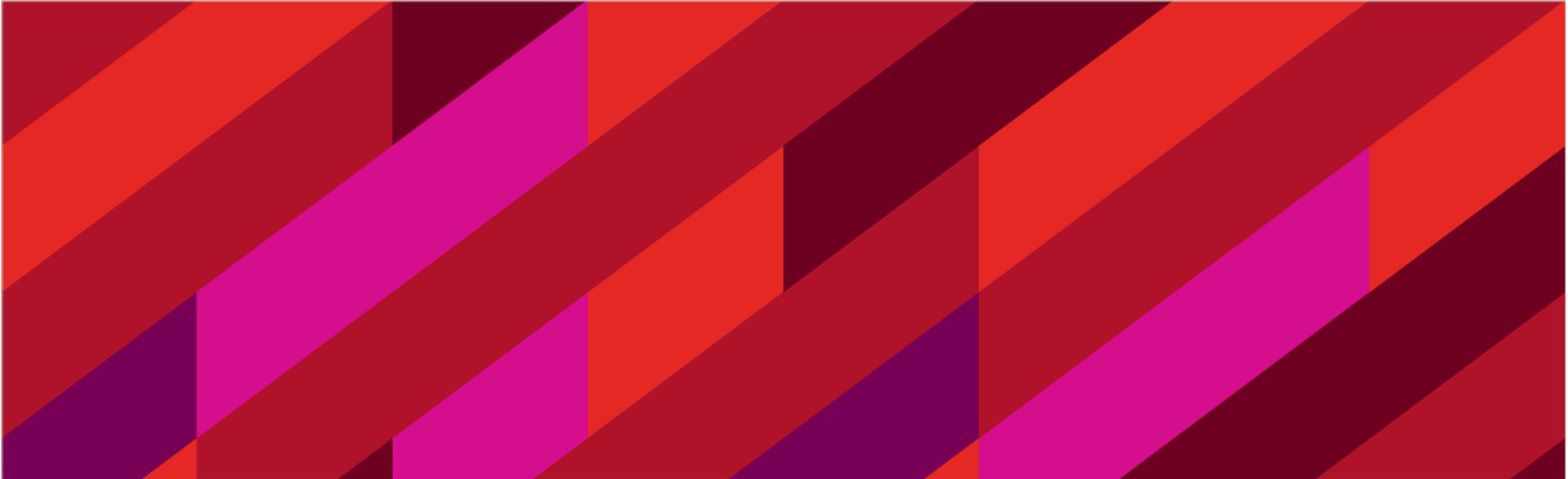


# Lego Serious Play for Economics Lessons

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# B Commerce Capstone Unit

AGILITY AND EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS

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This is a final year unit of study in the Bachelor of Commerce which **integrates the material and skills presented across the degree.**



Students will be placed in **mixed-major teams of 5 – 7** to solve real-world problems.



These real-world problems will revolve around the **UN Sustainable Development Goals.**



Student will address how **commerce and business can play their part in achieving these goals.**

# Session-long Project on a UN SDG

WORKING IN MIXED-MAJOR TEAMS OF 5-7 INDIVIDUALS

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# Working Towards a UN SDG...

