

Be prepared... Future trends

Effective long term planning means being prepared for significant changes in the way we live and learn in the years ahead.

These forecasts are founded in change happening now and based on extensive research. Do your plans prepare you for this?

Hyper-personalised media technology means people can choose their own worlds, and ignore others.

Fierce global competition for every job means people of all ages are moving between countries more rapidly and more frequently.

A competitive free market empowers students to personalise their education.

Speed and access to learning rises exponentially – resourcefulness, aggregating and editing skills are now key to success.

Stronger links between industry and education drive greater innovation.

An aging population with increasing life expectancy looks for lifelong earning opportunities and a new balance of education, leisure and work.

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<p>Public services are increasingly personalised, allowing individuals to customise state provision.</p>	<p>Identity boundaries - gender, cohort, generation, age, race, ability, health, capacity – continue to blur, with more opportunity to move between and explore different identities in online interactions.</p>
<p>The meaning of national identity and citizenship weakens as individuals move between countries more rapidly and for shorter periods of time.</p>	<p>Rises in obesity lead to the consideration of 'personal responsibility' in exchange for 'rights' to access to public services.</p>
<p>Distrust of centralised or external management of information systems and data leads individuals to protect their own personal data.</p>	<p>Major economic, environmental and social challenges become so significant that they are beyond communities. National and international collaboration is required.</p>

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Anxieties over social division and inter-cultural conflict mean increased emphasis on citizenship and collective identities.

Voluntary work is a part of most people's lives, and younger workers are 'working to live' rather than living to work.

Post the economic turmoil of 2007-2009, co-operative and collective societies and economies thrive.

Half the population of Western Europe is over 50 by 2030, with a life expectancy of a further 40 years. 25% of the population is over 65 and 15% over 75.

Income, care and support is passed down as well as up through the generations.

Governments, individuals and employers need to retain older workers, and support parental integration into the workforce.

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Extreme and hazardous weather events, including storms, forest fires, droughts, flooding will increase in frequency and intensity.

Decreasing water availability and increasing drought at mid, semi and low latitudes will have complex effects upon global food supply. (Unicef, 2008; NIC 2008)

There is increased conflict arising from conflict over natural resources, in particular over water (Global Policy Forum, 2007)

Approximately 200 million climate refugees are predicted by 2050 (Unicef, 2008; Stern Report 2007)

Individuals living longer rethink how they balance education, leisure and work.