

## Activity 6

# Build a Prototype, Transform the Future

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### 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. Select your favourite idea. Think about which of these ideas would be the most exciting to work on and would have a positive impact in the world.

### 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

Building a prototype helps us to access our creative side, extending our sense of the possible and encouraging us to imagine how our ideas could be brought to life.

1. Watch the 'Prototyping Instructional Video' (you'll find the link in below).
2. Collect the resources you will need to build out your prototype and find a space where you'll be able to spread out your work.
3. Using the idea you selected above, build out a prototype of your idea.
4. As you build your prototype, remember that what you're creating a tool that will assist you in explaining your idea to others. It's also a good way to visualise what may or may not work.
5. Once you have completed your prototype, for an extra challenge, you are invited to make a short 2-minute video explaining the different elements of your prototype. (Note: this step is optional).



### 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 your model helps you explain your crazy good idea, then it has done its job well!

### Handy links

[Prototyping Instructional Video](#)

### Excellent job!

This exercise has helped you get creative and prototype an idea that your excited about. High-five!

### What now?

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