

Activity 4

Envision (boarding) a Bright Future

Narrative

What a world, what a world! I think it's fair to say that we're all living in a world of change. New technologies, new transport, new social media. That can be a little daunting, but let's not forget it's also incredibly exciting! There are more possibilities than ever before, and young people today have so many opportunities. So many in fact, that sometimes the challenge becomes figuring out where to focus your energy and attention.

Think about some of the big themes and issue in the world that are currently on your mind... there may be a few, which is completely fine. Grab a pencil and paper, and brainstorm a few of them now. Once you've done this, think about one issue that you'd like to focus on. If you've got an idea in mind, that's great! Jump ahead to Activity 1. If you've struggling to find your idea, this pop-out activity will help.

Pop-Out Activity

To help you come up with that crazy good idea, we suggest you work through the activity below. By following these simple steps, you will arrive at an idea you're both excited and passionate about!

1. Select a theme that interests you most and have a quick scan online for inspiration to see what other people are doing/saying to make a difference around this issue/theme.
2. Put your crazy good thinking hat on! Grab 5-10 sticky notes (or pieces of paper) and write 1 idea on each note about how you could address your overarching issue/theme.
3. From these ideas, go through each and ask yourself 'if this idea existed, how would it help the community?' Write down your response for each.
4. Think about which idea would be most exciting to work on and have a crazy good impact. Select this to use for the activity.

Resources

For this activity you will need the following:

- Pencil
- Paper
- Post-it notes
- Magazines (to be cut out)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Sticky tape
- Pictures/photos
- Butcher Paper/Cardboard/Whiteboard
- Cork Board (if you have one)* Optional
- Printer (this can be hand drawn or completed digitally)* Optional

Activity steps

So, you've got a general idea. Now it's time to collect as much information and inspiration as you can. Sometimes we need a little help to escape the confines of the rational and logical part of our mind. Visions and images can disconnect us from our habitual thinking patterns, opening up new vistas and extending the solution space. An inspiration board is a great way to connect us into our creativity, imagination and sense of hope. It reminds us that we want to dream big and create transformed future through our innovation efforts.

Activity 1

1. Grab a big piece of cardboard or butchers paper (or, if you've got one, a cork board), glue stick, scissors, pins and sticky notes.
2. Take an idea that you are passionate about, or that you may have used in a previous activity, and jot down some key thoughts about your idea. This is also a good time to do a bit of research and get some additional inspiration. Print off some pictures, do some drawings, whatever get your creative juices flowing.
3. Make an inspiration board by creating a collage of your ideas, images, and drawings. See the examples for inspiration!
4. Have a chat with your family, if they're around, or have a think and write some notes about how you think your vision board lends itself to a transformed future, and in particular how this relates to your idea.
5. Take a photo of your vision board.
6. Upload to your school portal so you can share it with your teacher and classmates.

Handy tips

When you're creating your inspiration board, place sticky notes next to the different elements you find interesting, and write some note on these. This will help prompt your thinking when you're explaining your ideas to others. It is also a good way to get thoughts out of your head, so you can think about other ideas.

A vision board is not a finished, polished product – get creative, crafty.

There are no right or wrong answers when you create a vision board. If you can explain why it serves your crazy good vision, you can pop it on the board!

Examples



Excellent job!

This exercise has helped you frame an issue that you care about and identify how you could implement an idea to help solve it. High-five!

What now?

Photograph your work to share with your teachers - alternatively, follow the instructions you're teacher has given you.