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**OUR NEXT MEETING** 

Wednesday, July 31

# Happenings and Requests

FORESIGHT WORKSHOP - AUTOMATED INTELLIGENCE (AI): On June 17 - 19, Washington DC-based foresight consultancy, Prescient LLC, hosted its inaugural Foresight Sandbox Course: a 3-day, hands-on training for senior managers in strategic foresight, as it relates to the emerging field of AI. Attendees heard from leading experts about topics such as machine learning, unintentional data usage, driverless cars, and how past network revolutions can inform present-day strategic choices. Participants walked away with actionable insights for their organizations, and gained a network of fellow professionals implementing foresight with resources to continue to develop a foresight practice in their own organizations. Future Foresight Sandbox course topics will be forthcoming. (POC: Amy Zalman).

#### TFS 3-DAY APPLIED FORESIGHT ACCELERATOR - APPLICATIONS OPEN: The

Futures School (TFS) flagship offering, the Applied Foresight Accelerator, is a three -day, immersive, hands-on projects-based program that exists to democratize foresight across disciplines and domains. The curriculum, which showcases trademarked Natural Foresight approach has been delivered to hundreds of leaders in over 25 countries, and has been repeatedly hailed as one of the most exciting, thought-provoking, and actionable programs available. The next Applied Foresight Accelerator programs will be in Portland, OR October 21-23, 2019. Apply online or check out their website for more information. (POC: Darlene Kraft).

STUDY: PROFESSIONAL LIFE IN 2040: While the Toffler Associates don't have a crystal ball, it is fair to bet that change is not slowing down and will impact how we work and live in 2040. This study begins to understand and then prepare our organizations and ourselves for these changes. For example, we are seeing an increasing pay to play scheme with digital channels requiring we relinquish our own data. There is a shift occurring away from traditional education models to more modular, just in time solutions. Income inequality is driving difference in life expectancy which will be further compounded as precision medicine becomes more pervasive. Additional reading on the study can be found on their website. (POC: Denise A. Sughrue and Bob Wagner).

## Admin & Announcements

JOINT MEETING RSVP NEEDED: Have you RSVP'd to the July 31st joint meeting with the Public Sector Foresight Network and the Association of Professional Futurists? The agenda is finalized and you will not want to miss the event. Confirmed speakers include the Kedge Foundation; James Dator Director of the Hawaii Research Center for Futures Studies; Dr. Giordano of Georgetown University, and SOFWERX. RSVPs are required, as the event will be held at the CENTRA venue in Arlington, Virginia. Be sure to visit the FFCoI website, and RSVP by July 22, 2019. (POCs: Sharaelle A. Grzesiak, Eric Popiel, and Robin Champ)