

What would you like to see happen when our field comes together at NCDD 2014?



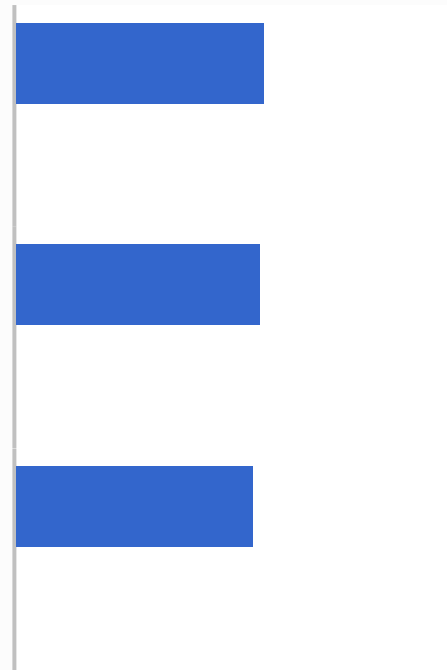
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strategies create sessions elements civic conference infrastructure deliberation participation role national policy issues
 facilitators process diverse community people questions bring practitioners provide government support online engage
 building efforts invite conversation ideas learned **explore** experiences space focus leaders brainstorm
engagement key discussion interactive elected change related knowledge groups ncdd workshop methods share
 public **dialogue** dd local participants officials work processes working media encourage experience projects
 field culture open impact **session** ways include group facilitation practices

Top 3 Ideas

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Idea Support Level



Markov basis (normalized) -> higher support

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Participation

Contributors	122
Members	1945
Contributor Rate	6.3%

Content

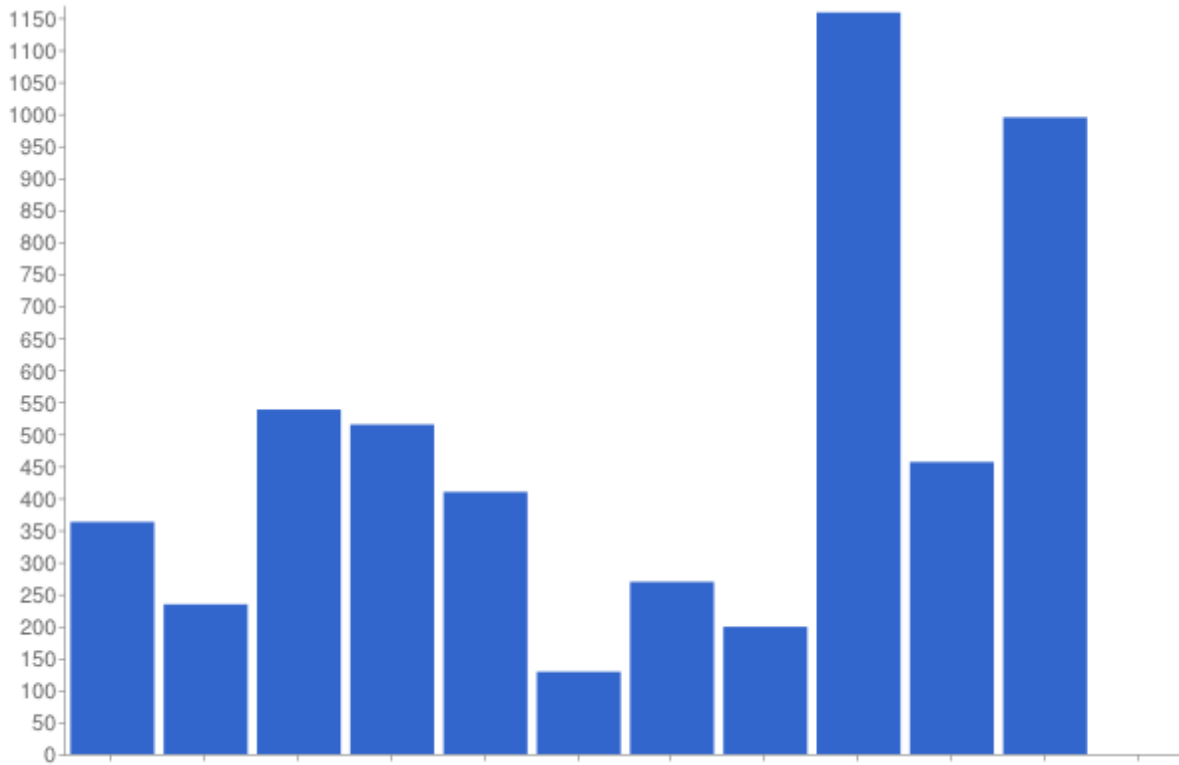
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Voting Activity

