

Speculative Budgeting Resource Management for Our Futures

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Participation Hopes

- Cameras on when possible. We love to see you! We also welcome camera off if that's supportive.
- There will be two rounds of Fishbowl Conversation for folks who are interested in volunteering, and can have their cameras on.
- Share your name when starting to speak: "This is [NAME]..."
- Feel free to drink, eat, stretch, and move around.
- Kid and animal cameos welcome!
- Finance jokes and puns appreciated.

Chat Hopes

We invite you to use the chat to:

- Respond to prompts
- Share resources and ideas
- Cheer each other on
- Ask questions during the Q & A section

We'll summarize what we see in chat aloud when responding.

If you have tech difficulties, private message tech support.

[IN THE CHAT]

Which cat are you feeling like today?





What We WILL Do:

- Approach budgeting from a liberatory framework
- Expand how we think about budgeting and resource management & stewardship
- Collectively story-tell our future
- Increase understanding of measuring the success of a budget
- Have fun, laugh & enjoy the creative process

What We WON'T Do:

- Get into the nitty-gritty details of your personal or organizational budget
- Get into advanced topics
- Leave as “experts”
- Be hard on ourselves, or others, for our learning edges

SPECULATIVE FICTION

BUDGETS

If this, then what?

No boundaries, anything you can imagine

Setting is other than the real world; supernatural, futuristic, and imagined elements

Presence of magic/advanced technology; different rules

Creative writing

Magic + Mystery + Unknown

What we believe is possible

Problem-solving

Collective Process

Communicating our dreams with others

Magic in creation, reality in manifestation

Centering our values

Bringing the futures we want into exist

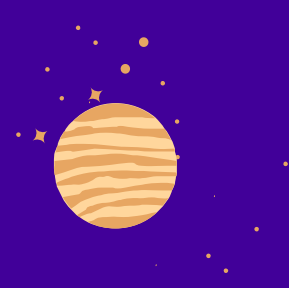
Consistent parameters

Financial: income & expenses in the future

Resource management: seeds, time, energy

Anything you can imagine, but maybe not everything

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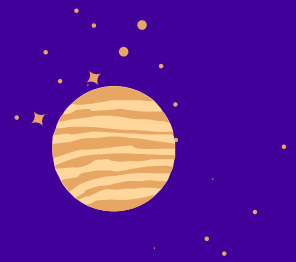
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VISIONARY FICTION WRITING



Main Issue – What lens are we looking through as we build the world? What makes this world different from our world?

Setting – Physical, Social, Political



Backdrop – Assumptions, Beliefs, History, Worldview

VISIONARY FICTION WRITING



Main Character(s) – Names, ages, gender(s), ability(ies), human/robot, etc

Conflict – Who is seeking change? Who is preventing change?



OUR MAIN CHARACTER AND CONFLICT


The Abolitionist Soccer League is attempting to organize an Alternate World Cup, one which is decentralized and global, so as to be less disruptive and exploitative of people's lives and resources, more accessible, and rooted in anti-state values.

- Scenario Planning

Unfortunately, FIFA is trying to take them out! The Abolitionist Soccer League is seen as a major competition to the FIFA World Cup.

VISIONARY FICTION WRITING

Main Issue: FIFA has a dominant/empire ideology. ASL is trying to detangle that - trying to liberate people from economic traps. FIFA is like a kingdom. ASL is the resistance.

Setting: Local action/decentralized movement; main base is in Montreal, but there are multiple outposts  globally; workers are everywhere. Guerilla games, in public spaces. Soccer as protest! Land is not just a soccer field; still a part of nature.

Backdrop: Rules of the game can change in relationship to the physical site.

DETAIL ABOUT THE ABOLITIONIST SOCCER LEAGUE

People: Where do the players come from? Who else is involved beyond the teams and coaches?

Money/Resources: Where does money come from? What other resources do they have?

Costs: What are the expenses? Does this league pay its players? What kind of wage?