AGILITY AND EXCELLENCE IN BUSINESS

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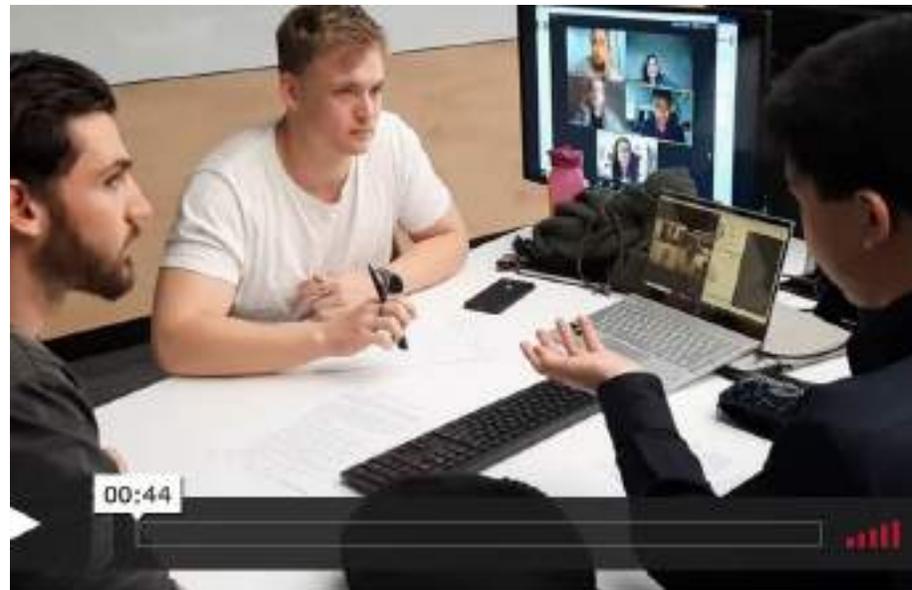
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**Sustainably**



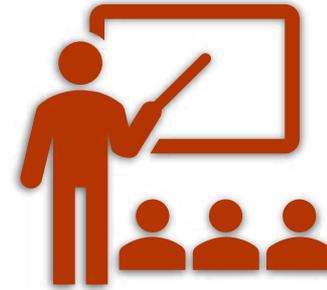
**Profitably**



# Experiential Learning



Experiential Learning Theory (ELT) is a holistic methodology in higher education that focuses on how individuals learn (Kolb, Baker, & Jensen, 2002).

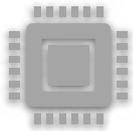


Experiential learning to revitalise curricula in higher education (Kolb, 2014)

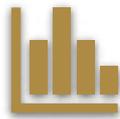
*Lego Serious Play* (LSP) is geared towards business education as it is designed for team building, teamwork, management, and organisational activities.



Satzler & Shieu (2002) discuss the use of LSP in a large operational management class – to teach:



