

Introducing the IO Retreat @Candili, Greece

The purpose

To accelerate a paradigm shift towards a more conscious and collaborative world.

A new collaborative, pro-social economy is emerging. This is being driven by both cultural and technological forces. We are all beginning to wake up to the fact that business, society and environment are interconnected and that many of the systems and institutions that we have today have become too big and are no longer fit for purpose. We are also beginning to see the transformational potential of exponential technologies that enable us to spread ideas, prototype solutions and inspire action like never before.

Today, we have an opportunity to not only imagine the future we want, but to actually built it, one neighbourhood and community at a time. Through the IO experiment we will research, curate and test out a variety of group processes, organisational structures, communication tools and event formats. We will also undertake ambitious collaborative projects and adventures together. And finally, we will document our journey and open source our learning.

Together we will develop a deeper understanding of how to build dynamic, pro-social collaborative organisations, communities and networks. We will master the art and science of effective collaboration and community building. We will also develop lasting friendships and share in an epic adventure that has the potential to make a positive dent in the universe.

The place

We have access to a beautiful 10,000 acre estate on a Greek island in the Aegean, which is only a 2 hour drive from central Athens / Athens airport.

We have an opportunity to transform this estate into a world class temporary live work incubation space and events venue.

The Candili Estate (Prokopi, Evia 340 04, Greece) is a beautiful, biodiverse, fertile and underdeveloped bioregion, with an English owner who is potentially willing to offer us a 25 year leasehold on the property. The estate currently includes a workshop and studio space, library and commercial kitchen, permaculture garden and 3 x swimming pools, plus events space and accommodation for 50+.

There is also open land available that can be used to build semipermanent entrepreneurial neighbourhoods for both refugees and locals. We believe this could become a scalable model for a 21st century refugee camp.

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AN ESTATE ON THE GREEK ISLAND OF EUBOEA



The retreat

We are going to come together for 5 days to launch the IO Collective and co-create a proposal for the Candili property and our first StartupAid Camp (for both refugees and locals).

Rough Agenda

- Everyone gives a short recorded TED style talk about who they are, their vision for the future and how they wish to participate and contribute to the collective.
- We self-organise around three design briefs (the IO Collective, the Candili Estate and the StartupAid camp).
- We launch an IO website and a campaign promoting our projects and inviting new members to join.
- We leave plenty of space and time for participants to connect, share stories and explore future collaborations.

Date of Retreat: 5th-10th June 2016 (TBC)



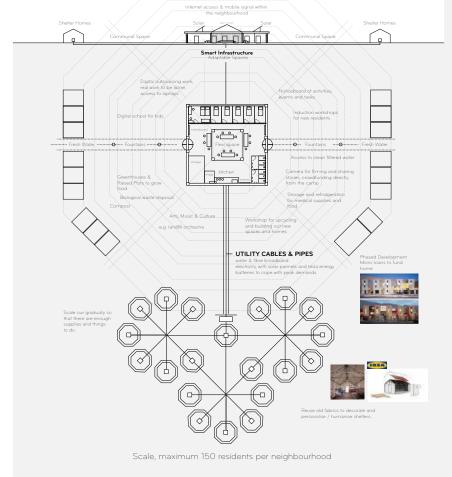
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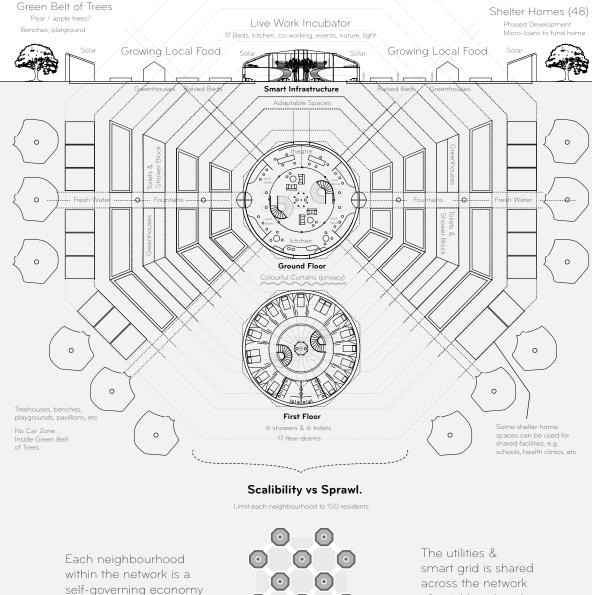
Designing a live work incubator & events venue...



Project 2 : The StartupAid Camp

Building a high-tech, self-sufficient and semi-permanent neighbourhood for refugees and local entrepreneurs...

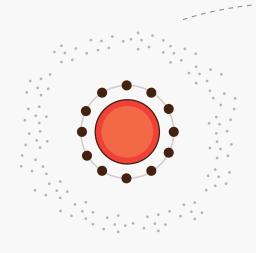




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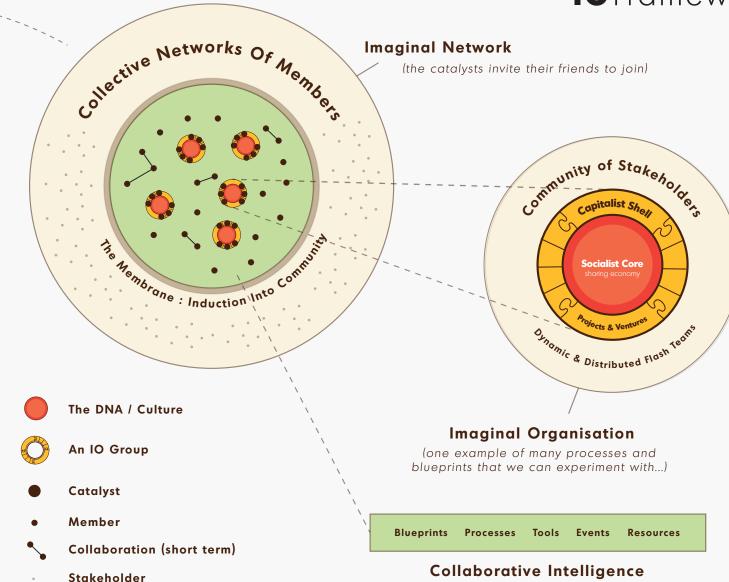


20-30 'Catalysts' gather to launch and grow the network...

Alignment. Diversity. Commitment.

Project 3: The Community

Launching our website & agreeing on how to grow the IO network, without diluting the culture...



(shared with the world)

Project 3: The Community

The time has come to change the way we design and build organisations. The emergence of a global network of Imaginal Organisations (IOs) can lead us towards a more co-operative, sustainable and equitable future.

Recently, we have seen the emergence of a few thought leaders who embrace the principles of self-organisation. Frederic Laloux's 'Teal Organization', Brian Robertson's Holocracy, Rick Falkvinge's Swarmwise, John Mackey's Conscious Capitalism, Giles Hutchins's The Nature of Business, Dave Grey's Connected Companies and Tony Hsieh's Delivering Happiness at Zappos begin to point the way towards new non-hierarchical self-organising forms of governance.

The purpose of this manifesto is to build on their great work, and explore what it would be like if we empowered the next generation of entrepreneurs and graduates to build careers and businesses in a fundamentally different way.



Please download and read this pdf...

The partners

We are bringing together partners across the world and in Greece, across multiple industries and sectors to participate in the IO Collective experiment.

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