



#### **High Hopes Pink Floyd, Knowledge Management & Driving Innovation in a complex organisation**





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# The major problem for Innovative People in organisations



# The average work week

Steps taken forwards but sleepwalking back again

Dragged by the force of some inner tide



% of average workweek

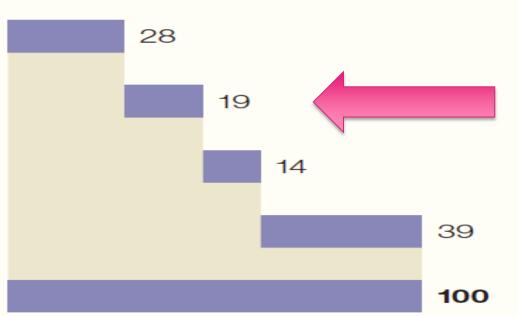
### Interaction workers' tasks

Reading and answering e-mail

Searching and gathering information

Communicating and collaborating internally

Role-specific tasks



Total

# Work is changing

#### Different types of knowledge workers require different kinds of support technologies.

are commonly used		ructured provision may be applied succes be areas	sful approach
	Collaborative groups	Integration model • Systematic, repeatable work • Highly reliant on formal processes, methodologies, or standards • Dependent on tight integration across functional boundaries	Collaboration model • Improvisational work • Highly reliant on deep expertise across multiple functions • Dependent on fluid deployment of flexible teams
Level of interdependence	Individual actors	Transaction model • Routine work • Highly reliant on formal rules, procedures, and training • Dependent on low-discretion workforce or on automation	Expert model • Judgment-oriented work • Highty reliant on individual expertise and experience • Dependent on star performers
		Routine	Interpretation/judgment
		Complexity of work	

T Davenport- Rethinking Knowledge work McKinsey Quarterly

# **Meddle and Sorrow the result**

#### Irrational human

- Conflicted goals
- The well trod road
- I can do it all





# What is innovation?

An innovation is the implementation of a new or significantly improved product (good or service), or process, a new marketing method, or a new organisational method in business practices, workplace organisation or external relations.

- Continuous (Usher)
- Disruptive (Schumpeter)
- We live in disruptive times speed of change Next 25 >last 100
- Agility

# Key to Knowledge Sharing & Innovation

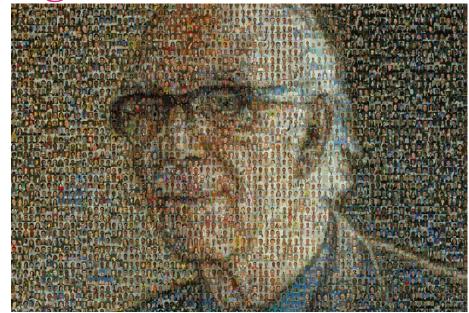
# People

- Karl Marx was right
- Collective Minds
- Diversity

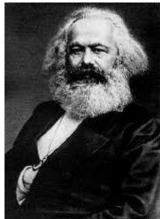
# Process

- Appraisal
- Way we do things
- Profit = A Vle
- Technology







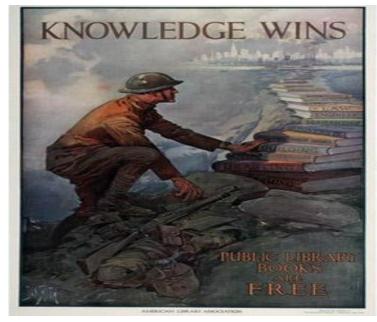


# Key aims for KM to drive innovation

- RE-DUCE, **RE-USE**.
- Knowledge reviews
  - In the flow
- The skills networks
  - (Communities of Practice)

It's personal

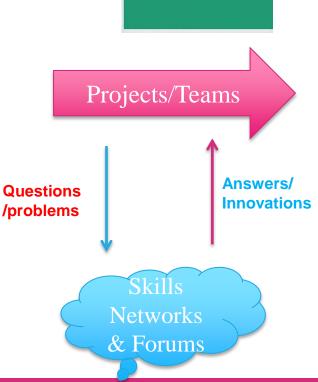
that's Why we're here-to make a dent in the Universe.