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development



Statistical quality  
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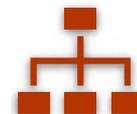
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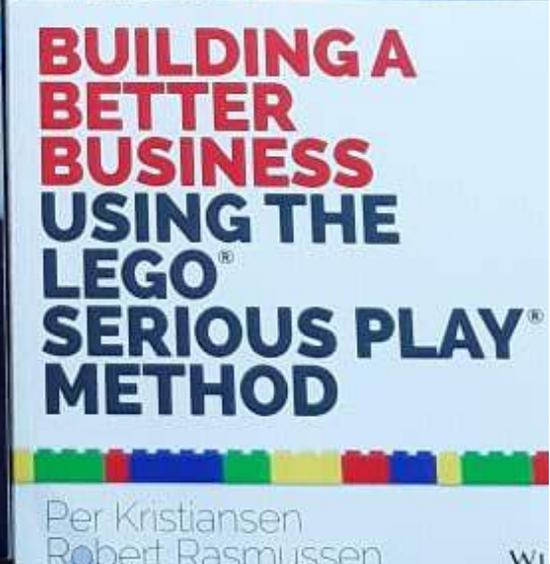
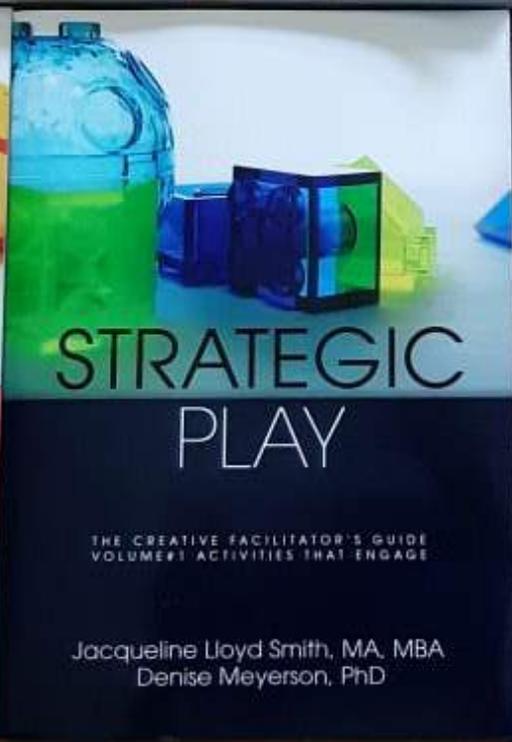
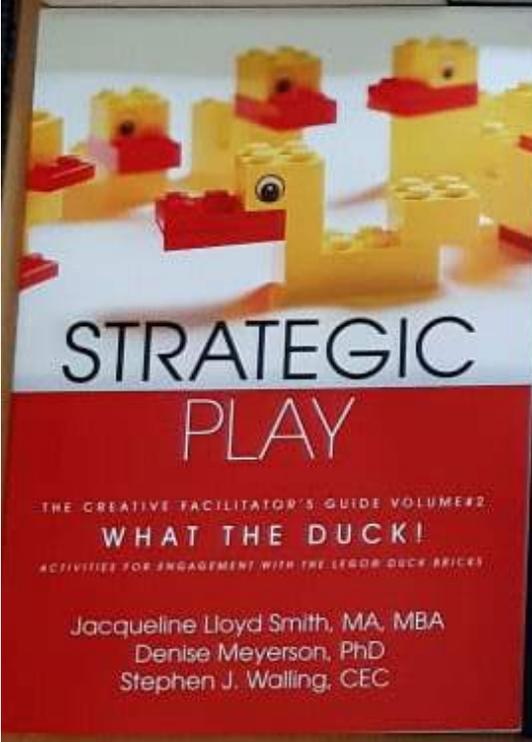
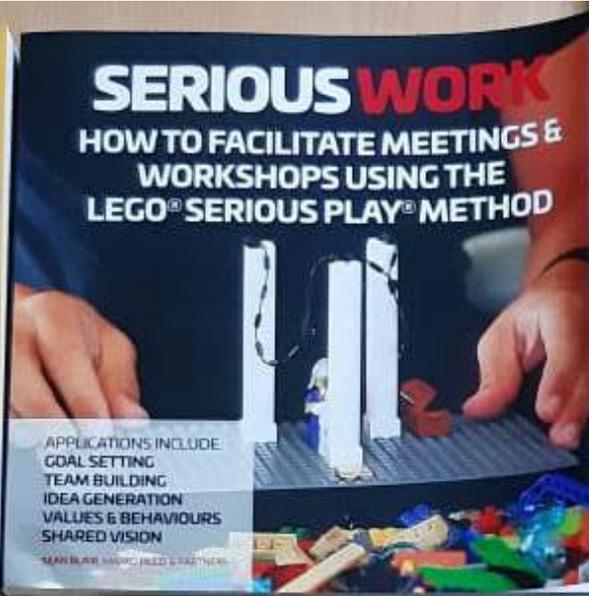
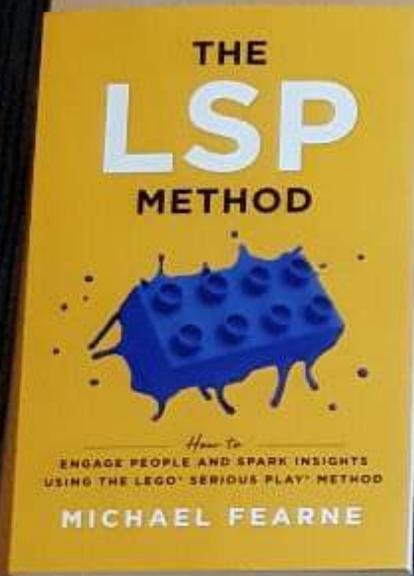
Aggregate production  
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Material requirements  
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Process / layout design





