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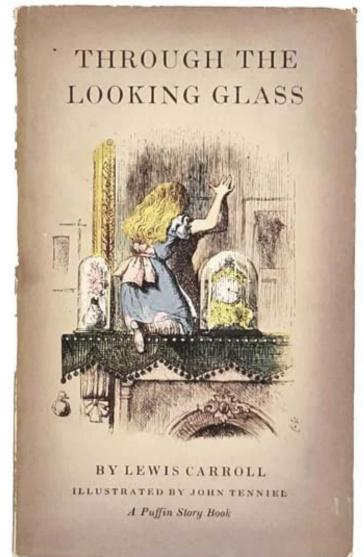


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Sustainable Development in Disaster Planning for Higher Education 'Through the Looking Glass'

Three Themes (and what Alice found there):

- Promoting a paradigm shift in disaster planning and reduction by integrating transformative learning approaches within higher education curricula – iaw UoC IoH Philosophy of Teaching and Learning validated in 2018
- Cultivating a culture of proactive disaster preparedness, where individuals adopt sustainable behaviours, making them better equipped to respond to and mitigate the impact of disasters – experience in the City of London Livery activity
- Bridging the gap between higher education institutions, local government, and organizations to infuse sustainability principles into disaster planning policies – eg City of London Corporation and other enlightened Local Government entities and Authorities



Carroll L (1951)

Self-Directed Learning

Promoting a paradigm shift in disaster planning and reduction by integrating transformative learning approaches within higher education curricula

- Hegel analysis Intelligence heutagogy
- Information and skills are not enough andragogy and pedagogy
- Challenge self and the fallacy of authority
- The illusive 10th (Lawrence, 1926)
- Intelligence-solving wicked problems followership/mission command

This is Transformative Learning

All of this supports your self-development and meets the demands of the services in which you practice by promoting a critical practitioner who positively influences legislation, policy, doctrine and capability (Russ c and Davis K, 2014).



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Community or PH Approaches

Cultivating a culture of proactive disaster preparedness, where individuals adopt sustainable behaviours, making them better equipped to respond to and mitigate the impact of disasters

- Buoyancy not resilience/Surviving to operate (moral, cognitive and physical) – reduce anger and outrage – quality messaging
- Learn from LMICs (don't disrespect them they are buoyant)
- Context is everything
- Fuse DRR/sustainable development/climate action (Sendai 2015)/SDGs
- All hazards, know worst case most dangerous and most likely

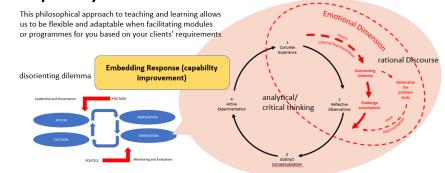


Principles rather than Systems

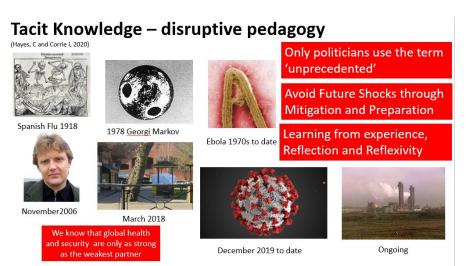
Bridging the gap between higher education institutions, local government, and organizations to infuse sustainability principles into disaster planning policies

- CoViD 19 and previous pandemic preparedness experience (Sandman, 2020)
- Education and training/Reflection and Reflexivity
- Public's Health Approach/Health Public Policy WHO Ottawa/Human Sy
- Increase biosecurity/human security through 'one health'/planetary health (animal, environmental and human)
- Multi Agency operations complicated/disciplined

Changing Behaviours to Enhance Capability



Reflecting on disorienting dilemmas gives us the option to embrace (solid arrows) or rationalise a found problem away (dotted arrows using filters and our own subjective representation) and maintaining the original posture, doctrine, policy etc (adapted from Kolb D, 1984 p. 33; <u>Mezirow</u> J, 1991 and <u>Mezirow</u> J et al, 2001). Follow the thick arrows for success (a proper job?).



Conclusion/Call to Action

- Build intelligence into the system by transforming education – general/FE/HE and professional – community context
- Focus on understanding and applying principles rather than anchoring ourselves to organisations and their systems
- All hazards risk assessment and multiagency working including the population (reduce anger and outrage, Sandman)
- Create buoyancy to fight through the response and resilience to recover by mitigation and preparation



Enabling an Effective Response by adopting a Social Reality Philosophy

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