Conventional approaches to strategic planning do not work well to meet the complex challenges we face today. The reason is simple. Strategic planning does not work in open networks. Traditional strategy practices emerged from large hierarchical, “command and control” corporations. A small group of people at the top of the organization did the thinking, while rest of the people did the doing.

In our civic spaces, there are no hierarchies. Yet, we still need to do strategic thinking. And now, more than ever, we need to act strategically. So, how do we focus our limited resources where they are likely to have the largest positive impacts?

This training session will give you the tools and methods to answer that question. Strategic doing provides a new discipline for developing and implementing strategy within the loose networks that characterize our communities and regions. Where strategic planning is slow, linear and costly, strategic doing is fast, iterative and inexpensive. Strategic doing is catching on because people can understand it, apply it, and have fun, as they move their ideas into action.

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