**Activity #1  
– Reflection**

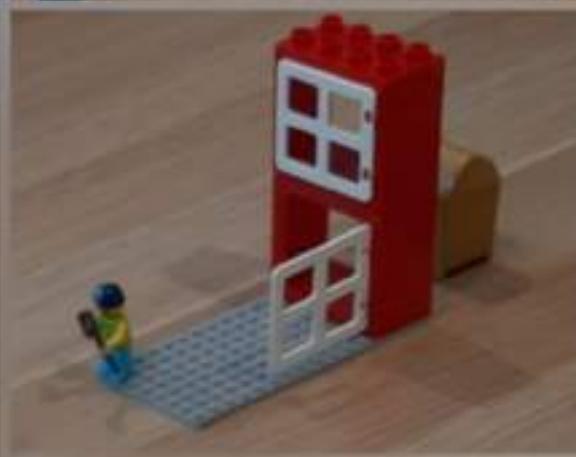


# Reflection

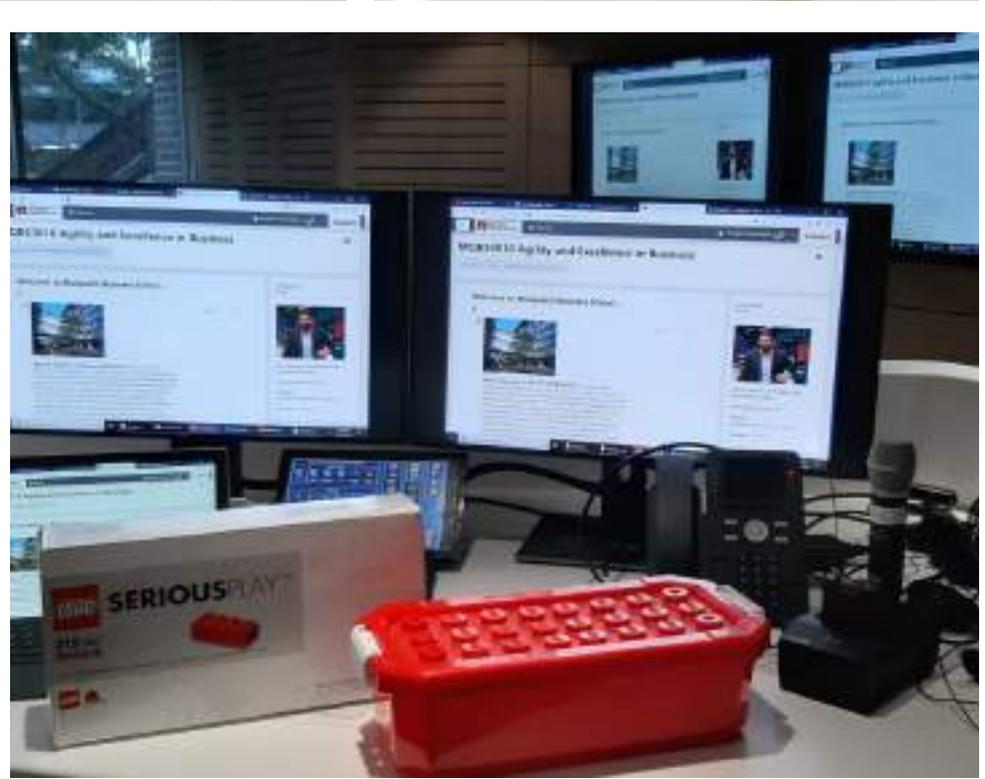
## Gibbs' Reflective Cycle











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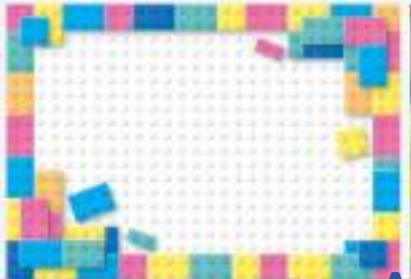


