



a positive view of our future

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Throughout the Scotland 2030 Programme, our event participants shared their thoughts and ideas on how to approach the future. These are **10 ideas** for the Scottish Parliament to consider.



A Museum of Failure

If we don't fail, we don't learn. Using the legend of Robert the Bruce and the spider, and more recent versions such as scientific innovations like Dolly the Sheep and sporting achievements like Andy Murray's, a national museum of failure could show the role of failure in the path to achievement and encourage people to embrace risk.



Teach all subjects through creative arts and group work

Communication, creativity and collaboration are key skills for the future, both for the economy in particular and for society more generally. A school system that is based on cross-year group work and projects in the creative arts would help young people develop the skills they will need to find creative solutions to the problems of the future.



Make all schools community hubs

School buildings are a centre-point for communities, bringing together people from different backgrounds. Over the next 10 years, as communities are redeveloped to respond to changing populations, school buildings that are linked to housing for older people and which offer community facilities out of school hours will help people come together in spaces that are accessible for everyone.



A Scottish island test site for autonomous vehicles

Autonomous vehicles work well in controlled environments, but to work in the real world they need to be tested in the real world. With the right digital infrastructure, one of the Scottish islands could be used to try AVs in a clearly defined live environment. It would be a world-leading experiment to explore the benefits of AVs for communities.



National conversation on diet

Scotland has a complicated relationship with food and drink, taking pride in both high-quality meat and fish and less high-quality deep-fried food. A truly national conversation on what we eat and what we produce would help us to work our way to a healthier and more sustainable future.



A kitemark for algorithms

Artificial intelligence is already used for many decisions both in both the private and public sector, and more needs to be done to ensure that algorithms do not inadvertently discriminate against different groups in society. A kitemark or similar process would assure those using the algorithms – and those in the Parliament who hold them accountable – that the development process has taken account of all the potential effects.



Responsible debate charter

Trust among communities and groups in society will continue to be challenged as the digital world becomes more and more embedded in our politics and media. Politicians can continue to show a positive lead by signing up to something like the Charter for Responsible Public Debate created by the RSE Young Academy of Scotland.



A Digital Haven

Our lives are ever more connected. The internet is no longer just a tool for communicating; smart devices inhabit every aspect our lives. In the same way as Dark Skies Parks provide a place for people to experience life without artificial light, digital havens – with no internet access available except in emergencies – would help visitors to switch off from their connected devices.



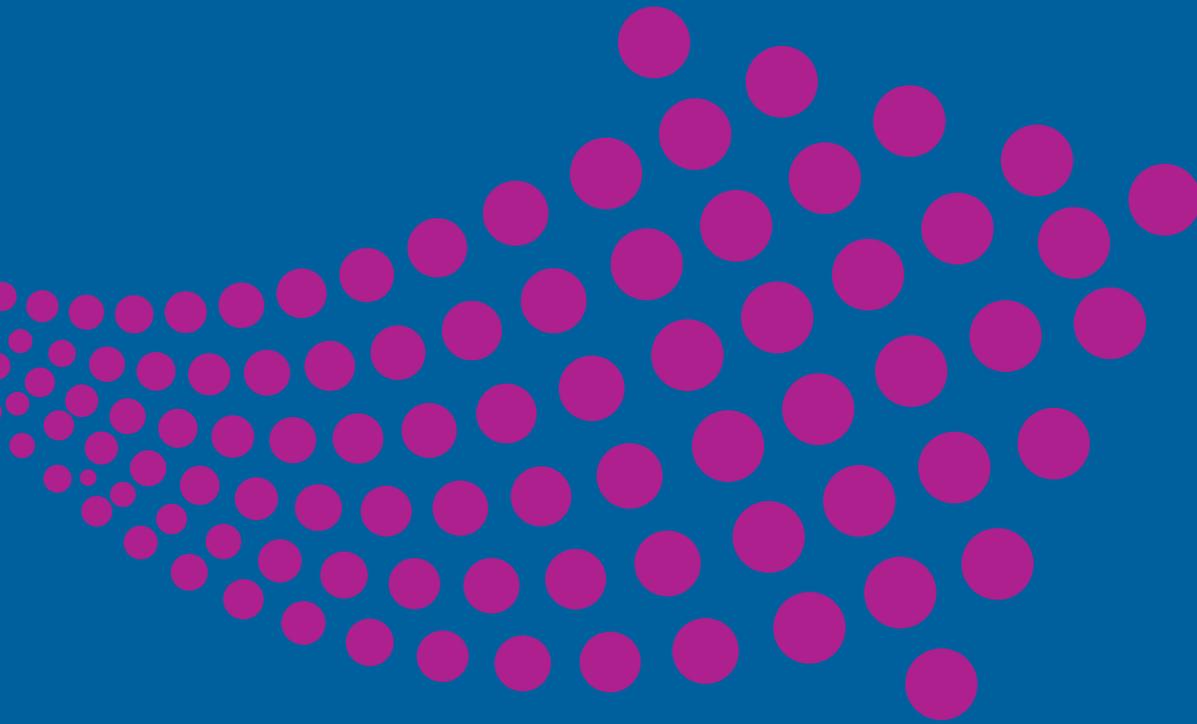
Whole-life plan for 40-year-olds

There is a lot that we as individuals can do to make growing older as positive an experience as possible. When everyone reaches 40, they should be sent tailored information about the health benefits of exercise and diet, along with a form encouraging them to plan for their old age. Prompts could be sent to revisit it at age 50 and 60, and every five years thereafter.



The end of life as part of life

Especially in an ageing population, the later years of life – and the end of it – are central to a healthy society. Public health priorities that include a Scotland where we support active, healthy and independent ageing and dying would help us to prepare for an aspect of life that we will all experience.



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