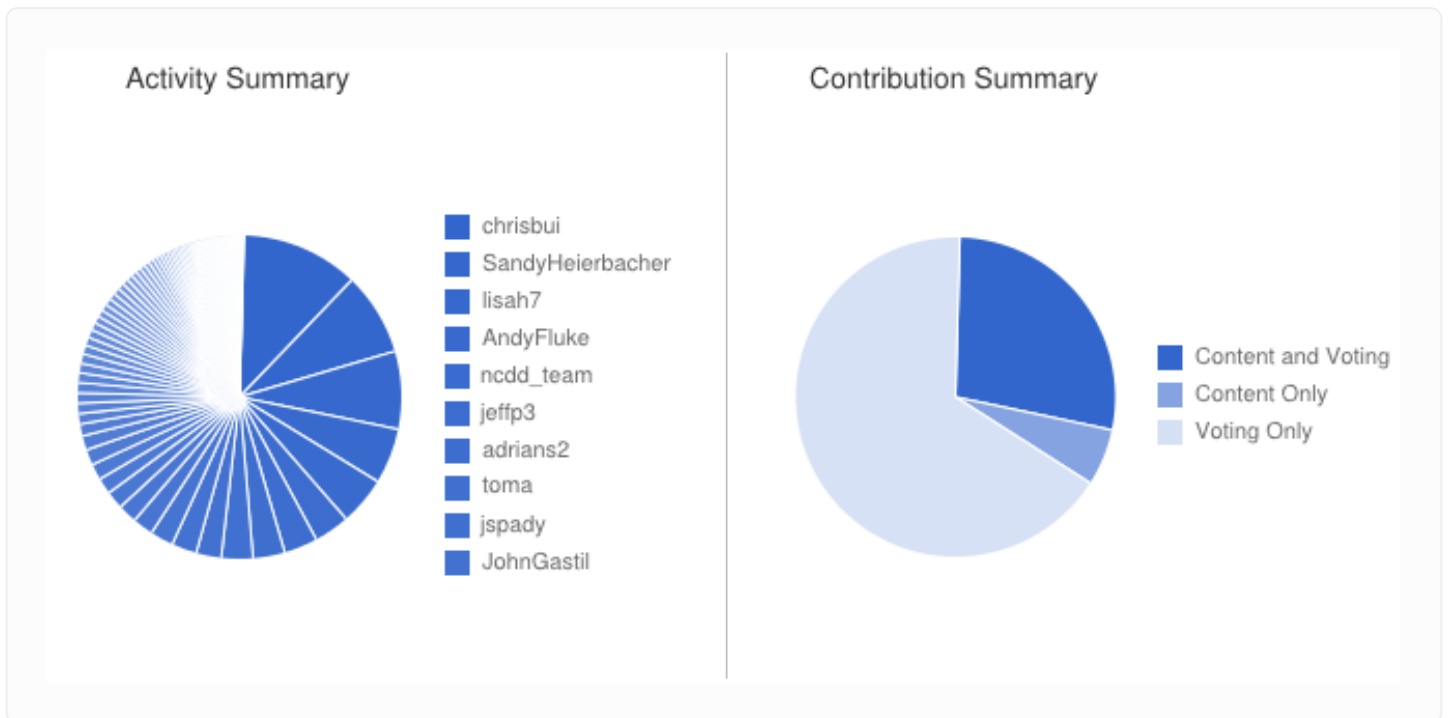
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Daily Activity Level