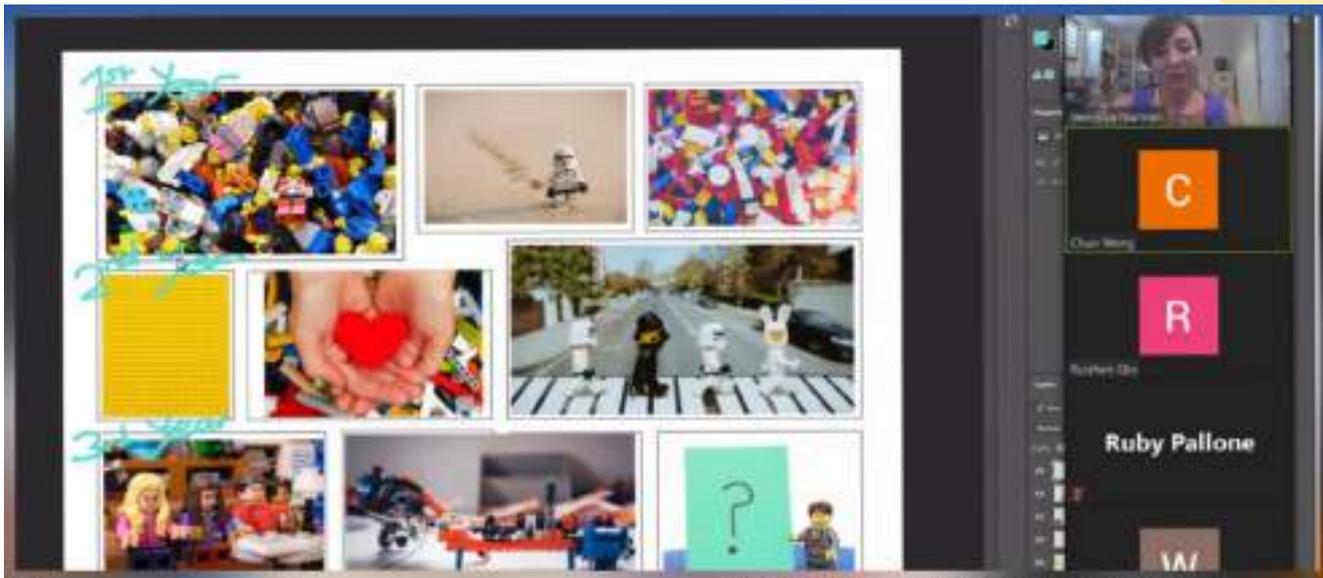
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**5. develop solutions to major problems (P, I)**  
Marketing Fundamentals, Consumer Behavior, Organizational Behavior, Communications, Marketing Research, Ethics and Business Writing, Marketing Project, Business-to-Business, Marketing, Marketing Research

**6. demonstrate communication skills relevant to an appropriate professional environment (C)**  
Marketing Fundamentals, Consumer Behavior, Organizational Behavior, Communications, Marketing Research, Ethics and Business Writing, Marketing Project, Business-to-Business, Marketing, Marketing Research

**7. develop an awareness of contemporary major issues (E)**  
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**8. demonstrate an awareness of the role of ethical behaviour in businesses (A)**

Additionally, I took many breaks throughout university as I was still trying t



Finance Major - a key concept was how finance is an essential part of day to day life which can benefit a range of individuals spanning from a consumer level to multinational corporations. An example of this is how one company may have a great business

