

Nifis Introduction1

- About me (v. quickly!):
<https://www.horizon.ac.uk/working-with-the-mema-3-0-project/>
- Ancestry of Nifis (Radical ed, Free schools, Hacker culture, Debord): Don't make me quote Santayana!
- Why here? (experience of Jam, Code club +s -s), v. non-tech borough
- Why now? (Hartford Messy, an antidote, see below)
- Silos, scoring and creativity (private school privilege)

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- How?
- Shopping Mall Model: Anchor store SBC +code + projects
- Shopping Mall: Regular place, regular time
- Oil stain model: Spread to other requested subjects/projects/special interest groups
- MJC model: Groups and people should 'mix' desiloed
- Unconference model: teachers and pupils are mixed, continuous dialogue about direction

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- Infrastructure: Not decided by 'me' or 'anyone', evolutionary
- Meta objective: People learn from different forms of organisation as well as actual 'subject matter'
- Flourishing: As opposed to qualis, roles etc. but symbiosis and permeability with surrounding formal structures
- Qualis: Yes, I'm looking into open qualification credits
- Agile: Can move quickly, since there's no very rigid syllabus
- Formal organisation: My preference is coop not CIC or charity
- Safeguarding: No unaccompanied kids at the start anyway, until sorted

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- Resources?
- Not about money (or fame!)
- Start with meeting room with wifi, tea/coffee, whiteboard
- Start with website and online material, correct use of web
- Jitsi for remote (I have a collaborator with COPD)
- Avoid most of the shackles/politics of grants

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- When?
- Some kind of Jam/SBC style launch in October
- Lots of cross talk in between: Summer mini-unconference?
- I'm prepared to run some Python, thin AI etc. late autumn into winter: Bootstrap it
- I probably have one or two 'guest teachers' lined up already too.

Thanks!

- Questions (for which there may not be answers!)
- This was prepared using LibreOffice Impress
- Thanks for listening