Timeline: When are events happening? Is it decentralized across the year, or is it happening at the same time as the World Cup?

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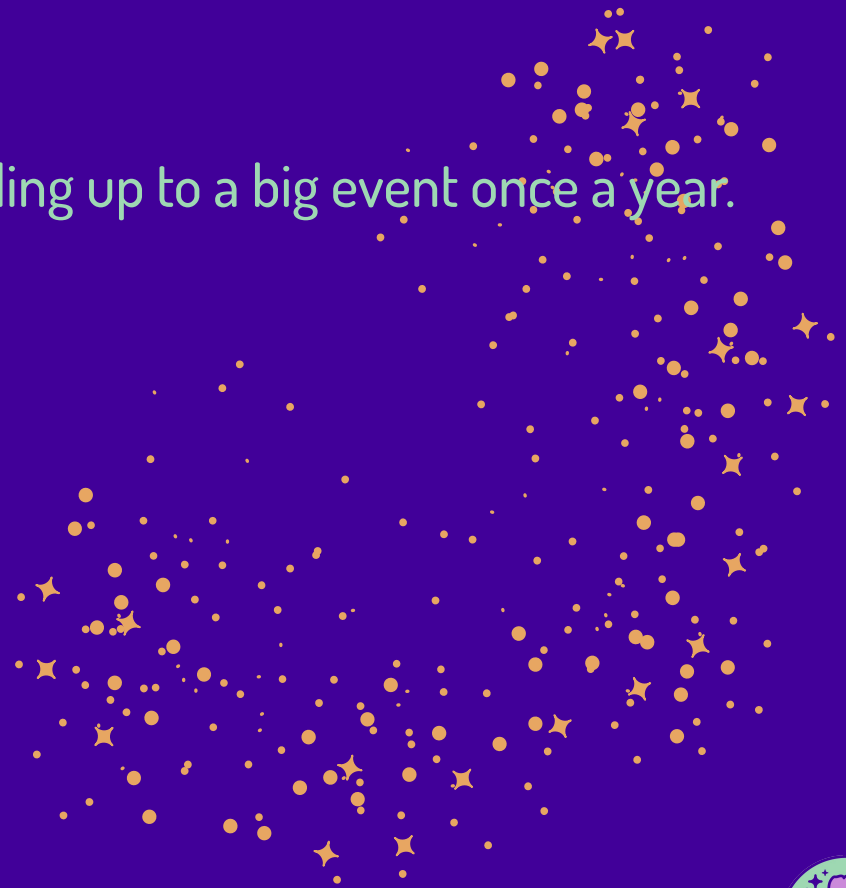
People: Former FIFA rising-star who left because they were disenchanted; they are in the league but also feeling internally conflicted; so many former FIFA athletes have joined the ASL that FIFA now doesn't have enough players that they start drafting from the military; combat, under soccer martial law, is only legal if it takes place under "soccer rules"; which gives our league the advantage because they can't change the rules in relationship. The FIFA military only knows how to play one way. Intergenerational League:

Money/Resources: Health fund (provides a way to be healthy), money people would be spending on health care is being rerouted to the ASL; Geopolitical tensions, because the ASL has created strongholds with funds that ensure everyone's needs are met. Strongholds have solidarity economies.

DETAIL ABOUT THE ABOLITIONIST SOCCER LEAGUE

Costs: Childcare is one of the core expenses; health care; food; transportation; outreach

Timeline: Games happen weekly leading up to a big event once a year.



Break



integrate



pause



stretch

[IN THE CHAT]

SO, IS WHAT WE JUST
WROTE A BUDGET?
WHY/WHY NOT?

