

What should you do next if you want to be a professional wargamer?

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So, you want to do this... for money

First, a contradiction:

1. It's hard to get a job in Wargaming with just gaming skills
2. Gaming skills and experience help a bunch

Full time, dedicated Wargaming jobs are quite rare - having an additional profession really helps.

Data, Commercial, Project Management, Communications, Policy...

You can't be taught how to be a rockstar in a lecture theatre



Do you want to be a scenario writer? Write Scenarios

Game designer? Design games

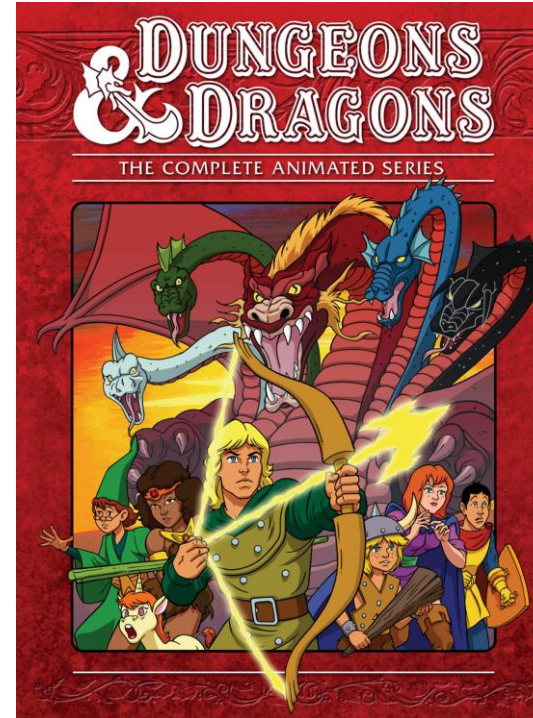
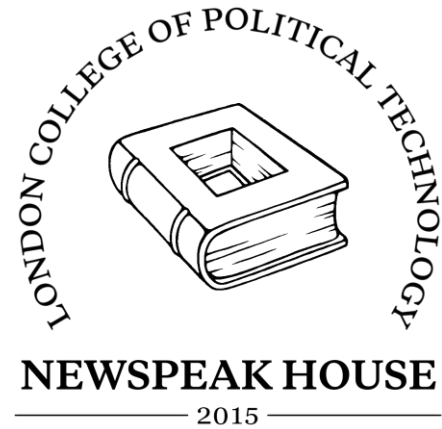
Analyst? Write analysis

Facilitator? Facilitate

Think tech can be used better? Code

Our practice has the benefit of having an immense hobby world you can dip into

Some options





Facilitation Experience

- Are you able to:
 - Articulately explain a scenario?
 - Bring players with you?
 - Teach the rules of an exercise?
 - Immerse players?
 - Facilitate confidently when challenged?





Game Design Experience

- Have you ever:
 - Completed a design?
 - Written rules others can follow?
 - Defended your design under scrutiny?
 - Taught facilitators how to play it without you?
 - Incorporated mechanics that reflect real life?





Analytical experience

- Can you:
 - See what's happening in complicated systems?
 - Differentiate the important from the not?
 - Explain your findings confidently?
 - Interview people about their choices?
 - Visualise data for a senior audience?



What did I do?







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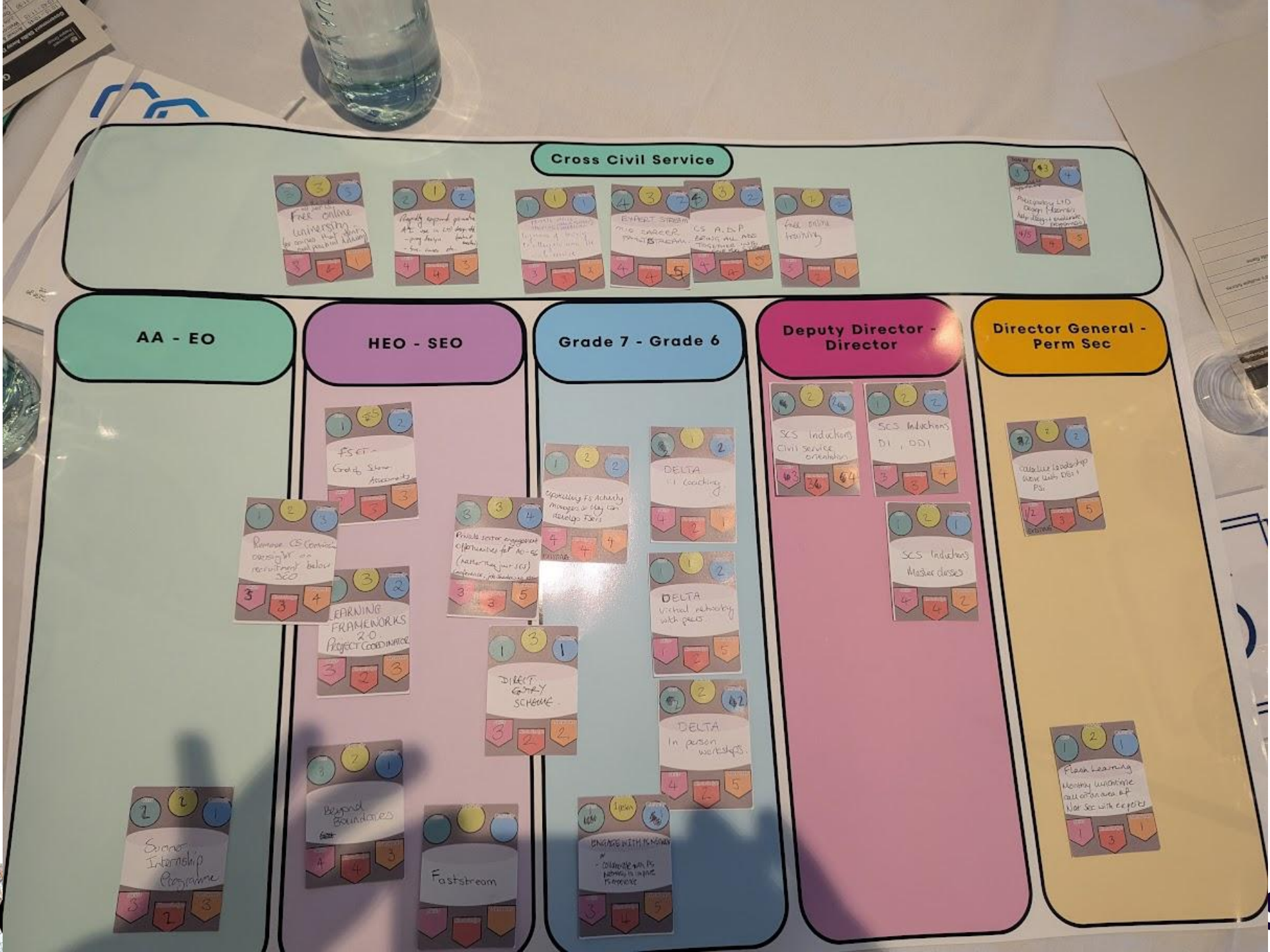
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So, you want to be a professional wargamer



- Design
- Facilitate
- Find uses for
- Promote the practice (and yourself)
- Support others doing the same

Spend some time connecting - it's a team effort!

