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How it all began.....

Once upon a time in a not too distant land,
We aimed to better understand,
The hopes and aspirations of our researcher community,
To develop ideas and create a sense of unity.
It was the Salford Festival of Research,
An inaugural event and a University first.
At Media City, we scheduled a day,
To think, feel and take away,
What the future could look like?
As a collective, we tried to capture sight.
This is the story of that journey and how we found our way,
And our outputs from that Futures Day.



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Our future reimagined.....

This is the story of how it happened;
A booklet of ideas has been produced,
An innovative and new format introduced.
To help us remember key messages at other times,
There's a series of illustrations and short rhymes;
Images and outputs developed during our Futures Day,
We've let our imaginations lead the way;
Our ideas so far and the direction travelled,
Recording the journey as it unravelled.
The day was an opportunity to think without distraction,
To create a platform to start, to take action,
The story continues, this is just the start,
How will you help to develop the next part?



In this book.....

Take a tour of our futures gallery,

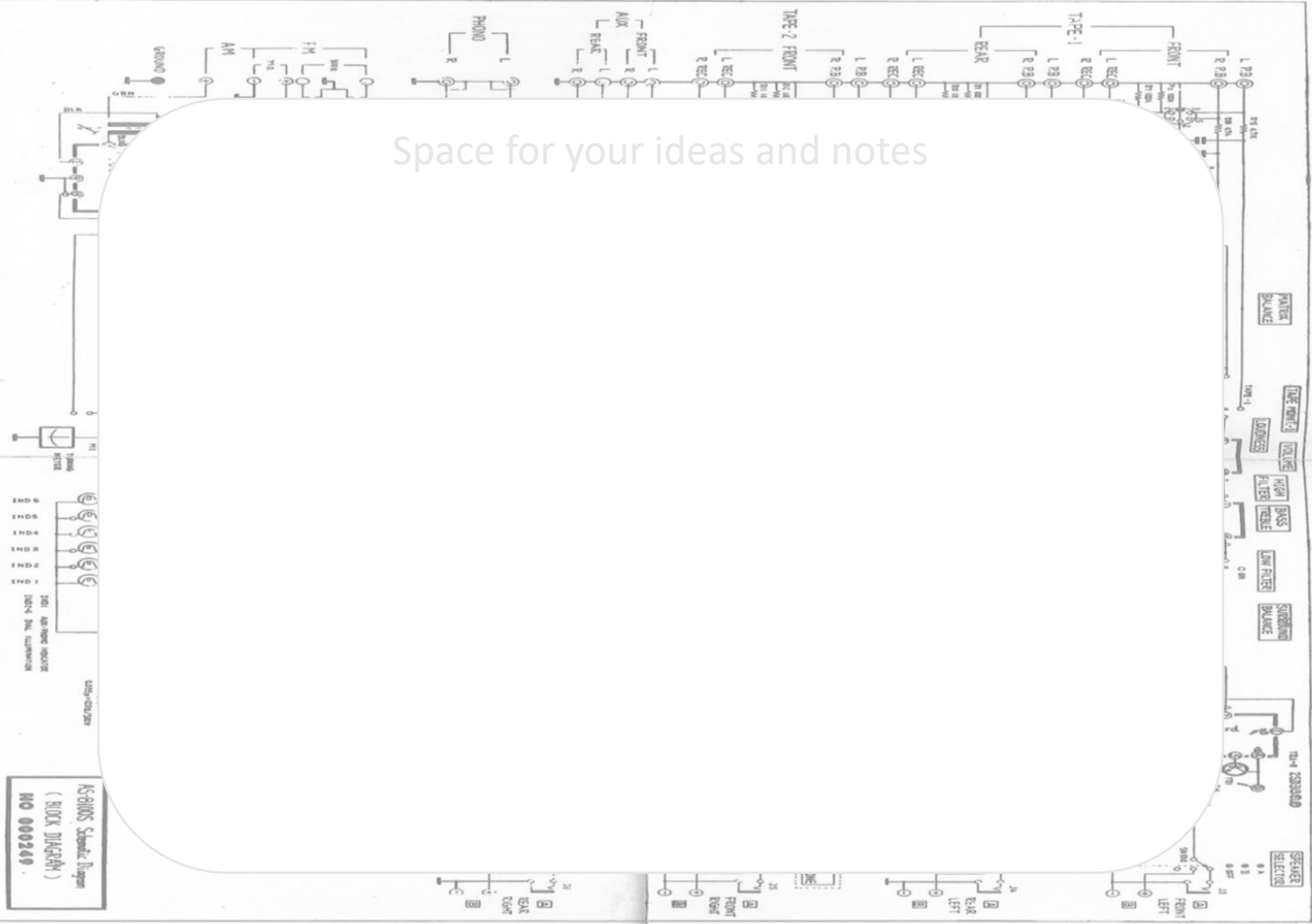
Made from illustrations of the Futures Day.

