Invitation to the XIIth metaphorum

Re-designing Freedom

An experimental, self-organising conference, exploring liberating new forms of social organisation.

The next Metaphorum will happen from

2\textsuperscript{nd} of November to 4\textsuperscript{th} November 2018 in Düsseldorf, Germany

While there are many innovative proposals on new forms of organisation that could potentially support a great societal transformation, few of us have had the opportunity of experiencing and replicating such innovations. In this conference we will explore again Stafford Beer’s cybernetic theories to “design freedom” in organisations, communities, regions and nations. We are inviting examples of radical and innovative organisational and societal transformation based on non-hierarchical, adaptive, self organising structures.

The event will be hosted by sipgate, at one of the frontiers of new ways of working.
Aspiration: The participants will strive to produce a "result" at the end of the gathering. This can be a pamphlet, manifesto, graphic recording or something similar.

Programme

Day 1, Friday 02.11.2018

4:00 p.m.  
Pre-Opening & Reception at the Co-Working location super7000  
“A Cybernetic Impromptu Networking Session, Drinks & Snacks”

End. 8 p.m.

Day 2, Saturday 03.11.  
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8.30 a.m.  
Check-in & Open Doors and a Breakfast Buffet

9:30 a.m.  
Start, welcome, guided tour through Sipgate – and how they redesigned their freedom.

10:15 a.m.  
First curated impulse / “Day Starter” incl. Q&A (no ranks, no titles, no Keynote Speakers), tbd.

11:00 a.m.
Barcamp – Explanation of the Rules of the Game, Session Planning for the whole day, per Slot 45 minutes in max. 4 rooms/areas (more infos about the nature and purpose of a Barcamp: [http://barcamp.org/w/page/405173/TheRulesOfBarCamp](http://barcamp.org/w/page/405173/TheRulesOfBarCamp))

11:30a.m.
Start of the first round of parallel sessions

12:15p.m.
Lunch break for one hour

1:15 p.m.
Barcamp Sessions - Continue
Parallel Sessions 2, 3

2:45 p.m.
Coffee Break, 15 Minutes

3:00 p.m.
Barcamp Sessions - Continue
Parallel Sessions 4, 5

4:30 p.m.
Coffee Break, 15 Minutes

5:15 p.m
**124ALL** – “What should be the guiding question for tomorrow?” & “**9x Why?**”
5:45 p.m.
End of the sessions
Second curated impulse, perhaps these guys would perform a "cybernetic nano concert" incl. Q&A ->
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjxOpVERKbo
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3cYwA45ubk,
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Gj7hqedhE

6:30 p.m.
Start of the Get together, finger food, drinks, music & communication

Closing around 10/11pm

Day 3, Sunday 04.11.

09:00 a.m.
Breakfast

09:30 a.m.
Start, short welcome

09:35 a.m.
Taste of Team Syntegrity: A hacked version of the original Syntegration protocol, with all the participants of the Metaphorum

12:30 p.m.
Lunch Break
1:30 p.m
Planning Session for the next Metaphorum (format and interaction structure tbc).

From 2:30 p.m.
Closing, Farewell & Official End
KPIs Measurement via lines/strokes on a flipchart (scale from 1 to 5):
  Time well invested?
  Gained an understanding on how to redesign freedom?
  The Barcamp & Syntegration were engaging?

3:30 p.m.
Leaving time

Price

Included in the price of EUR 149.-
(Early Bird EUR 99.-, if you buy a ticket before 31.07.2018):
Conference Fee, Breakfast, Lunch and a lot of exchange.

Registration

Please register at:
Address

Sipgate.
74 Gladbacher Straße Stadtbezirke 03, 40219 Düsseldorf, Germany

Travel

Düsseldorf (DUS) has an international airport with many direct connections within Europe and also some flights from overseas.

Airport Info:
https://www.dus.com/en

From the airport we recommend the following connections to the city (the ride takes about 15-20 minutes):

Bus 721 (Terminal A/B/C), Single Ticket EUR 2,70
Official website of the Rheinbahn (public transportation service):

Taxi, one ride about EUR 20.-
You will find the cabs right in front of the entrance (just follow the signs in the airport)
Accommodation

The following hotels and hostels are close to the main venue (Saturday and Sunday):

**Holiday Inn Düsseldorf Hafen**

**Radisson Blue**

This hostel is cheap, even though it takes 15 minutes with the bus to get to sipgate and 25 Minutes by feet.

http://www.backpackers-duesseldorf.de/en/