

Activity 6

Build a Model (Prototype), Transform the Future

Narrative

At Crazy Ideas College, we're all about helping young people, like yourself, create crazy good in the community. How will this activity help you to do that? Good question. Among a series of other activities, it will equip you with the tools to start to bring your ideas to life (not literally, metaphorically... this isn't Frankenstein).

This activity is going to teach you how to take a great, transformative idea, and model it out. It is one thing to have a great idea in your head, but being able to model and explain it so that others can also understand your idea, is very important.

So, do you have a great, impactful idea you'd like to work on? If so, skip straight to the Activity 1. If not, fear not, jump into the pop-out activity and we'll work on finding you one now.

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:

- Cardboard
- Paper
- Sticky tape
- Blue tac
- Magazines
- Paper cups
- Empty plastic bottles
- Anything else in your recycling bin...

Activity steps

Activity 1

Model building helps us to access our creative side, extending our sense of the possible and encouraging us to imagine how our ideas contribute to a transformed future.

1. Cast your mind forward 5 years and envisage how your idea is transforming the lives of your users, organisation or sector.
2. Build a model of this transformed future using craft materials from around your house. This may include items listed in the resource list above but may include other materials as well.
3. Use the Future Story Canvas to tell the story represented in you model.
4. Take a photo of your model with your Future Story Canvas to send to you teacher, or film a video of you explaining your model, informed by the Future Story Canvas. Post this video to using your school platform, where you can share a link with your teacher. Alternatively, following the instruction your teacher has given you about sharing your work.



Handy tips

Modelling can be challenging, and sometime we just want to throw our work across the room in frustration! When you start to feel like this, hang in there. It's tough at the beginning, but it gets easier.

There are no right or wrong answers when it comes to modelling. If you model helps you explain your crazy good idea, then it has done its job well!

Handy links

[Prototyping Instructional Video](#)