

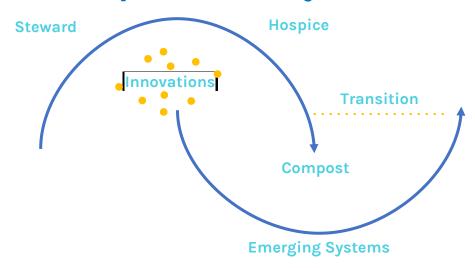
"Imagination is more important than knowledge"

Albert Einstein

Two Loop Model Innovation Approach

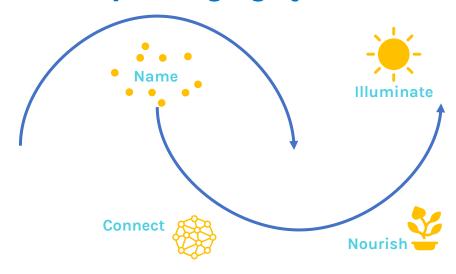
• Inspired by growth/peak/decline lifecycle of living systems

1st Loop Dominant System



- Needs stewarding: leadership, structures, resources, & fostering
- Becomes dominant establishment mode
- At peak is false sense of permanence
- Entering decline **hospicing** needed but limited if system in denial
- As it dies needs composting, resources contained need to be released back to the broader system for new pattern generation
- Fulfillment takes leadership effort to let go of past, give to future
- At peak of old system new alternatives **emerge**, **innovative** pioneers give rise to alternative pattern as they get connected to each other

2nd Loop Emerging System



- Networks form when people search for each other to meet personal needs
- Eventually form a coherent organization pattern bigger than any one interest, where participants work together for common cause
- Resources need to move from old regime to nourish new so it becomes system of influence
- Berkana Institute approach: naming, connecting, nourishing & illuminating
- Name pioneers to make identifiable; connect them so they become more than individual initiatives; nourish by giving resources to develop; illuminate by showing others a viable alternative