

CSO FUTURES, INNOVATION & PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME 2016

Through CSO FUTURES, INNOVATION & PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME Global Focus offers a series of events, workshops and labs that will assist our members and the Danish CSO environment in preparing for the future. The world is changing as is development aid. We believe one of the consequences is that we as CSOs need to rethink our purpose, role, contribution, and funding.

Engage in strategic reflection, development and dialogue around:

- ❖ What is our future role as Danish-based CSOs?
- ❖ What should be our particular characteristics and contributions in the future, and how to become explicit about this?
- ❖ What kind of change do we need to go through in order to create future-fit organizations and how?

APRIL 28: 'The world of tomorrow' – CSO Futures Kick-off Event

The CSO FUTURES, INNOVATION & PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME will be kicked-off at an event consisting of two sessions facilitated by Burkhard Gnärig and hosted by Global Focus:

9-11: CSO Leadership of tomorrow – *Leader session.*

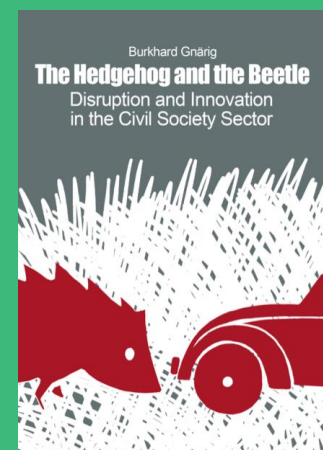
Session for general directors and senior leaders (e.g. directors, general secretaries, senior managers, incl. international and programme managers, chairs etc.) on future leadership models required for CSOs in order to lead through organizational transition, and creating future-fit organizations. This session presents the new concept "Leading by Vision" and explores how it can best be used to lead transformative change.

11.30-16: 'The world of tomorrow' – global trends, context and implications for CSOs – *Open session.*

Session on the nature of the disruption we are facing in our sector, addressing the global trends, drivers of change, and fault lines that are influencing our organizations, and exploring challenges and opportunities and how to navigate in this as CSOs. This workshop will explore CSOs' options to manage emerging disruptions by embracing new opportunities rather than being paralysed by the threats: to ride the wave rather than being swept away.

[Read more and register here](#)

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JUNE 9: Fit for the Future? Exploring future CSO scenarios

How is our understanding of development changing? What are the implications of these changes, whether practical or conceptual, for the future role of international non-government organizations? Based on his forthcoming book, [How Change Happens](#), Duncan Green, [Oxfam GB](#)'s senior strategic adviser, summarizes some important trends both in how international development is taking place, and how it is understood by scholars and practitioners. He proposes a 'power and systems approach' that rejects the universal application of simple, linear interventions and highlights the merits of alternative approaches, such as bringing together stakeholders to find joint solutions (convening and brokering), or rapid iteration based on fast feedback and adaptation.

Follow what's next! More in pipeline (tentative scheduling):

- ❖ **Learning from financial trends in British-based CSOs:** Global Focus' British sister organization [BOND](#) is launching a report examining financial trends for BOND members over the last ten years. We invite BOND to share the learnings from their membership base.
- ❖ **Innovation lab – August/fall 2016:** Two days lab on how we as CSOs work with innovation. Development of concepts and frames for future work with innovation in the sector in partnership with innovation experts.
- ❖ **Lab on CSO future partnership. Fall/Winter 2016/2017:** Lab on exploring innovative future CSO partnerships – multi-stakeholder, private sector, social movements or the more well-known South partnerships. Implemented in collaboration with partners outside our sector.
- ❖ **Lab on CSO future 'role in North'. Fall/Winter 2017.**
- ❖ **Danish CSO future role – revisiting and refining future scenarios. Spring/Summer 2017.**

[Read more and follow the programme here](#)