What does an average day in the future look like to you?

How do you think, feel and what do you do?

Try it in eight boxes, in eight minutes if you wish,
Or create a simple list.....



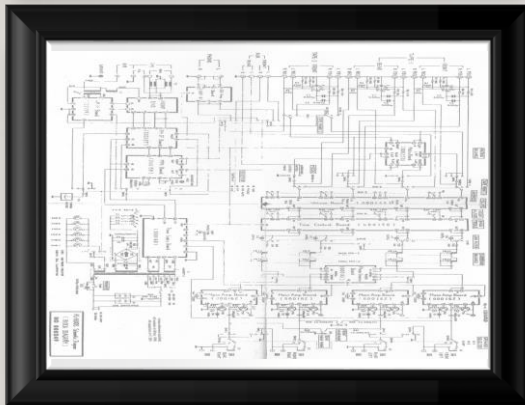


What the future is not....

In order to start thinking freely,
And consider the future clearly,
We examined what the future is *not*,
Taking one small step rather than the whole lot
Breaking it down into smaller bites
Here are some of our highlights....

One small step you can
take.....

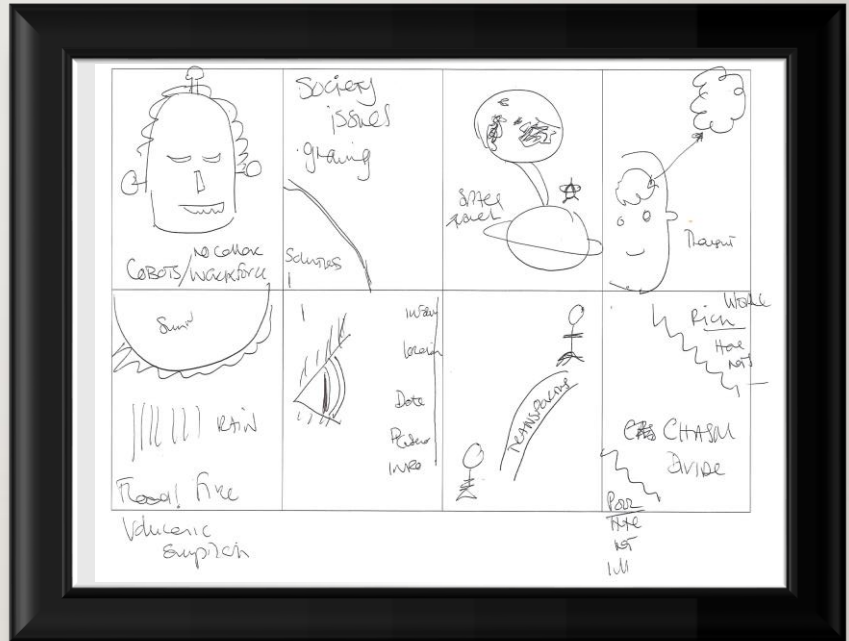
Consider – what the future is
not....



An image of the future – draw yours here.....

The future is.....

Workforce robots of 'co-bots' that free up our time. We explore other worlds and can transmit messages with a single thought. Technology is integrated with our biology not just wearable tech and the divide between those with and those without increases.



