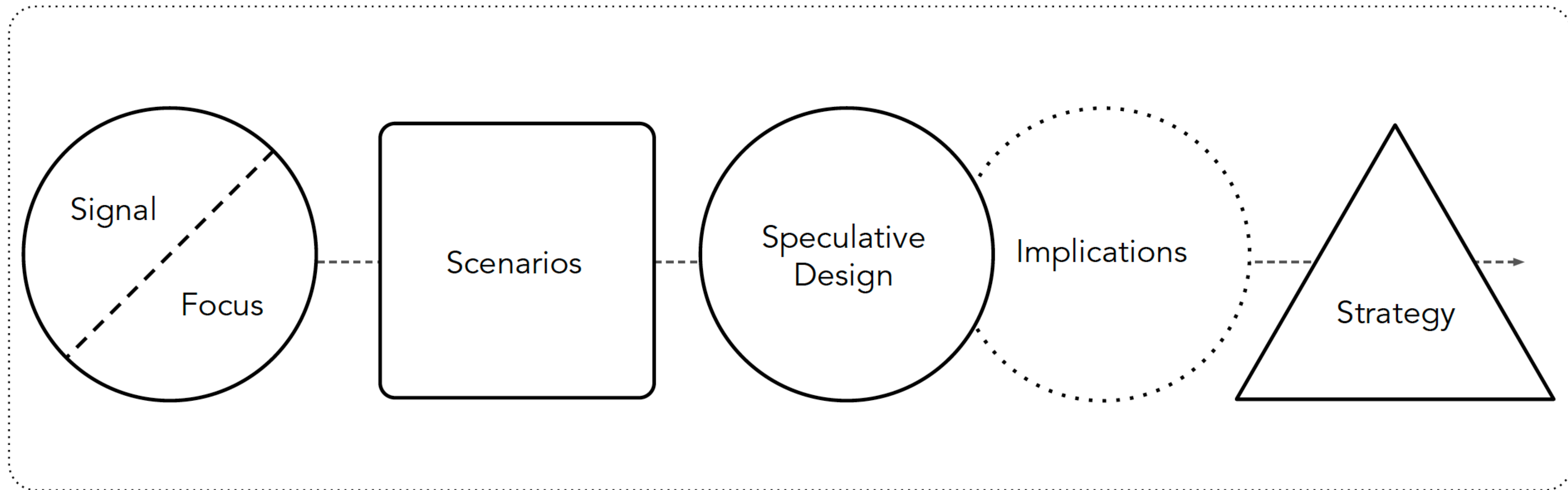




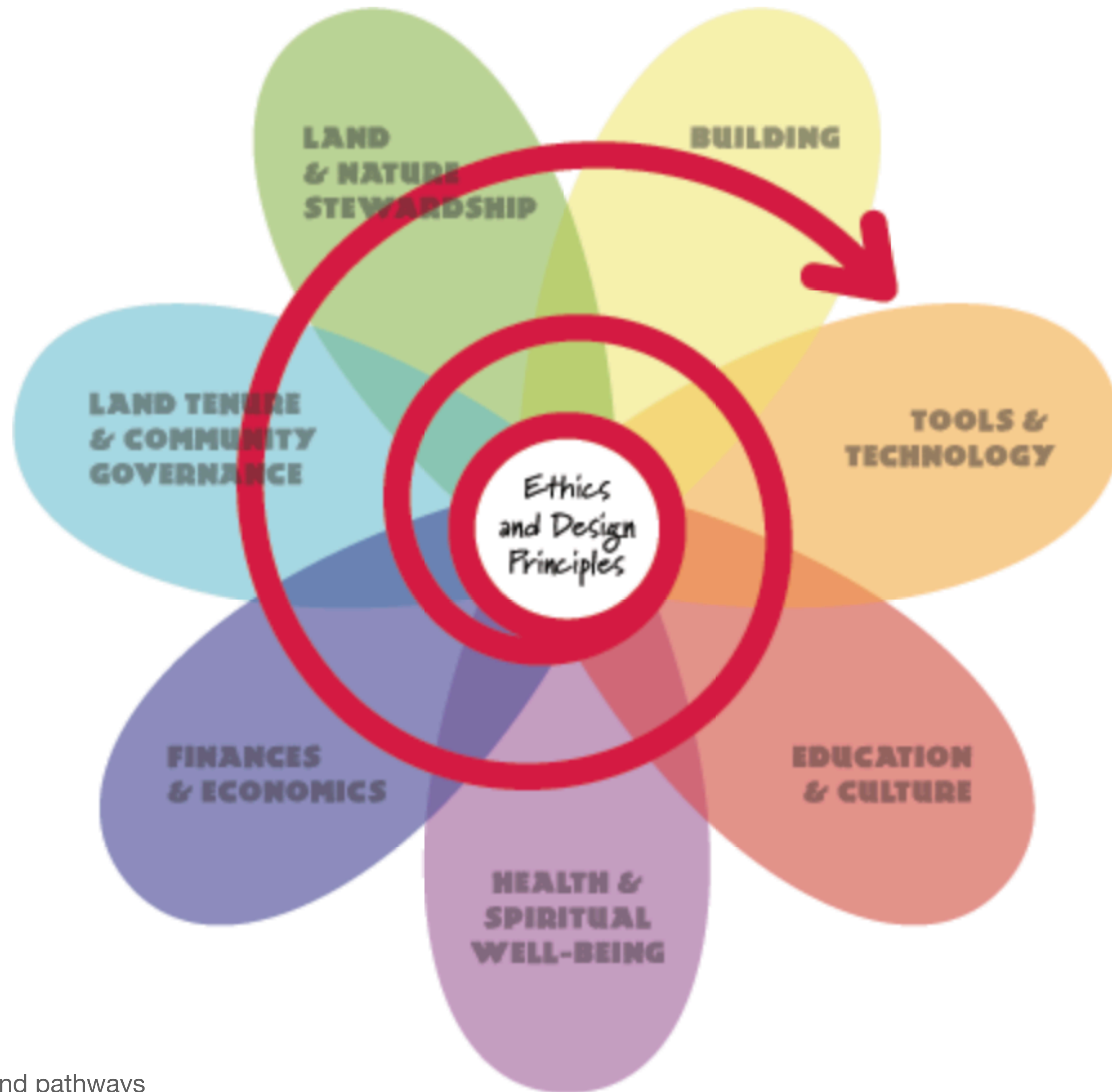


## SPECULATIVE DESIGN PROCESS

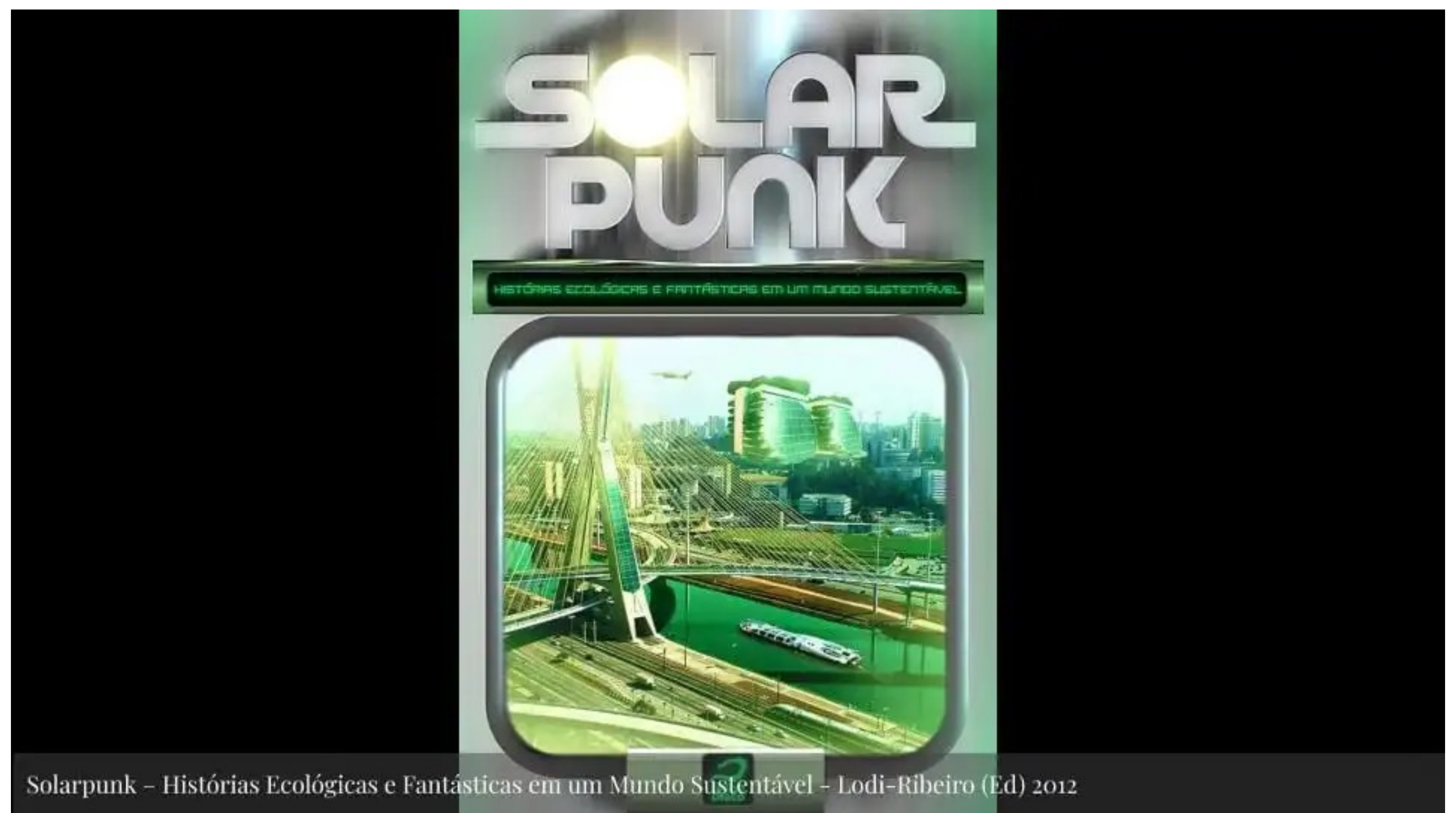
We'll run through the process during this workshop, getting a taste of each moment of the process with a focus on Speculative Design, Implications, and Strategy.



Apply creativity to all domains



# Solar Punk Origins



*Solarpunk is a movement in speculative fiction, art, fashion and activism that seeks to answer and embody the question “what does a sustainable civilization look like, and how can we get there?”*

*Jay Springett*

*“Solar punk is the nexus between humans, technology and nature. Solar Punk art expresses a future of abundance where all can thrive.”*

*Lizzy Smith*