- Arup Tapping into Global Knowledge virtually!!
- Skills Networks/Forums Arrow and Cloud
- JIT Focused problem solving acquire & diffuse experiential
- Culture
- 'Recognise Contributions
- Guanxi



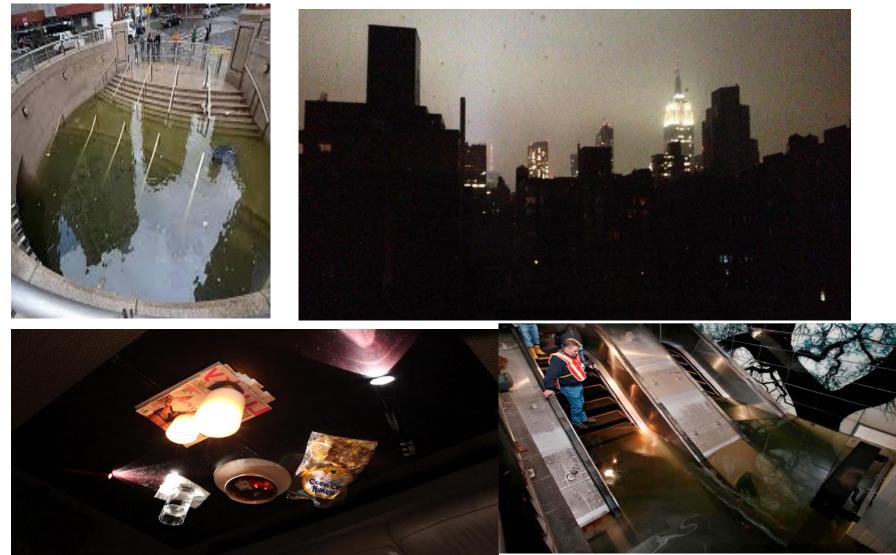


I get by

with a little help from my

friends

# **Even a Hurricane can't stop Knowledge – Case study**



# **Colleagues to the Rescue – CROSS POST &**

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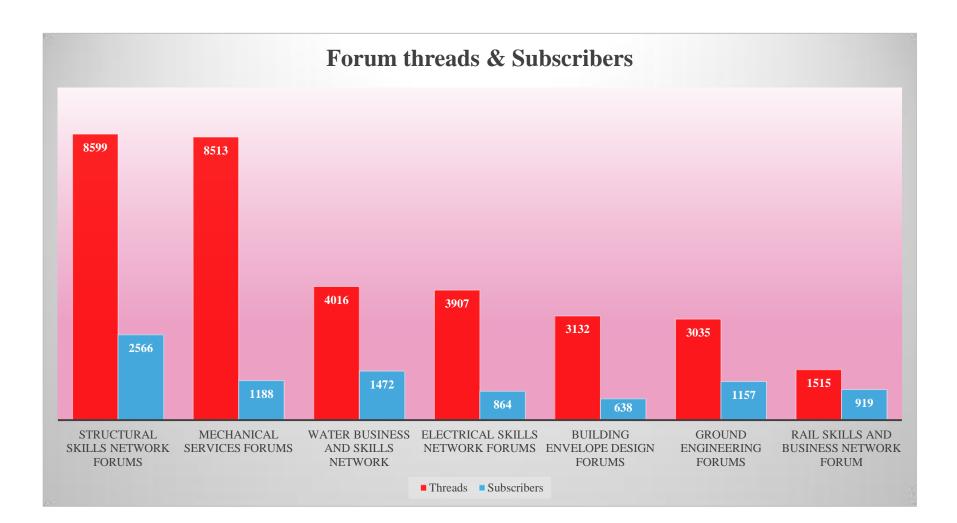
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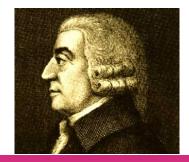
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# Why Share Knowledge?