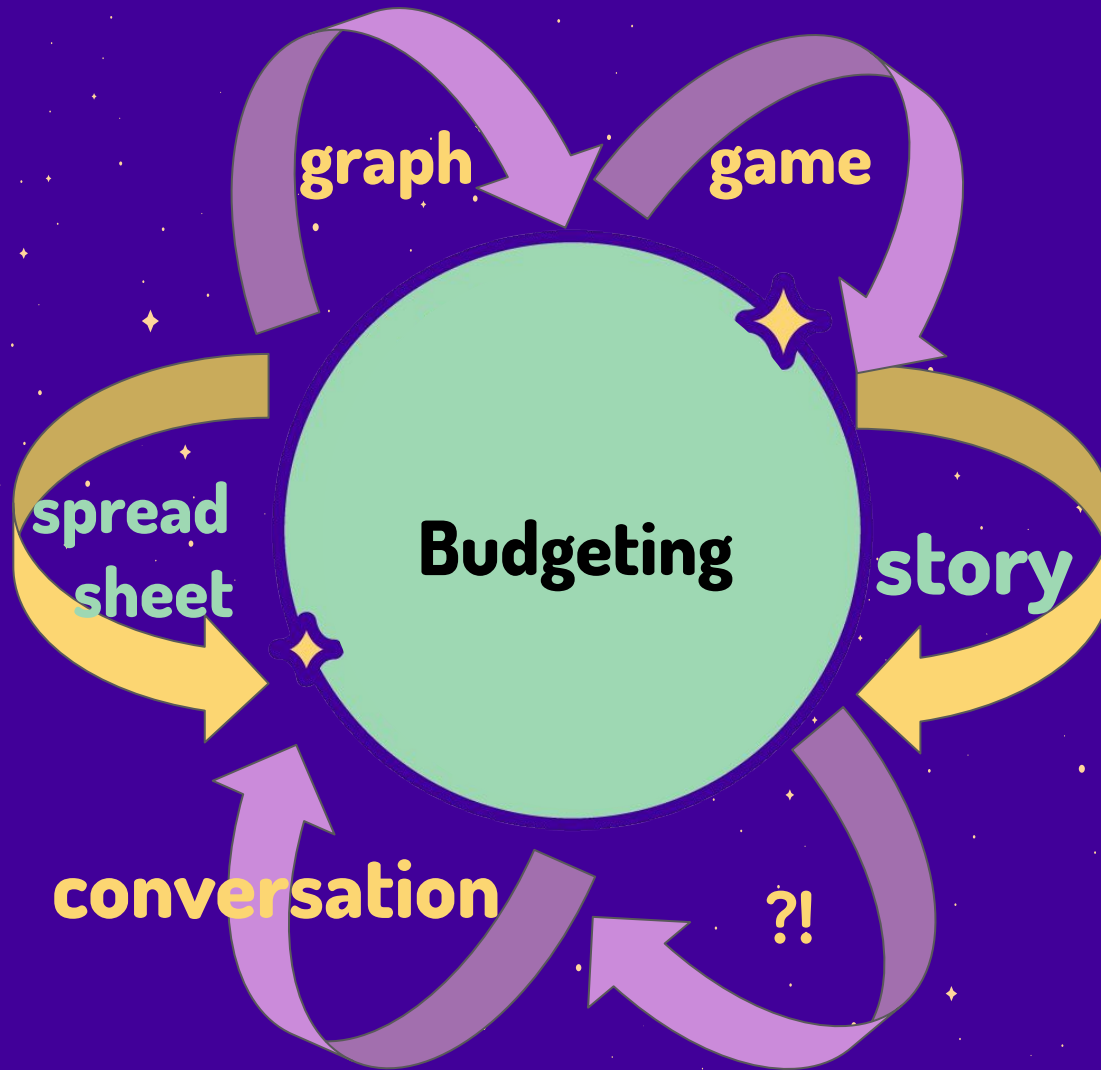


CREATING BUDGET SPREADSHEETS

- Intro
- Budgeting

**“I take the numbers in my head, put them in a spreadsheet and move them around” -
Workshop participant**

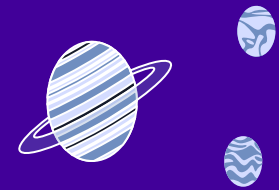
We want to create many different pathways into budgeting



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BUDGET TEMPLATE



AORTA

*anti-oppression resource
& training alliance*



[Measuring the Success of a Budget]

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- Can we meet our financial goal for the year of how much money we want in the bank at the end of the year?

