

Test Your Future IQ with David Beurle

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The Leadership of the *National Capital Chapter of the World Future Society* is pleased to announce “The Future Game” workshop

Join us for fun and intellectual stimulation as we play “The Future Game” on Saturday morning, Feb 8 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Lombardy Hotel, 2019 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington, DC

Develop your future thinking and strategic planning skills by playing Future iQ’s simulation board game that has been used around the world. Don’t we need more long-term thinking and foresight in Washington? Sharpen your critical thinking skills and help plan the future with us and the Game’s Australian developer David Beurle assisted by Celine Beurle. Seating is limited, so please register now!

Here is a recent article from *The Futurist* on FutureIQ played by the Dutch Future Society last year

The Future as a Board Game



David Beurle, CEO of Future iQ, introduces the game to participants at a Dutch Future Society meeting in June 2013.

The Dutch Future Society recently gathered 30 futurists and strategic planners to play Future iQ, a simulation board game that is gaining popularity. This game centers on regional development in a fictional rural area. Players make policy decisions up to the year 2030. Each decision leads to a new scenario, which may contain external events and reveals the consequences of the decisions.

“The game acts as a primer for strategic thinking,” explains **Freija van Duijne**, president of the Dutch Future Society. “At the end of the process, it also serves as a reflection tool.”

The game typically takes 90 minutes to play. The Dutch Future Society divided its participants into six teams with five players each. At the end of the game, players reflected on the decisions they made and compared their strategies with other teams. They then began to think of other topics for future simulations, such as implementation of new technologies and risks of carbon storage.

“As true scenario experts, [the participants] had many questions on the scenarios underlying the game,” according to van Duijne. “To me, that reflects the evolutionary process that scenario thinking is experiencing right now. The two-axes model is no longer taken for granted.”—*Jay Herson*

Sources of further information: Future IQ, future-iq.com/products-and-services/futuregame. Dutch Future Society, dutchfuturesociety.com. Video available at YouTube: www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCcRtpmbfMc.

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DAVID BEURLE is a world-renowned expert on community, regional and organizational economic revitalization. His work extends from the local and regional, through to Corporate and Governmental levels with a focus on ‘future thinking’ and long term planning.

He specializes in creating innovative future planning approaches for use in regional and organizational settings. He developed the groundbreaking Future Game as a widely used planning and workshop tool, which has been successfully used across the world in community, regional, industry, corporate and governmental settings. He pioneered the application of Scenario Planning to regions and rural industries around the world. Having worked in the field of regional and community planning/ revitalization for over 20 years, he is a leader in the field of regional and organizational development.

An accomplished speaker, having led over 200 community visioning sessions across North America, Australia and Europe, he has been invited to provide numerous keynote addresses and workshop presentations across the globe.

In 2012, David brought his experience, knowledge and ideas to an even wider audience. He ran a global consultation entitled, ‘Building Sustainable Regions in Today’s World’, at St Georges House, Windsor Castle. This involved 34 experts from 11 countries across the world to discuss the opportunities and challenges we are all going to face in the future.

He has worked in the remotest parts of Australia through to working at the highest levels of Government, with eight years as the ‘right-hand man’ to a senior Australian Cabinet Minister; the Western Australian Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries.

He has held a position on the Board of the Western Australian Community Foundation, and has a B.Sc in Agriculture degree from Sydney University. His work in community and economic development has earned his work international, national and state awards; including twice being awarded the International Community Development Society’s ‘Innovative Project Award’.

The event will be available for members and students (under 26) at \$26, and \$30 for nonmembers. Register at <http://www.natcapwfs.org/events.htm>. We request that all register online, in advance. We will accept cash or personal check (no credit cards, please) at the door.

Mark Your Calendars! Join Us, Saturday, February 8 for Continental Breakfast at 8:30 A.M., followed by the program at 9:00 AM. The Hotel Lombardy* is located in Foggy Bottom, at 2019 Pennsylvania Ave NW, at 21st Street. If travelling by Metro, the Hotel is an approximately 5-block walk from the Foggy Bottom or Farragut West stations on the Orange/Blue Lines, or about a block further than that from the Farragut North station on the Red Line. For those driving, the Hotel has valet parking available. Otherwise, there are parking garages and metered street parking in the area. Driving directions from outside of the District are provided here, <http://www.hotellombardy.com/maps-and-directions/>.

*** Please note - The Hotel Lombardy does not have wheelchair access ramps. There are two (2) outdoor and six (6) indoor steps, each approximately six inches in height.**