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THE FUTURE WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY STEP-BY-STEP:

The methodology is a work process in four phases:

- The preparation phase
- The critique phase
- The fantasy phase
- The realization phase

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THE PREPARATION PHASE:

You form a small preparation group to plan and determine the workshop theme, for instance "young people convey their dreams of community in a creative form". You decide about the participant group for the future workshop and invite the group, informing all participants thoroughly in advance about the workshop's working method and time frame etc.

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THE CRITIQUE PHASE:

As the first phase of the workshop, the participants express their negative experiences and feelings in relation to the overall workshop theme, for instance bad experience or frustration in terms of believing in appreciative communities and collaboration etc. All statements are described in key words on posters and are finally arranged thematically.

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THE FANTASY PHASE:

In this phase, the participants turn the criticism upside down and formulate positively how the critical points can be turned into dreams, visions and positive opportunities and resources. The participants prepare solutions, called utopian drafts, for the visions.

THE REALIZATION PHASE:

Finally, the solution proposals / utopian drafts from the fantasy phase are assessed and elaborated in the light of the practical realization possibilities.

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A STRICT WORKSHOP RULE FOR ALL PHASES:

NEVER CRITICIZE, REJECT OR ARGUMENT AGAINST EACH OTHERS' CRITICISM AND SUGGESTIONS

EVERYONE MUST HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION IN A SAFE ROOM!

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PROCESSING THE CRITIQUE PHASE:

Ask questions, brainstorm on brief answers and write keywords for the criticism:

- Why do you think negatively about our theme (for example, the building of a sustainable community)?
- What makes the theme impossible, and what speaks against it (for example, the building of a sustainable community)?
- Etc.

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PROCESSING THE FANTASY PHASE:

Ask questions, brainstorm on brief answers and write keywords for the visions and ideas:

- As an initial process: how can we reformulate and transform the criticism into positive expressions?
- What positive imaginations, visions, dreams and values do you associate with the workshop theme (for example, the building of a sustainable community)?
- What activities would be connected to the visions, dreams and values (for example to the building of a sustainable community)?
- Etc.

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PROCESSING THE REALIZATION PHASE:

Ask questions, brainstorm on brief answers and write keywords for the visions and ideas:

- As an initial process: review the keywords from the fantasy phase what would it take to make them come true?
 Organizationally, collaboratively, financially, temporally, physically and materially (for example to build a sustainable community)?
- What activities and initiatives would be the most realistic?
- How can we start step-by-step in an action plan?
- Who contributes what and how do we ensure progress in the actions and the time frame (for instance the further project description and fundraising)? Etc.