[Measuring the Success of a Budget]

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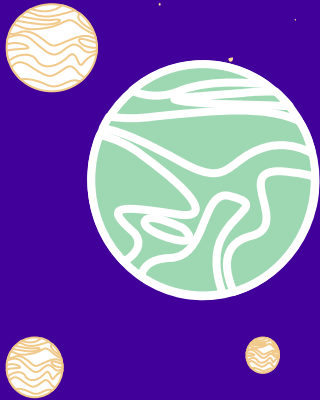
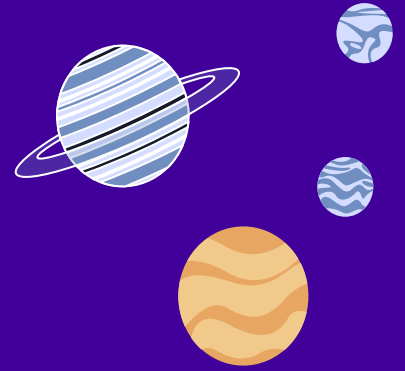
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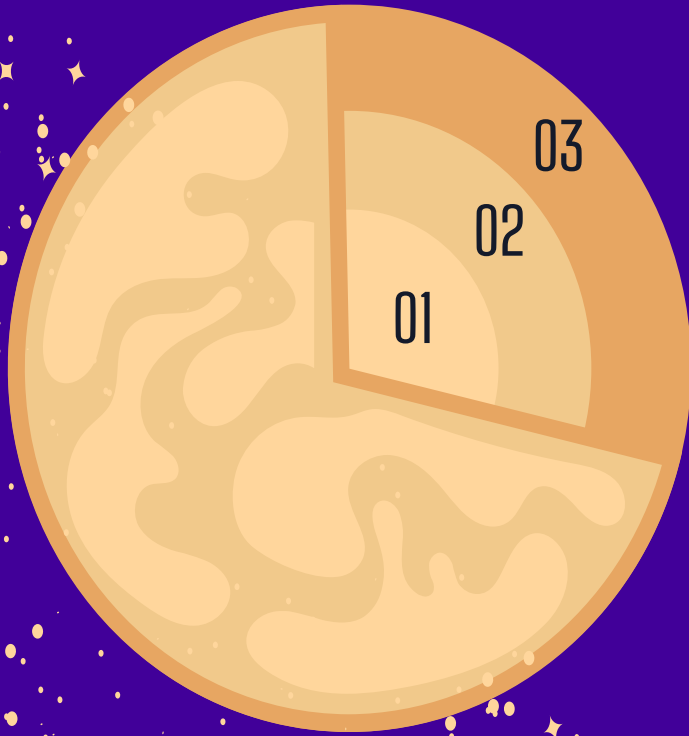
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Question & Answer Time



Reflection



01

What is something I'm taking away from today?

02

How might I apply this learning?

03

What questions have been sparked?

Follow-up Email:

- Evaluation
- Slide Deck
- Budget Template
- Financial Terms Glossary

Upcoming ABC Public Workshops:

Financial Foundations Workshop Series

Understanding My Org's Finances
Budgeting with Values

Multiple Futures: Cash Flow & Scenario Planning
Beyond Spreadsheets: Creating Engaging Reports
Wednesdays in April & Thursdays in June

[Link to workshop info & registration](#)



Upcoming AORTA Public Workshops:

Facilitate for Freedom Fundamentals Trainings

March 27th

March 29th

April 19th

April 20th

May 11th

May 24th

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