*8 boxes help to storyboard ideas,
they capture different perspectives and ideas.*

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Flying vehicles that drive themselves. Waiting will be a thing of the past – no waiting for a bus, get a ride immediately. We will work and learn from home and interact more digitally. With this there will be increased security and monitoring of movement. Biologically new challenges will exist when men can give birth.

Robots Doing Manual Work "Construction", "Health", "Domestic" etc.	Flying Cars No drivers No pilots	Flying Fire Engines & Ambulances.	Working & learning from home
"lean" Not waiting at the bus stop	Monitoring + security fight & human monitoring	underground Digitally interactive "touching", "feeling" "smelling"	Biologically challenging Men giving birth

*8 minutes to list or brainstorm,
How life may look and how we perform.*

The future is.....

Borderless, our physical and virtual borders will change or disappear. Everyone will be networked with voice activates and holographic technology to guide us through our day. We can 3D print whatever we need from car parts to plates. Our environment will be extremely hot and we start to move into a period that's 'Post-human.'

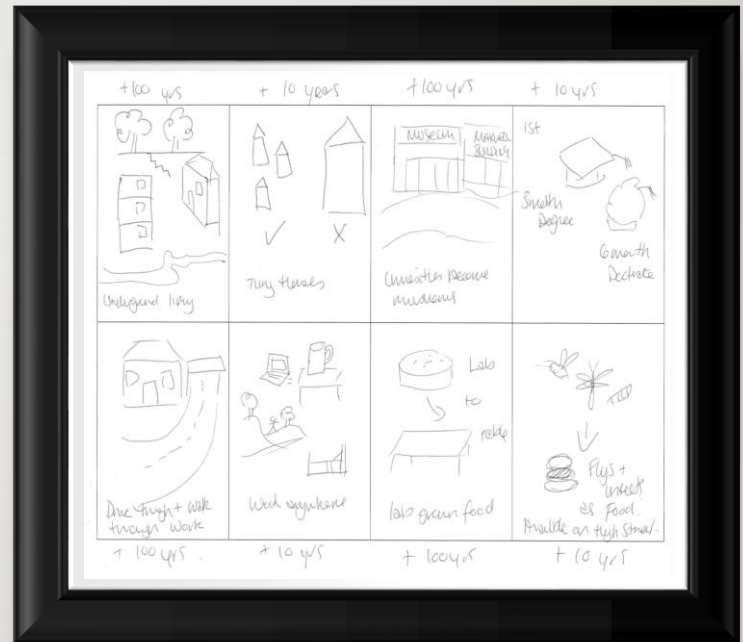


BORDERLESS	NETWORKED
ORGANIC	VEGAN
VOICE-ACTIVATED & HOLOGRAPHIC	3D-PRINTED PLATE
POSTHUMAN	HOT

*Single words trigger ideas,
aims and ambition, hopes and fears.*

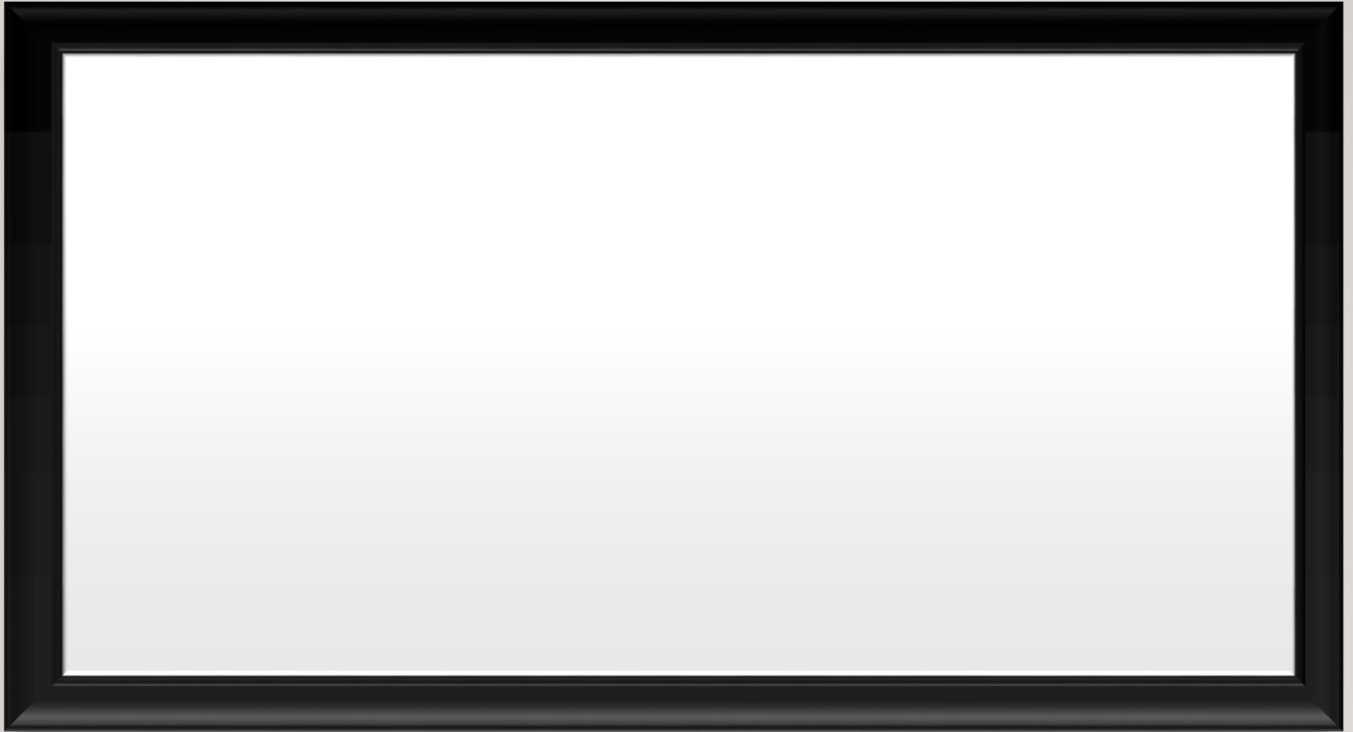
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In 10 years time, living small,
And tiny house may be the norm.
In a 100 years, we look around,
Our houses may be underground.
Universities campuses – no need,
With 3 or 6 month degrees.
The drive-thru work place,
To meet and show your face.
Working at home whilst in bed,
For lunch, it's insects we'll be fed.



*10 years into the future, what can we see?
Or in 100 years time, where will we be?*

What does the future look like to you? Draw or write your ideas in the gallery wall.



Our lives are made up of stories and tales,