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4	Share experiences and explore possibilities for introducing D&D into the classroom, to teach students at different levels to engage in good D&D practices, and to enhance student learning through incorporating D&D pedagogies.	
5	Focus on ways we can bring dialogue & deliberation into the mainstream from the margins. What can we do together to integrate D&D into the fabric of how our communities & government work? Where is this working right now, best practices, role models?	
6	Showcase a variety of affordable, effective online tools for engagement, & how they can be used to enhance or support face-to-face dialogue and deliberation. How can face to face help create the quality/trusted foundation for the online experience?	
7	A session to share experiences of initiating contact with elected officials, establishing a relationship, and conducting joint projects with them -- to develop a program to involve policy makers in public deliberation or collaborative projects.	
8	Bring in funders who are supporting Collective Impact efforts, have them talk about what they're learning and what they're looking to fund, and explore how D&D (and the NCDD community) can enhance Collective Impact outcomes.	
9	Showcase a variety of the most effective programs, techniques, technologies, and processes in dialogue and deliberation from the past two years to raise general awareness of these successes among the community of practitioners and researchers alike.	

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10	Explore what it takes to create equitable deliberation that leads to positive community change. Discuss the underlying structures that create barriers to participation and learn about communities that are successfully engaging all kinds of people.	
11	Offer a session in which leaders of recent large-scale national and regional dialogue efforts can share their learnings and challenges. Have them facilitate a conversation about what kinds of nationwide efforts would get people excited and involved.	
12	Share strategies for moving from dialogue and deliberation to action and policy change. Use an interactive, creative process to do this at the conference. Gather successful examples both pre-conf & in the session with specific actions and outcomes.	
13	Going Viral: Best Practices for Online Engagement. Some take off, while others flop. Using case studies of projects that attracted large numbers, and/or more diverse participants, what have we learned about reaching beyond the usual suspects online?	
14	Explore how the use of television, telephone, and text-message technologies can help bring dialogue and deliberation efforts to a larger audience and how to create a small-group conversational environment within that large audience (of thousands+).	
15	A session to brainstorm & collaboratively create the core elements for a national culture of dialogue, civic engagement, & facilitation. Use an interactive voting system in the room. Use codigital to engage participants before the conference.	
16	Explore in greater detail both the positive & negative experience of local officials with efforts to increase citizen engagement in dialogue and deliberation. How did these efforts create changes in perceptions of the public as a result - good or bad?	
17	Share experiences of how we and other fields are working together to build a civic infrastructure in our communities and our country. What does it look like on the ground and in govt? What are the key elements, practices, and examples of what works?	
18	A session on identifying shortcomings in civic engagement & DD practices by a user's group of city/county managers, elected officials, and others. Have the group co-create the strategies to strengthen practices. Companion to current #1.	
19	Use upcoming D&D projects as co-learning opportunities. A handful of people describe their projects and issues they want help with. Everyone joins one of those people in small groups and provide advice and spitball ideas on the projects.	

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20	How can the NCDD community work more with those who do this work but don't call it "D&D"? Dialogue+engagement is happening across sectors. How to work with / share community with / partner with diverse facilitators outside of NCDD?	
21	Host networking session(s) for public agency representatives (primarily state and local) who support public engagement to encourage them to attend. Include practical conference content they need to persuade them to use their time-resources this way.	
22	An exploratory, participatory session on crafting & inviting questions. How to encourage others to ask questions? How do the different types of questions we ask influence dialogue? What types of questions are best suited to create/sustain dialogue?	
23	Focus on moving the needle on assessment and evaluation, so we can demonstrate D&D's power and effectiveness. Create a working group of practitioners and researchers to measure impact of dialogue on the personal, political, and community.	
24	Have an honest conversation about why AmericaSpeaks' business model & process was ultimately not successful- what implications that has for others in the field. Also, what gaps/opportunities are now open in our field- how can they be best be filled?	
25	A workshop designed to pull from the experiences of participants and explore this question: What are local govts doing successfully that increases citizens' trust? The best practices gathered will inform frameworks for local community dialogue.	
26	Brainstorm ideas, strategies, & programs that will shift/change our national culture related to D&D practices & civic engagement. What can we start now that will transform our culture in 15 to 20 years? What will create real leverage over time?	
27	Organize a session that pairs up researchers and practitioners who can team-up to do assessments that simultaneously provide robust program feedback and advance research on larger theoretical questions in our field.	
28	Many voices together can produce wisdom or folly. In important complex issues where lack of knowledge, short term thinking, and special interest manipulation are rampant, what kind of D&D processes and programs can promote wise public policy?	
29	The Meta Behind the Method: our field has multiple methods that have many common principles. Master the principles and the doors to the methods open up. This session brings together leaders of a variety of methods to share what they have in common.	

