

**The Rise of ICTs as Societal “First Responders” and Continuing Responders in a COVID and Post COVID Reality: Reflecting on the Present and Preparing for the Future
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Starter-Stimulus Questions for Discussion and Dialogue --to accompany workshop presentation

1. Who were considered first responders and essential workers in your living space?
2. Given, if we accept, that ICTs threw a life preserver to society, was there any recognition, and if so what kind, given to ICT technology, ICT professionals, and ICT as a field of study and practice as “essential workers” and “first responders”? Should there be? If so, what action might we take?
3. What were your **personal experiences** like, as we “sheltered in place” first as human creatures, possibly disrupted from routines, and taking on any new routines not the least of which were masks, gloves, hand sanitizers, and social distancing. Second, in our other roles as professionals, and possibly parents and caregivers, neighbor, family member, OTHER? What about at the collective level?

Think in terms of:

Positive outcomes such as deepening self-understanding (as well as Self-understanding (including humanity)
Frustrations and coping strategies (individual and collective)
Lessons learned (and still learning) Creative responses observed OR created by you?
Challenges met (& how) and areas still needing work and help (think individual and collective)
Observations regarding humanity: best and the worst often brought out

4. What was the experience of collectives of which you are part (and it may or may not synch with your personal experiences). This question and the above may not be mutually exclusive.

Think: relationships, family, other groups, societal institutions: education, work, religious institutions, the economy, government, business, and health care, and others.

5. What might this experience (COIVD-19) mean for the future? Post-COVID Reality.

For teaching as well as for the entire educational enterprise? Additional Skills, Knowledge, Attitude?

For the future of ICT? ICT Professionals? ICT as a field of study and practice?

For the potential transformations of social structures?

OTHER?