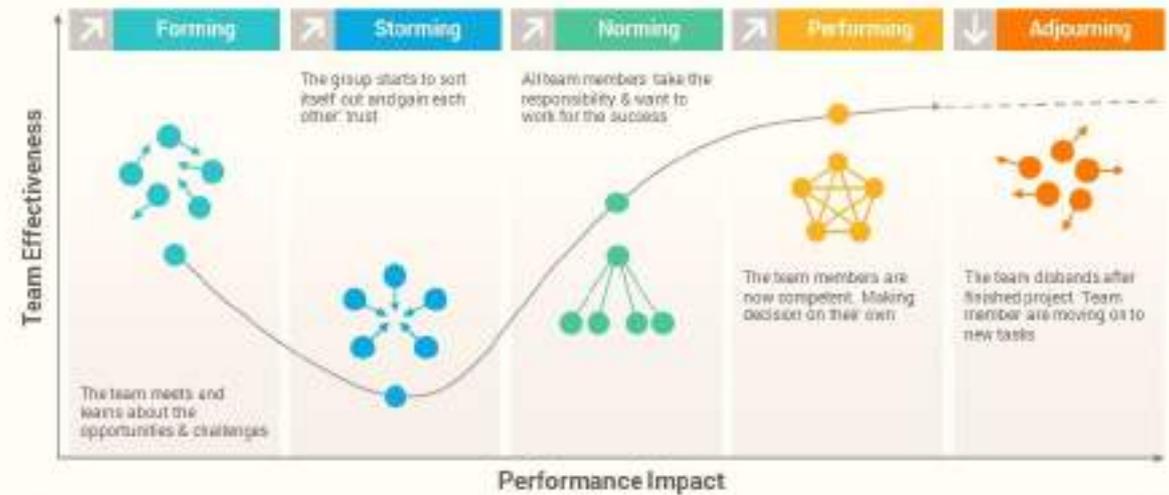


**Activity #2  
– Teamwork**

# Teamwork

## Tuckman's Team Development Model

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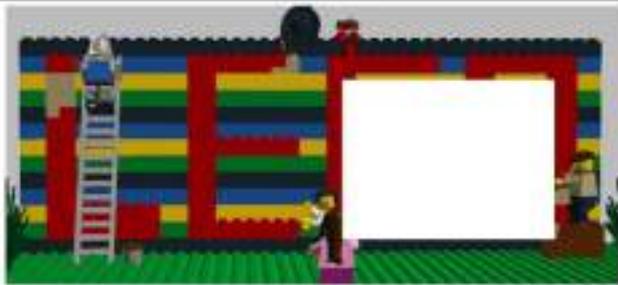








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## TALENT ACQUISITION: LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® INTERVIEW



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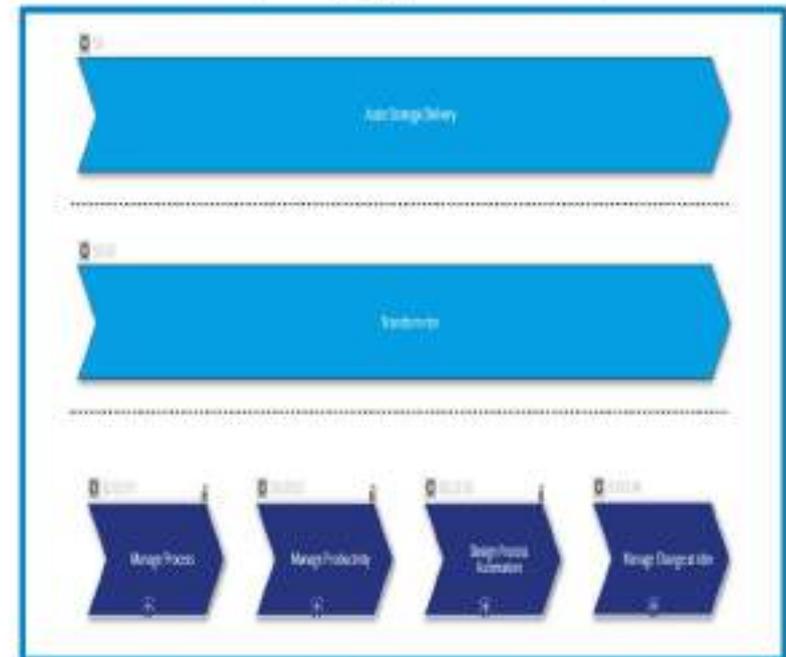
# BPE framework + process hierarchy = Process Ownership = Accountability