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Solarpunk is an eco-futurist movement which tries to think our way out of catastrophe by imagining a future most people would actually like to live in, instead of ones we should be trying to avoid

What is Solarpunk? - Solarpunk Anarchists 2016

**“....Talk loudly and frequently and in detail  
about the future you want.  
You can’t manifest what you don’t share.”**

**Madeline Ashby  
Science fiction author and futurist**

**If you want a better future, and are already involved in activism of all kinds then *Become* a solarpunk.**

**Stand in opposition to the doom and gloom of our current media environment, adopt a more sunny disposition. It's why solarpunk is punk.**

**Refuse rebooted and reheated stories and visions of the future that pervade our media culture.**

**And Talk loudly about the ones you DO want to see. What they look like, how they make you feel.**

**Write stories, Make Art, and music about them. Because we can't manifest what we don't share.**

**Jay Springett**



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## Case Study

# Solar Punk Art Workshops Creative Futures Studio

## Queanbeyan NSW Australia

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# SOLAR PUNK

Imagine, Create, Design

## ART WORKSHOP

**WHERE: THE HIVE, QUEANBEYAN**  
274 Crawford Street, Queanbeyan.

**WHEN: 13 JUNE 6-8 pm**  
**10 week course.**

### SOLAR PUNK ART - What is your vision of the future?

A creative movement developed over 20 years ago in Brazil. The philosophy of solar punk is that we can imagine and form a vision for a positive future where nature, technology and humans flourish. Join us on this exciting journey to explore a vision of a positive future through art. All levels welcome.