- Network & Sharing Paradox
- People want to share Adam Smith
- TRUST
- Kaizen







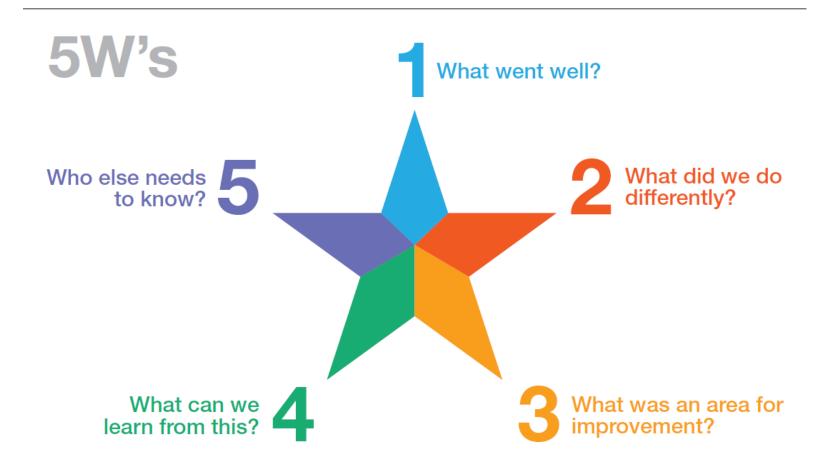


# **KRIF's – the gift that keeps on giving**

- Leaner/agile approach
- Knowledge Reviews the door wedge
- EPDCA Learn, Adapt, Apply, Improve

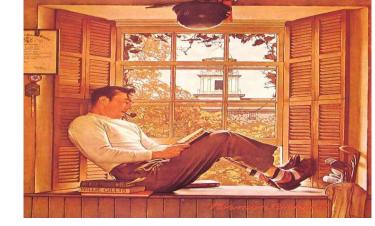






### WIIFM/U

- Skills networks
- Learning Experiences
- Reduce losses on projects
- Invest in Arup portal
- Arbejdsglaede
  - Theory X & Y
  - Positive feedback



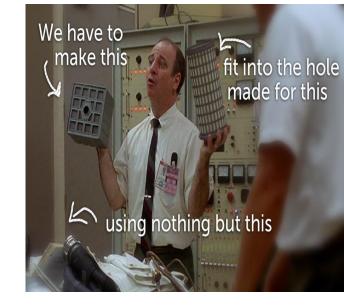




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**Reflection & Apollo 13** 

- Opportunity to be creative
- Are you a hamster?
- Investment or cost perception
- Thinking about what we have done
- Don't need incentivisation need time

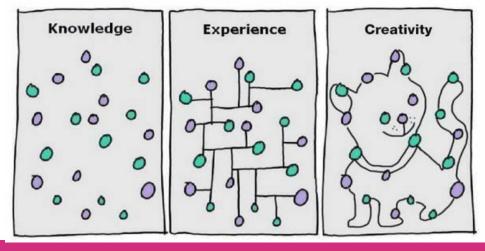




# **Carrying out a knowledge review**

- Focus on the positives
- Areas for improvement
- Capturing the experience not documents
- Be interested & curious ask questions
- Embed and Apply
- Diversity





# **Key Lessons from a donkey**

- YCDBSOYA
- Genchi genbutsu
- Personal Curiosity & Responsibility
- The Endless River of Desire





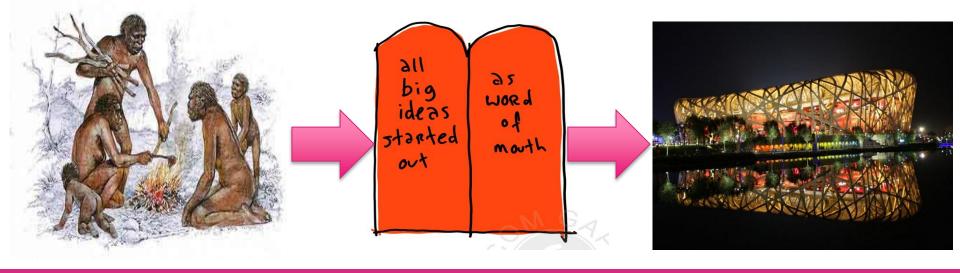
# Work 2.0 and Being Human

- Commodification of Knowledge
- Being human is consciously to bring judgment, intuition, creativity, empathy and values into play. In business, it is the domain of entrepreneurial thinking and innovation, of weighing decisions, of collaboration and trust – qualities that are utterly different from the machine logic of networked sensors and processors.
- (Richard Straub Drucker Foundation 2015)