## 6 Step Lifecycle



## Example (hypothetical)





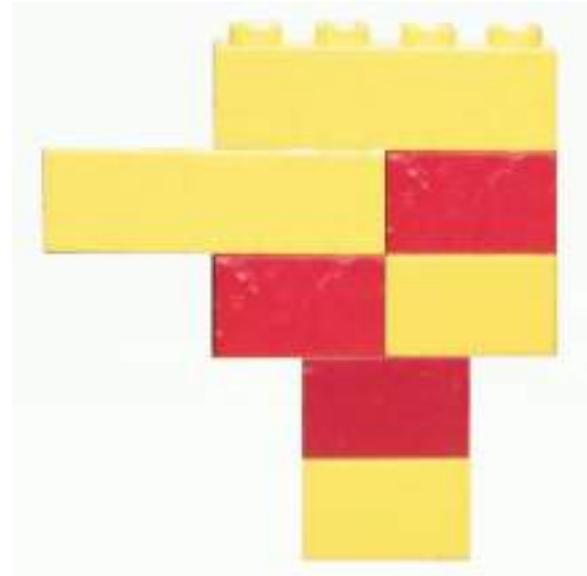
**Activity #3  
– Community  
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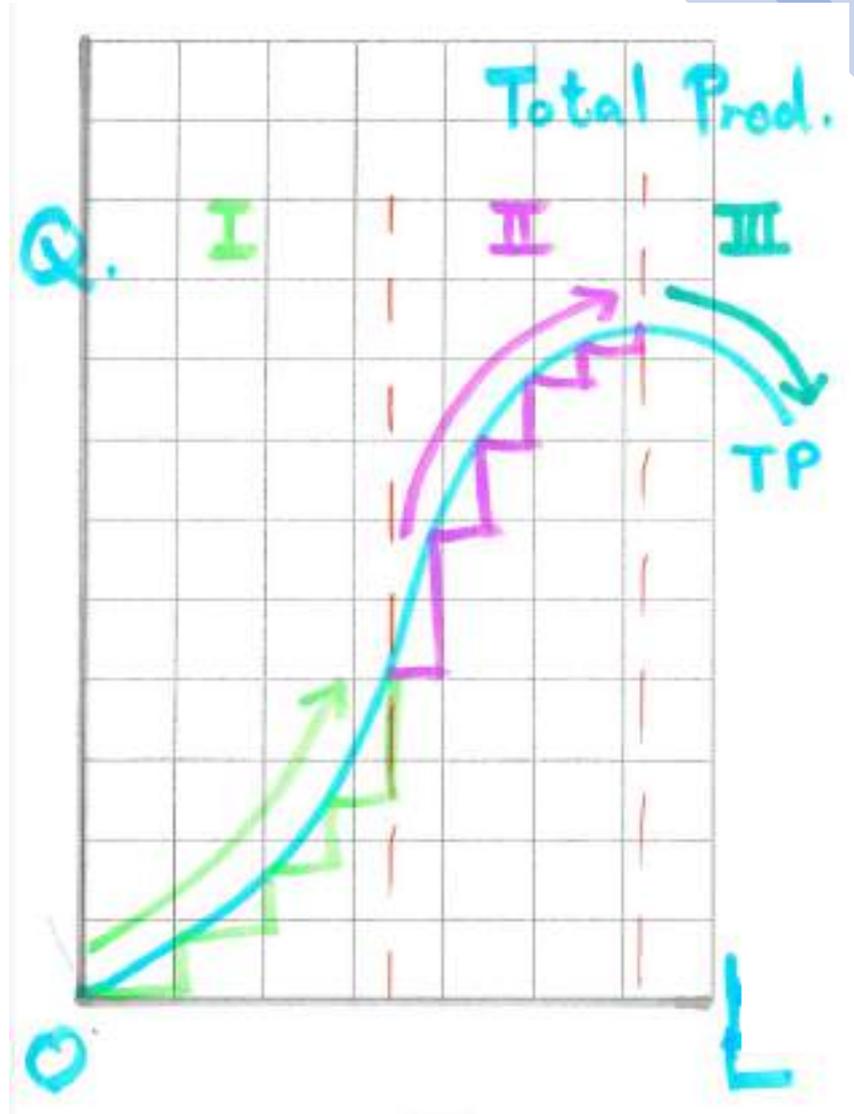






**Activity #4  
– Production &  
Costs**





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**Activity #5**  
**– Money**  
**Multiplier**

