



## Future Visioning activity

Equipment:

- poster paper and textas
- white board and whiteboard markers
- relaxation music (optional).

Make sure you have someone else to work with on this activity.

Close your eyes and imagine 50 years into the future. You have lived a full life and you still live in your local area. You have children and grandchildren also living in your area. Ask yourself the following questions:

- *What will your environment be like when your grandchildren are growing up?*
- *What will your grand children's school be like?*
- *What things do you still want to see in your local area in 50 years' time?*
- *What plants and animals will be there to show your grandchildren?*
- *How might you be living?*
- *What will the water quality be like in your local rivers, lakes and oceans?*
- *What makes people happy? What jobs do people do?*
- *How do you and your grandchildren get from place to place?*
- *Where does your food come from?*

Once you have a clear picture of your sustainable future, draw a picture, mind map or write about it. Your vision can be detailed or very simple.

After 10 minutes, share your vision with somebody else; a friend, family member, teacher or someone in your project group. Explain why you chose certain things to be in your vision. Now ask them to do this activity, and then compare your vision with theirs. What similarities and differences are there?

If you're working in a group on your project, the next step is to try to create a shared vision. Add elements that all members of the group are comfortable with. For any items that people don't agree on at first, check in with the rest of the group and do the 'sustainability test'; *If everyone did this would it be sustainable?*

Once finished, the group can work together to answer the following questions:

- *What could you do to make this vision a reality?*
- *What things would threaten your vision? How could you avoid this?*
- *What steps could we take right now to give ourselves a greater chance of achieving our shared vision in the future?*