

SYMPOSIUM: THE FUTURE OF WORK CHALLENGING (YOUTH) EMPLOYMENT INTERVENTIONS

Location: Oxfam Novib, The Hague

When: 26 June, 13:00 till 17:30, with drinks afterwards

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WHY JOIN?

The Future of Work – a topic on the mind of many actors. But what is it exactly, when is this future taking place and is it something we are all helplessly drifting towards or can we take control?

Join us for a critical reflection on what the Future of Work entails and how development actors should take it into account, with a specific focus on (youth) employment interventions.

The Future of Work as something distant and scary? Be inspired how to take control of the future!

WHAT TO EXPECT?

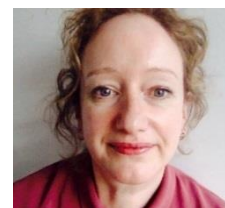
IS IT INEVITABLE THAT ROBOTS WILL STEAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S JOBS?

A keynote speech by [Dr Becky Faith!](#)

Technology is advancing at an unprecedented pace, rapidly diminishing the tasks and activities previously thought of as being the unique domain of humans in the process. The 2016 World Development report argued that, from a purely technological standpoint, about two-thirds of current jobs in developing countries are susceptible to automation. This will potentially have a negative impact on the future employment prospects of young people in developing countries.

But none of this is inevitable. The potential of automation and digitisation could be harnessed to increase individual and collective agency and promote equality and social justice. What role can NGOs, the private sector and academia play in reframing the debate on the future of work and creating new transformative pathways for economic and social development?

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[Blog:](#) *Shaping the Future of Work in a Digital Age – Why should Development Organisations care?*

[Publication:](#) Automation, Women, and the Future of Work



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A CIRCULAR FUTURE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE?



The earth asks for a transition to a **circular and inclusive economy**. A society in which materials are re-used and negative impacts are minimalised. Young people play an important role in this transition. High un- and under-employment rates among youth are an enormous challenge for and barriers to an inclusive society.

Metabolic will go into what a transition to a circular economy entails and how it is expected to affect the labour market. With a number of scenarios, Metabolic will enable participants to map all the elements in the system that play a role in creating a circular economy and how young people can have sustainable work and income.

FUTURES LITERACY: USING THE FUTURE TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD TODAY

We use the future every day. We predict, we fear and we hope. These anticipatory systems shape our actions today, but we know very little about how we use the future.

Futures Literacy, developed within UNESCO, is a capability that offers insights on how we approach unforeseeable challenges by using the future to innovate the present.

In this hands on workshop, facilitated by the Futures Literacy team of **Hanze University**, you will not only gain insights in this methodology, but also find new ways to approach the Future of Work and how you can adapt this to real life projects.



WILL PLATFORM ECONOMY MODELS CREATE A REVOLUTION IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT?

Digital innovations can have an inherent impact on the labour market and the organization of work. A perfect example is the rise of **platform economies**.

The concept of platform economy allows amongst others for asynchronous ways of working. In other words, a team working on the same project, but not at the same place or same time. It has the potential to unlock economic opportunities and lowering barriers.

Ernesto Spruyt from **Tunga** will take participants on a journey across the concept of platform economies – what is it exactly, what are the opportunities and pitfalls. Through participatory exercise, participants will gain experience first-hand by ‘building’ their own platforms on the basis of a variety of case studies.



Registration is required for participation. Registration is open until the event reaches capacity, after which a waiting list will be made available.

For more information, contact Ronald van Moorten (ronald.moorten@oxfamnovib.nl)

[You can register here](#)



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