

Windows through Time



You can tell a lot about a place by walking up and down its high street. What will spaces such as homes, shops, offices or community spaces look like in the future? What kind of world do you think your future relatives would live in? How do you hope things will be in the future? What do you think people will need in the future, and how might they get it? Will the internet still exist and will money be still be used and needed?

Using everyday materials you might find at home and using your imagination we are going to create a future world.

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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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:

How is your community different?
How do people buy and exchange things?
How do people live, work and play?

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.



b. **Make a list of things that might be in your imagined future.**

Perhaps they are for sale, or being exhibited. Our everyday belongings may be on display and being studied by archaeologists in the future. Almost everything we know of past cultures has been learnt by studying things left behind.

c. **Start making the items on your list using anything you have to hand.**

Cardboard, paper, straws and string for example. You can colour them in and add detail as you go along.

d. **Display it somewhere others can see.**

Your kitchen table, your front room window...

2.

WINDOWS THROUGH TIME

LET'S BUILD A WORLD IN A BOX!

a. **Find a cardboard box.** It could be an old shoe box or of a similar size. Cut a window in the side of the box. Before you start making, what kind of space is it? Is it somewhere you live, work or gather? Are you looking into it from outside or vice-versa?

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



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