

FT: Horizon Scanning as Infrastructure

PART I — FORESIGHT SNAPSHOT | FT: Horizon Scanning as Infrastructure | Fixed Time-Stamped Synthesis

2026 FT: Horizon Scanning as Infrastructure

Card Type	Future Technology Possibility
Series	Immersive Futures Guild — Vision 2035
Layer	1 — Atomic Foresight Object
Status	Active
Confidence	Medium
Workshop	Circle of Scholars — January 2026
Facilitator	Circle of Scholars Workshop Team
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Tally.so Form	https://tally.so/r/ilrn-if-ft-horizscan-2026

Systematic horizon scanning — the ongoing monitoring of weak signals, emerging technologies, and shifting social conditions — is increasingly recognized as an organizational capability requiring permanent infrastructure rather than periodic exercises. For iLRN's Immersive Futures Guild, this means treating the Codex itself, the annual Circle of Scholars cycle, and the Tally.so community evidence system as components of continuous horizon scanning infrastructure.

Key Drivers / Contributing Conditions:

- Organizational foresight research demonstrating superiority of continuous versus episodic scanning
- Community-distributed signal detection outperforming centralized expert monitoring
- Codex as living infrastructure enabling signal accumulation across cycles

Tensions Carried Forward to Part II:

- How should weak signals be evaluated before they have sufficient evidence for a Part I card?
- What is the threshold for including a signal in the horizon scanning register versus dismissing it as noise?

Linked Scenarios / Strands: SCENARIO: Open Human Agency | Immersive Futures Guild infrastructure

Ways of Knowing: Tree · Garden · Lantern

PART II — COMMUNITY EVIDENCE & DIALOGUE TRACK | FT: Horizon Scanning as Infrastructure | H2 2026 — Living

T	COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION FORM — FT: Horizon Scanning as Infrastructure Submit case examples, methodological challenges, cultural perspectives, and proposed evidence criteria via: https://tally.so/r/ilrn-if-ft-horizscan-2026
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Part II — Scope and Instructions
This section collects community responses, case examples, and challenges to the Part I foresight snapshot above.
It opens July 1, 2026 and undergoes synthesis review in September 2026, November 2026, and January 2027.
Contributions are submitted via the Tally.so form above and appear in the registers below after editorial review.
The Part I text is not modified in response to Part II contributions; it is versioned at the Annual Handoff review.
Contribution categories: Case Example Methodological Challenge Cultural/Community Perspective Proposed Evidence Criterion
Ways of Knowing accepted: Tree (evidence) Garden (practice) Lantern (futures)

Tensions Open for Community Response:

- How should weak signals be evaluated before they have sufficient evidence for a Part I card?
- What is the threshold for including a signal in the horizon scanning register versus dismissing it as noise?

Contributor / Date	Category	Way of Knowing	Contribution Summary
[Awaiting contributions — form opens July 1, 2026]			

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