About our lives, adventures, successes and fails.
We often play this narrative in our head,
Consider your story on paper using SAID.

Story – with a beginning, middle and end
Audience – who is your reader?
Information – what's the key message?
Detail – what are the details that make the story



Our future reimagined.....

We've recorded exchanges with peers,
The discussing and sharing of ideas;
Visioning and thinking,
Imagining and linking.
The story of our future has begun to unfold;
Ideas have been big, bright and bold,
Considered, written, drawn,
Made, modelled or a brainstorm,
Thought showers and ideas surge,
Recording them as they emerge.
Taking these rare finds;
Transformed from our minds,
Into something tangible ,
Something structured and malleable,
That will craft the future as it's only just begun;
Ideas to develop, where will they run?

The making of this book

This book has been put together based on The University of Salford's Futures Day at The Festival of Research 2018.

Colleagues, researchers and students came together to develop ideas about what the future could look and feel like? This booklet summarises the discussions and ideas generated.

We would like to thank all those who participated and Jess Symons for the booklet and 8 boxes concept.

If you are interested in getting involved, working with us or taking part in future sessions, please get in touch:

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A stylized, flat-design illustration of a landscape. In the background, there are rolling hills in shades of blue and yellow. In the middle ground, a cityscape is visible with various buildings, including a church with a tall spire, a modern building with a grid pattern, and a building with a 'Salford' sign. A blue river flows through the landscape. In the foreground, there are green hills, trees, and a red building. A large, stylized yellow flower-like shape is in the bottom right. A small signpost with 'FESTIVAL OF RESEARCH' is in the bottom center.

What's your future?