# The human dimension – we are still evolving

- Business is social
- Today we create innovation by synthesis by being
  - Curious
  - Open Minded
- It was ever thus Ugg



# **Our thoughts strayed constantly and without boundary**

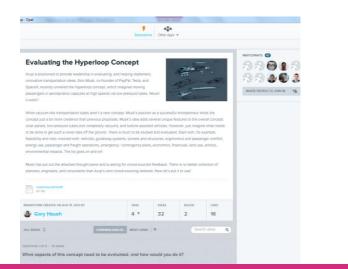
- Rashomon effect
- Discussion opens up new horizons Exploration
- Discussion can also confirm and endorse a view point or idea, support innovation through encouragement.
- 1 problem (1VsE)

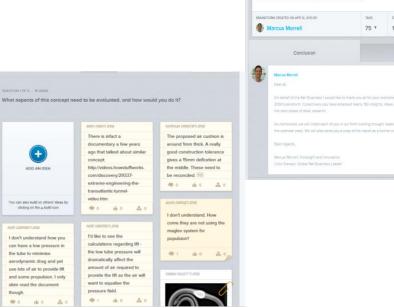
One dead body. Two witnesses. Three accounts. Four versions.

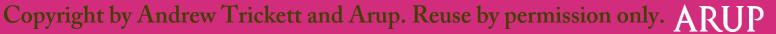


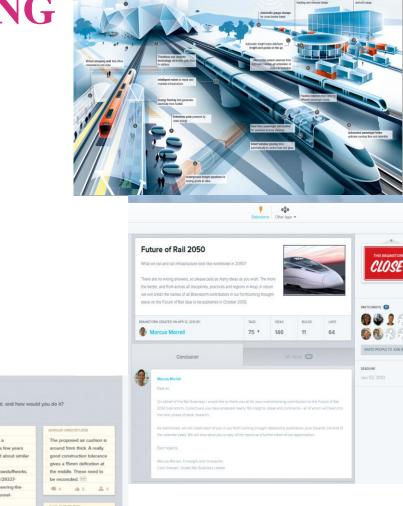
# **GLOBAL BRAINSTORMING**

- Considered thought
- Reflective
- Introverts vs Extroverts
- Diversity of ideas
- No limit to Group size





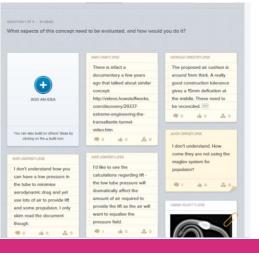


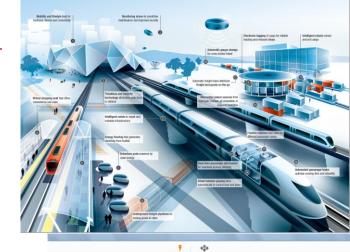


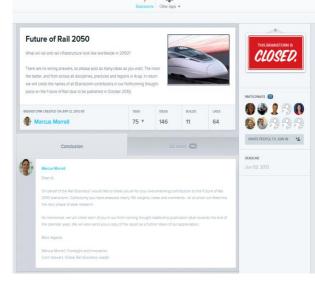
# **GLOBAL BRAINSTORMING**

- Idea Jam
- Post It notes
- Sent Global
- Wide range of disciplines
- Attribute
- Real champions









## Bricks in the Wall 我喜歡夢想未來而非追憶過往

- Conversation, Connections, Collaboration and Contribution – drive innovation
- Ideas don't get smaller when they're shared they get bigger
- Stewardship Leave the business better than we found it
- Time to get off the floor





## To a life consumed by slow decay







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