

Mapping the Future



We have been creating maps of our surroundings for hundreds of years. Could we create maps of the future we'd like to see?

How well can you picture your street? Your village? The way to the nearest shop? To your closest city? How do you travel around your community? Are there problems you can see with how your community works now? How might those problems be solved in the future?

Using everyday materials you might find at home and using your imagination, we are going to map our world and think about how it might change.

You can find out more about the Tyne Derwent Way at www.tynderwentway.co.uk



If this has captured your imagination you can find out what has inspired us at:

www.tynderwentway.co.uk/Travelling-Through-Tyne


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Travelling Through Tyne is a series of creative and imaginative activities that explores the past, present and future and invites us to consider how we can be good ancestors.

It is about looking closely, thinking deeply and imagining boldly with the people and places that make the Tyne Derwent Way home.

These series of activities has been designed for you to use as a starting point to explore your community. You are free to use your imagination and build on what we have done.

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*What if public transport was free and cars were not used?
What if we had no outdoor space to enjoy?*

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Everything around you has been imagined at some time. Imagine a future worth hoping for. Let's harness our imaginations to create beautiful futures.

1.

LET'S TRAVEL THROUGH TIME

Let's travel through time! You can use this weblink or the QR code to show you how to do this:
https://youtu.be/AYnrtphO_RY.



How far into the past and future are you travelling?
When you get to the past and travel to the future you might want to ask yourself:

What is your community like and how is it different?
How have the streets, buildings and landscapes changed?
How do people travel and get around?



Use some of the "What if..." questions from the front of this resource if you want some inspiration.

You might be tempted to imagine a future based on your fears, but we encourage you to travel to a future built on your hopes.

2.

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LET'S BECOME CHRONO-CARTOGRAPHERS!

1. Get a sheet of A4 paper and fold it in half, then half again. Cut this smaller rectangle out. Using a pencil, draw or mark your home right in the middle, then try to fill the rest of that paper with your immediate surroundings- your street, local shops, roads, other landmarks.
2. Get a fresh piece of A4 paper and stick your "home" map right in the middle of the new one. Make a list of other landmarks or places you visit, say up to 10 minutes walk away. Sketch them onto the map and add the roads and footpath.
3. Get 2 more pieces of A4 paper and stick the long sides together, then place your previous map right in the middle again. This time, think about places you visit by bike, bus, train, or car. See how many you can place around you and add the rough route and method you use to get there. Brilliant, you now have a map of your world! Now it's time to take a leap into the future (or past)...
4. You can use tracing paper or baking paper laid over the top to create a new map inspired by time travelling. Use felt-tipped pens to mark on things that might be different, and add some details from your time travelling earlier.
5. You don't have to stop at one map, you can keep going, step-by-step into the distant future or far-flung past until your world is no longer recognisable!

If you want to get accurate maps of where you live, Gateshead Archive at Gateshead Central Library has all kinds of maps of Gateshead