

Activity 4

Envisioning a Bright Future

Narrative

What a world, what a world! I think it's fair to say that we're all living in a time 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 issues 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. These may include climate change (the environment), community safety & wellbeing, LGBTQI+ inclusion, education, etc.

Once you've created your list, think about one theme that you'd like to focus on.

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 theme. 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 a 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. Jot down some thoughts about how your idea could be applied in the world. This is a good time to do a bit of research and get additional inspiration. Go online and find images that relate to your idea. Grab some magazines and find photos and pictures that relate to your theme and the future you'd like to see. 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 go at explaining your vision to a friend or family member. Share your thoughts on what worries you about the issue and the sorts of things you imagine we could do to positively respond to the issue.
5. Take a photo of your vision board

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 chosen theme to others. It is also a good way to get thoughts out of your head, so you can delve a little deeper.

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!