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30	Explore what NCDD's role should (and shouldn't) be in creating the infrastructure for rapid-response nationwide dialogue. What models exist that do this & what are their key elements? Are there any partnerships out there?	
31	Discuss the values & best practices useful to create fair participant representation in local public engagement processes - discuss the D&D field's perspectives/practices with regard to decision-making, authority, & role of local elected's/city staff	
32	Have an opening session cafe style (four people at a table) to share what draws us to this work; the most important thing we learned in the last year; and one of our deepest questions about this work.	
33	Find creative ways at the conference to focus on how we might write, talk about, and present D&D in more accessible and compelling ways, so all kinds of people are drawn to this work.	
34	Bring together leaders in transpartisan dialogue and bridge-building work to define a common ground set of values, message, & purpose. To explore how they could align efforts, sharpen their messages, & strengthen their tactics by working together.	
35	A session exploring success stories of those doing dialogue and deliberation for systems change/engagement outside of government. Feature facilitators who work across sectors.	
36	Offer a workshop on how practitioners can best respond to groups that organize to disrupt and derail public meetings (like Agenda 21). Include personal practices for navigating conflict and external practices (tips, pre-work and shared experiences)	
37	Provide a framework conceptualizing the role of deliberation and dialogue as well as other elements of citizen engagement in the democratic process. Visualize the existing ecosystem, ideas, projects and technology, and identify missing elements.	
38	Actively explore possibilities for collaboration between groups (or individuals) working at different parts of the D&D spectrum (or share experiences of this). Set up partnerships with broad exploratory discussions and decision-oriented discussions.	
39	Do a session about introducing Dialogue and Deliberation and the various methods to new participants, perhaps like a survey course of the different models and methods.	

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40	Session on dialogue on controversial issues such as abortion, pacifism vs just war theory and death penalty. How to keep a dialogue flowing in a respectful, nonthreatening manner, allowing all sides to be and feel heard.	
41	Find a way to meaningfully support folks at the federal level who want to do open government/public processes/multi-stakeholder engagement to develop co-create policy. Teach & support them in learning good facilitation pre-work / practice / process.	
42	Seek active participation from at least a few DC insiders and power brokers generally open to or supportive of D&D. This may include but is not limited to: government officials, representatives & their staff, think tanks, activism groups, news media.	
43	Use an interactive collective intelligence and shared wisdom voting system for participants to provide feedback on key ideas, thesis statements, and content generated at NCDD 2014. Use a big ideas/wildcard box to gather ideas for feedback/review.	
44	Mini sessions about how to manage various digital platforms toward the goal of including these platforms in dialogue and deliberation events. 30 minute introductions to HootSuite, TweetDeck, Guidebook, Facebook, Instagram, etc.	
45	Talk about digital engagement tools as a way for government agencies to complement traditional in-person strategies: what is available out there? how to analyze results from broad online outreach? how to measure their success?	
46	Occupy meets dialogue: a cross-generational conversation about what we have learned and what still needs to be created to make wise, compassionate engagement work for citizens of all ages. This is a session idea using face-to-face dialogic process.	
47	A lot of dialogue/deliberation exercises set out to influence policy and government decisions. A lot of them have very limited impact. Have a session that shares stories of less-than-expected impact, and explore lessons learned.	
48	No Labels has catalyzed a balanced, bipartisan working group of 80+ "problem solvers" in congress. Invite speakers to orient us to vision and plans. Brainstorm ways our network might increase grassroots support for these pioneers beyond the belt-way.	
49	Use participant-driven process for part of NCDD 2014 (e.g. Open Space, Conferences That Work, World Cafe, Inquiry Circle) to give time / space invitation for participant-generated, emergent conference content and work / discussion groups.	