Paper Money



Digital Money



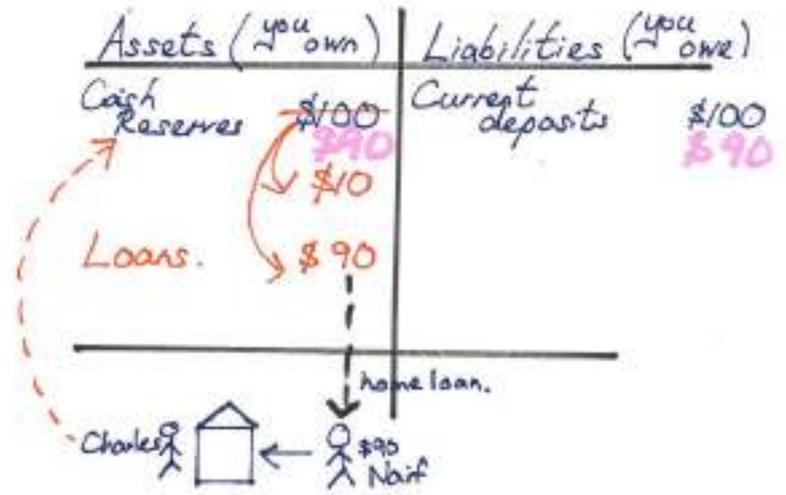
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# Money Creation. (by private banks)

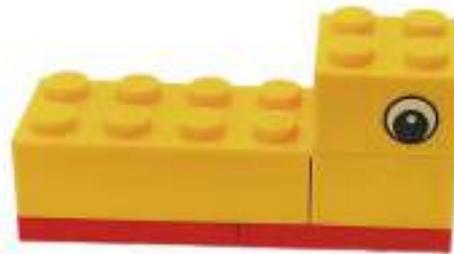
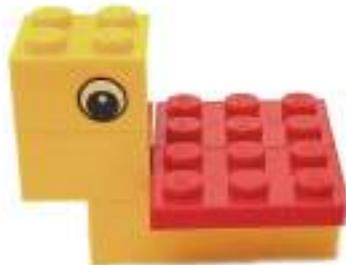
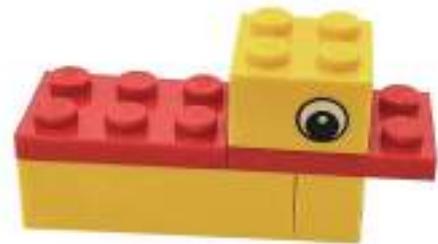
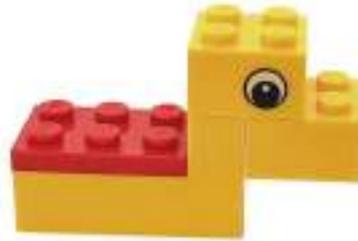
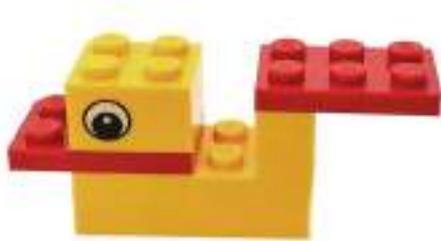


1. Claire deposits \$100 in a bank.
2. The bank will keep a fraction (e.g. 10%) as reserves, and lend the rest.
3. Once the loan is spent, it returns to the banking system as a new deposit.

$\uparrow M1 = \text{Currency} + \text{Current Deposits} \uparrow$   
 $\therefore$  Money Creation



**Activity #6**  
**– What the Duck**







**Activity #7**  
**– Employability**

*THE UN SDG WE LOOKED AT:*

**UN SDG 7 – AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY**

*OUR PROJECT NAME:*

**RENEWABLE BATTERIES (BRANDED AS 'SMARTTERRY')**

*OUR PROJECT IS ABOUT:*

**BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN RENEWABLE AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY BY PROVIDING A SMART SERVICE THAT WILL REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS.**



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What I learnt from this unit and our project:

**Sustainability**

**Innovation**

**Collaboration**

**Transparency and Agility**

**The tools & concepts used in our project:**

*Concepts:* All Marketing, Operations, Finance/Accounting and Human Resources

*Tools:* Google Docs/Slides (Report and Presentation), Canva (Graphic Design), Zoom (Meeting), Messenger (Chat)



