

FUTURE THINKING GUIDE



Welcome to the Future Thinking Guide! With this guide in hand you can start experimenting with Future Thinking. This guide includes the die that will help you start the conversation about how to become a good ancestor.

We live in a turbulent world and know that today's actions will affect the generation of tomorrow. We hold the future in our hands and because of that we are in the position to create a better future, not only for ourselves but also for generations to come. But how might this be done? This guide supports you with this.

There are many stories of the past. How do we create more forward-looking stories that focus on the brightest possible future?

We are generally so focused on fixing short-term problems that we tend to get caught up in the present and lose sight of the bigger picture. Through Future Thinking we can lay groundwork for future generations. Let's dare dream about the brightest possible future and by doing so ensure that we make the right decisions now; decisions that take the voice of future generations into account. The Future Thinking Guide helps reflect upon the future and share stories.

Let's take action now

to become good ancestors

Instructions: Future Thinking Guide

The Future Thinking Guide is a conversation starter and the first step on the road towards envisaging and realising the brightest possible future. Bring the Future Thinking Guide to your lunch, coffee break or business meeting. You can use it in a small group (5-8 people) or on your own.

How can we factor the well-being of future generations into current actions?

The questions on the die help you have a meaningful and focused conversation about the future and will assist you in integrating the voice of the future in current thinking and action. The goal is to include the voice of the future in decisions we take today.

Duration: Every minute spent thinking about the future is meaningful and valuable. Ideally, take 10-20 minutes together to reflect upon your impact on the future.

How does it work?

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Take turns rolling the die. The youngest participant gets to start. This participant asks the oldest participant the question that appears on the die.

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After answering, the oldest participant will roll the die and ask someone of their choice the next question. This process continues until each participant has answered a question regarding the brightest possible future.

Did you throw the logo? Scan the QR code, open a Future Thinking Tool of your choice on the website and get started. Get inspired together!

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Before you move on with your day, share this last question: What would you like to do today to represent the voice of the future? Put your stories into practice during the rest of your day.

Get started! Invitation to Future Thinking

Do you dare to envisage the brightest possible future? What is it like? We invite you on a journey that will allow you to share the brightest possible future you envisioned for yourself and for the generations that have yet to come. It is possible to start including the future that we would wish for our grandchildren, in 2030 and in 2100, in our current thinking. The Future Thinking Tools will support you in this.

The Future Thinking Toolkit is a growing collection of methods that enable us to advocate for future generations. The shared experiences and available methods help us make sense of the future, recognise opportunities and determine what we might do together now to ensure the wellbeing of future generations.

For example: the Seven Generations Empathy Exercises enables you to give the future a voice. You first travel seven generations back in time and then seven generations forward in time to envision the brightest possible future. Don't worry, you don't need to be an expert on the topic. Anyone can do the exercise.

Join us!

Are you inspired?

Would you like to be part of an interactive experience in Future Thinking? Organise a Future Council or place a Future Chair within your organisation. Do you want more Future Thinking Guides? The Future Thinking Guide can be ordered for EU 15 excl. shipping. Reach out to the Lab for Future Generations. We're happy to help!

We will support you and collaborate with you in developing and strengthening your Future Thinking skills! The Lab for Future Generations will guide you during the entire process. Our team will help you find the voice of the future. Together we will make the brightest future possible reality!

“Actively working towards our desired, shared future. Taking into consideration the needs and well being of future generations - today. Isn't that what we all want and what we owe generations that have yet to come? Our legacy should benefit, not harm future generations. This guide will get you started. Join us for step one in becoming a good ancestor.”

**- ACTING OMBUDSPERSON FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS,
JAN VAN DE VENIS**

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See you in the near future!



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