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50	How to integrate brain science into process design and conduct.	
51	Raise funds for scholarships for young people (under 30) to attend the conference. Recipients contribute the \$ they can for co-responsibility + relationship. Volunteering is encouraged but not required.	
52	Case Study of Occupy Wall St & related Occupations around the USA. What worked, what didn't, what dialogue processes were used, how were gatherings documented for shared knowledge, and how are groups continuing to meet and use dialogue in their work.	
53	Encourage professors and others in higher ed to bring groups of 4 to 8 students with them, at a deep discount (like Martin Carcasson from CSU did at NCDD Seattle).	
54	Do a "newbies" showcase of basic techniques and practices for those who are new to the field. For depth of understanding: 1 workshop for each short-form process.	
55	Draw public officials to the conference by featuring them as speakers in the plenary sessions -- perhaps with an interactive panel of public officials.	
56	Invite some local citizens (from DC and the greater metro area) who have been involved in diverse sorts of D&D experiences. They could share experiences in a session at the conference. Also there could be visits to some of their discussion sites.	
57	Sharing stories to bridge difference and create a space of trust towards dialog. The importance of being able to tell and hear others stories as a way of connecting across difference and reveal common concerns.	
58	Share experiences and explore possibilities for virality and self-sustaining discussions (discussion kits, games, social media discussions, etc.).	
59	Conduct a discussion project throughout the course of the conference with the goal of producing a discussion guide for citizen exploration on a given topic. This could be a mix of in-person breakout sessions, large group, and online after-hours.	
60	A session to create the blueprint for a scalable, regional civic engagement & community building infrastructure. Identify the essential elements, necessary relationships/partnerships, key roles to play, & range of technologies & processes.	

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61	Hold a session to continue building the foundation for our national movement: What are the core elements for the overall mission, vision, values, & culture of dialogue, civic engagement, & facilitation? Start a pre-conf on-online dialogue in July.	
62	A session to brainstorm elements of a new high school curriculum focused on D&D, facilitation processes, civic engagement/education, & community building. Focus on student/teacher trainings, direct project application, & broad community partnerships,	
63	Explore ways that gamification might encourage more engagement during the conference and how this reflects knowledge and experience with game design supporting creative intellectual collaboration.	
64	A session on shifting institutional norms away from "turf-guarding" to meaningful collaboration - especially in local government	
65	Use participatory art experience to help conference-goers link heart with head. Explore how facilitating via multiple modalities and heart connection is integral to dialogue.	
66	Model how documentation design can share knowledge across systems: Ask volunteers to document proceedings and learnings in diverse ways (audio, video, graphics, music, blogging, etc.) to share with NCDD for archiving and distribution.	
67	Develop criteria for choosing D&D 2-year initiatives to be supported by NCDD, consider how to engage the public and what the efforts should aim at (mutual understanding, recommendations, articulation of different viewpoints etc.); name possibilities.	
68	A session on the effect of unconscious bias of facilitators and participants in civic discourse and decision making processes - and strategies for mitigating it.	
69	Experience Prototype - Quickly prototype dialogue and deliberation concepts and/or techniques. This would be useful for revealing needs as well as evaluating ideas.	
70	Explore the overlap between Restorative Justice and D&D -- and how D&D can help criminal justice and public safety. Share successes of facilitators and mediators' work using and teaching RJ across sectors.	
71	Strategize on identifying "leaders" from the Billionaires Pledge group to become long-term partners on a high visibility campaign & set of focus projects: promote D&D, civic engagement, & community building: Bloomberg-Case-Gates-Omidyar-Zuckerberg,...	