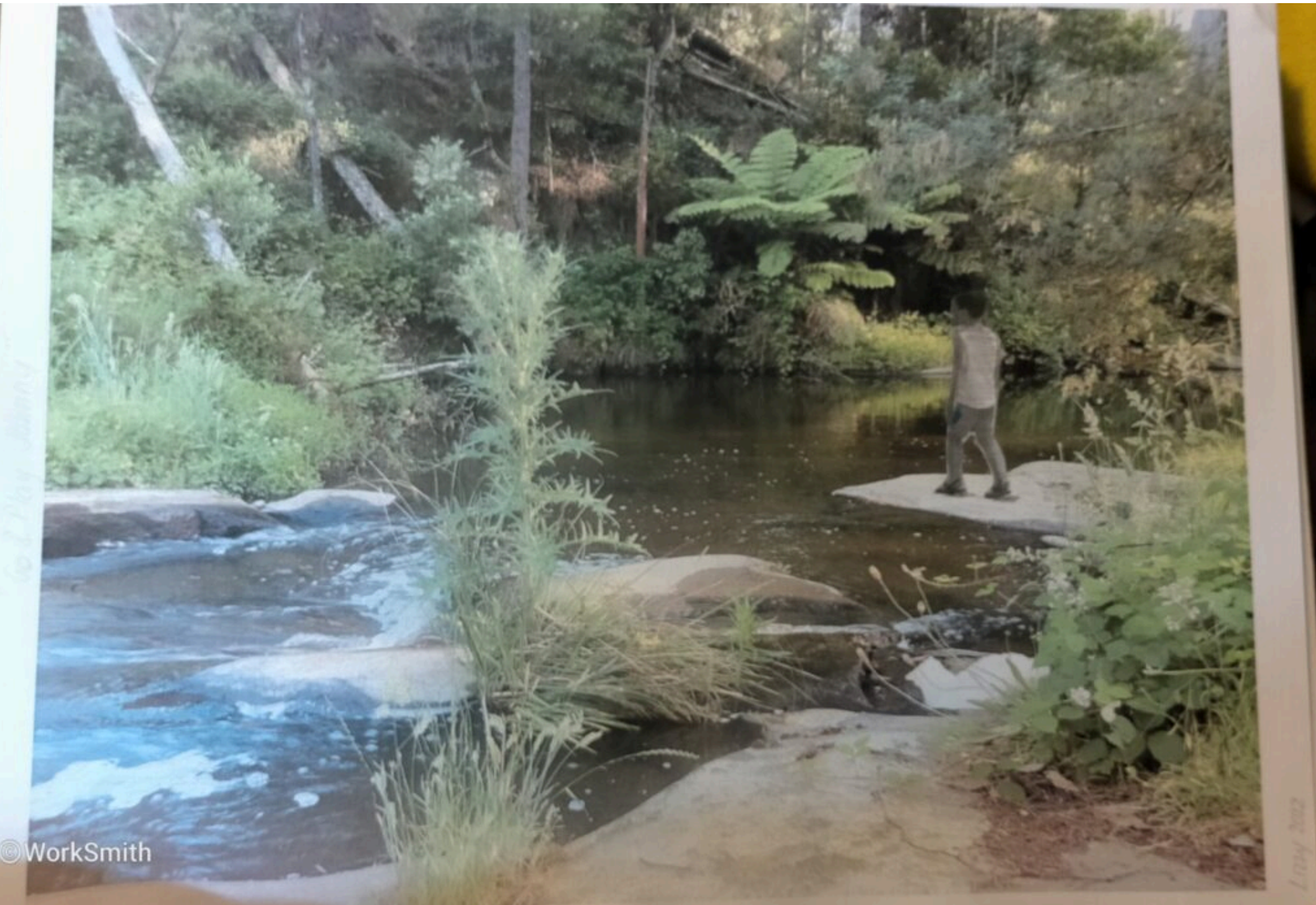
**Bookings:** <https://events.humanitix.com/solar-punk-art-space-creative-futures>  
Please book as numbers are limited.

**Be a part of a growing art movement!**  
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imagining where would the children play? Remembering the freedom and pleasure of playing near a creek as a child, hoping our children can continue to do so in the future,

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Studio groups first collaboration

Somewhere for us all to live

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It's our decision  
Left  
Right  
Oceans  
Our healthy futures



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