Chat Discussion

From Tina Lathouras : A colleague who couldn’t be with us today suggested this Radio National program “All in the Mind” on Kindness and Longevity - social capital and connectedness during COVID <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/allinthemind/kindness-and-longevity/12477978>

From Ann Ingamells: We discussed the gap in technology for people who can’t access - e.g. homeless, don’t have access to zoom, not phone credit - amplifies the difference between people makes communication more difficult as things get more serious - what does it mean for how communities can respond.

From Tina Lathouras: It has increased some people’s digital literacy skills; even for ukulele lessons!

From Ann Ingamells: what this is creating is enhanced digital literacy for people who were not engaging. We had a ukulele group but they did not want to be part of zoom, but gradually they came and joined and learned and now use the skills to keep connected to others, family etc.

From Peter Westoby: I think this increase in digital literacy is great. what we now need to add is a critical digital literacy, understanding what’s going on in terms of corporate harvesting of our interactions

From Lynda Shevellar: Who’d have thought ukeleles and technology would intersect so often!

From Deanna: It does make me feel more tired! (Zooming)

From The Real Em-Shady: I wonder if the BLM would have really gained as much participation if people were running around physically… in many ways mob mobilised willing to put bodies on the line… and practice social distancing consciously. But there was a huge show. I think it’s related.

From Tina Lathouras: Yes, when COVID happened first, we already had established relationships, but now we building them from scratch (over Zoom) and it is so much harder

From Natasha Odgers: Technological restrictions and gaps have been highlighted and heightened. Raised opportunities for communities to take social action in terms of addressing this into the future eg. social movements to seek more towers and seeking to increase technical skills.

From enquiries@ncec.com.au: I’ve found individual dialogue improved in some zoom groups with community members as it forces an individual listening and maybe is easier to manage a democratic conversation?

From Natasha Odgers: Choice of how to hold conversations online are different with vulnerable groups. Some need greater safety planning and guidelines. Others need to take different angles eg. shifting from heart space conversations to being more focused on hope.

From Tina Lathouras: Electronic trust ties.

From Tina Lathouras: Yes, at least one face to face a year I think would be good

From Tina Lathouras: Digital has made things more egalitarian

From Deanna: It’s like we’ve got a new tool in the toolbox - we were forced to understand it. And hopefully we’ll be able to choose to have face to face for local things and utilise online for greater geographical reach.

From Glenn R: Agree with you Natasha, safety planning is key and has always underpinned our engagement prior to COVID so was great we had the toolbox ready to go

From The Real Em-Shady: I loved the ‘dress rehearsal for future crisis’ omg… what a practice session…

From Peter Westoby: The duality - enabling so many things, yet we have to have a critical lens about the divides and inequalities; and enabling harvesting of data by corporations….what we desire. We need critical digital literacy.

From Deanna: Not the real issue - the new issue. Land is still a big issue!

From enquiries@ncec.com.au: also models like Uber and Uber eats the gig economy and we have not seen commons replacements

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From Locky Lee: thank you for the session :)

From Rachael Donovan: bye everyone - great session

From Kirsty O'Callaghan: Thank you so much everyone. Thank you Lynda.

From Christian Seja: Thanks everyone. Thanks Lynda

From Ann Ingamells: Thanks for great presentation Lynda and good discussion - always stimulating

From Elianor Gerrard: Thanks Lynda – very provocative indeed! Stay well and safe all

From Lynda Shevellar: Thanks everyone for such rich engagement