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72	Host networking sessions to create a regional infrastructure team in cities / regions where there is interest to connect. Create a scalable model; provide a range of processes for citizen engagement projects. Connect > existing reg. facilitator netwks.	
73	Use an interactive voting system (free) & track the key ideas, thesis statements, & insights created by the participants - use an anonymous big ideas box for input - use codigital to get ideas before we meet - a volunteer team chooses the vote items.	
74	A session exploring how D&D, facilitation processes, civic engagement, Restorative Justice and community building are used in high schools via curriculum, student and teacher trainings, project application and community partnership.	
75	A session focused on identifying the top characteristics & measurable criteria for world class D&D, civic engagement, & community building. Look at existing systems & best practices to create a new standard: compete with the NYSE as a daily measure	
76	Session on making participation and process design more friendly to people with different abilities, including differently abled learners - both for face-to-face processes and for online dialogue and interaction.	
77	Allow for third parties to organize pre-conference training (paid separately, if need be).	
78	Focus on our community's most critical issues related to inclusion -- and draw more people of color to NCDD 2014: model f2f inclusion / invitation practices w/ flexible registration fees or scholarships / work-exchange optional.	
79	Using good dialogic process, explore the purpose of dialogue and deliberation and its value for building a more socially and racially just society. Go beyond the discussion of techniques of online dialogue.	
80	Must a group get to deliberation/action at every meeting? How do you know when a group has power-mobility-info-resources-freedom-capacity-time to own/realize next steps? Do rest+reflection aid decisions?	
81	Explore ways to connect independent face-to-face dialogues on related subjects through smartphones, so as to authentically make the conversation national.	

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82	Can dialogue and deliberation really move the needle on global issues like climate change? What promising work is happening in this arena, and how can the work be effectively scaled and empowered so that real global impact is possible?	
83	Why D doesn't always include the other D: When dialogue or knowledge *is* the action, the participant group is advisory not decision-making, and when best to give time between idea generation and pattern-seeking for next steps or decisions.	
84	Convene leading scholars and practitioners from organization development, deliberative democracy, and alternative dispute resolution to explore the intersections between these 3 fields -- and how NCDD and others can help bridge any unnecessary gaps.	
85	Establish a "social media team" to share conference activities through Twitter, Facebook, et al., support event publicity via these tools and encourage their use by conference participants.	
86	A Day in Life - Shadowing. Participants immerse themselves in a local initiative that is related to the field. Walking in their shoes offers great potentials for exchanging expertise or experiences and for gathering insights.	
87	Infuse the conference with arts and culture. Invite participation from folks who engage groups in dialogue using theater, hip hop and other arts.	
88	Explore the role of D&D in bringing about wise public policy on extinction-level issues like catastrophic climate change. What types of D&D would help do that and under what conditions? What is "wisdom" in this case, and how does it relate to D&D?	
89	Offer a session on funding and applying for grants. Perhaps invite representatives from NIH (since the AHRQ Deliberative Approaches grants are now available http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HS-14-007.html) and other federal agencies.	
90	Brainstorm ideas, language and images for 'elevator pitches' to sell the idea of dialog. (recommend merge w "Focus on framing D&D more accessibly")	
91	"Public engagement" seems to focus on the WHAT of public policy input rather than the WHO of public leadership. Brainstorm about optimizing the governance of elected leaders. e.g. mobilizing to reward gridlock-reducing actions of congresspersons.	

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92	Provide meditation space and quiet space for individual and small groups. Yes we want D&D, we also want soul space.	
93	If not covered yet: Gather as many thought and action leaders as possible to establish at least tentative definition of what delib. democracy involves.... E.g. boundaries - whether it has to be person-to-person or can include non-direct interaction.	
94	Be aware that the Greeks demonstrated the fallibility of democracies centuries ago and become involved in perfecting the constitutional republic typified by the USA. (To Author: please change this to be specific to the conference in some	
95	Explore what was learned and what is replicable from the national dialogue on mental health, the national dialogue infrastructure project, national issues forums, and other collaborative projects designed to take dialogue and deliberation to scale.	



Relegated Ideas