# LENA TÜNKERS

**Curator & Facilitator for Futures** 



# **ABOUT ME**

The mysterious thing we call 'future' strangely never exists, solely in our imagination.

This uniquely human ability to imagine is the source of all futures and a vital tool in times of growing uncertainty and change.

In my role as curator and facilitator,
I use our imagination to make sense of emergence, generate undiscovered opportunities, and navigate transformative pathways.

# How can we use the future in your context?

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# **WORK EXPERIENCES**

#### Curator & Facilitator

self-employed | 2020 - now | globally

Participatory processes & talks to imagine futures, with:

<u>Businesses</u>: Feddersen Group, Craftview Software GmbH, Media Evolution AB, Iconstorm

<u>Institutions</u>: OECD, UNFPA, UNESCO, GIZ, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, EU EIT KICs, PSYDEH Mexico, Galerie Proof-of-x

<u>Universities:</u> Zeppelin University, Copenhagen Business School, HSBA, Kaospilot, Founds of Tomorrow bootcamp, Waterkant Festival

# Innovation & Change Consultant

EQUWIN GmbH | Jun 2021 - now | globally

Projects with Porsche AG, Commerz Real AG, BMW AG, accilium GmbH

- Facilitation of change processes on the future of work & automotive
- Teaching of learning journies on leadership & communication
- On-site facilitation in Europe, United States & Latin America

#### Mentor for Climate Start-up

EU EIT New European Bauhaus | June 2023 - now

Mentoring and designing engagements for start-ups in the social and environmental sector over the coming 6 months.

# Adviser for Participatory Futures Processes

OECD | Jan - Dec 2023

Advising the CFE Rural-Urban Futures project on global engagements

# External Innovation Consultant & Foresight Researcher Danish Refugee Council | May - Oct 2021 | Copenhagen, DK

How might the Digital Divide unfold for the Humanitarian sector? A research report on trends and weak signals, a training on entrepreneurial thinking and workshops to co-create desirable futures.

# External Business Designer

Gehl Architects | Sep 2020 - Jul 2021 | Copenhagen, DK

- Business Model Design for Big Data and urban challenges
- Report on Riga "A Good City for People A Good City for Business"

#### cont. of Work Experiences

# Innovation Consultant

### Sifra | Jun - Dec 2018 | Melbourne, AUS

Supported the social healthcare start-up with business model design & participatory processes with their target group.

# Language

German: native English: fluent Spanish: C1-level

### Founder & Project Manager of SUPO

# UN PRME | 2017 - 2018 | Copenhagen, DK & NYC, USA

SUPO, a community currency to foster sustainable behavior on campus of Copenhagen Business School. (CBS) The project was funded by CBS and UN PRIME and was presented to the UN PRME in New York City.

#### **Tools & Methods**

Design Thinking
Business Model Design
Lean Start-up
Futures Literacy
Scenario Planning
Experience Design

### Consumer Marketing GSA

# Spotify GmbH | May 2017 - Sep 2017 | Berlin, DE

- Project & stakeholder management
- Establish external partnerships & budgeting

# Innovation & Business Development

# HelloFresh GmbH | Nov 2016 - May 2017 | Berlin, DE

- Concept & service development of e-commerce platform
- Prototyping & product creation with cross-functional teams

# **ACADEMIC EDUCATION**

#### Copenhagen Business School

#### MSc Innovation & Entrepreneurship | 2017 - 2019 | Copenhagen, DK

I.a. Design Thinking, Circular Economy, Strategic Management, Social Innovation Master Thesis: Grassroot Innovations & their impact on People, Planet, Profit

#### Research on Grassroots Business Models

### Danish Industry's Foundation | Jan - Jul 2019 | Nairobi, KE

Funded research on bottom-up entrepreneurship in Kenya focusing on technology and agriculture, outcome was a revised Business Model Canvas

#### Swinburne University of Technology

#### Exchange Semester | 2018 | Melbourne, AUS

Courses in Design Futures, Strategic Design & Leading Change

#### Pforzheim University

### BSc Media Management & Psychology of Advertising | 2012 - 2016 | Pforzheim, DE

I.a. Finance, Emp. Research Methods, Consumer Psychology, Marketing

#### Illinois Institute of Technology

#### Exchange Semester | 2015 | Chicago, USA

Courses in Design Thinking, Philosophy & Business Psychology