

CHANGE IS HERE TO STAY: Living in a world that's constantly changing

ICE-BREAKER (15-20 mins)

- What do students think of when they think about change?
- On a piece of paper ask them to write the word vertically and for each letter of the word think of another word to complete the sentence 'Change is ...'

eg. C...hallenging
 H...
 A...
 N...
 G...
 E...

- Compare different responses and encourage dialogue regarding what's been written

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (30 mins)

- Allow the above dialogue to lead you in to discussion on the following questions:

Which world event and/or invention has brought about most global change? How/Why?

Which historical event has brought about most change within your own nation? How/Why?

PERSONAL CHANGES (30-40 mins)

- After looking at the BIG picture let's look at significant events that have caused change in our own lives – for example, marriage, education, accident, some achievement, etc.

PLEASE ensure that there is no pressure to reveal deeply personal items – students should only write what they're willing to talk about.

- To do this each person should have 2 or 3 small pieces of paper – on each piece they should write a date and the event (in brief) – see example:

<p>March 1998 Won scholarship</p>

- Once everyone has had time to write down 2 or 3 things lay all the pieces out on the table in chronological order – see example below:

<p>Sept 1970 First day at school</p>	<p>Jan 1973 Moved house</p>	<p>July 1974 Fell out of a tree</p>
<p>Aug 1986 Good friend died</p>	<p>Dec 1999 Spent millennium celebration in hospital</p>	<p>Aug 2005 Came to Scotland</p>

- You can either talk through the items in chronological order or take a number, such as 3, and use this to count through the items – students should talk about what they wrote to approx 1 minute – allow questions to arise naturally.

FILLER QUESTION (10-15 mins):

- If you have a LOT of time remaining at the end of the evening, use the sheets regarding predictions for the year 2500AD (see below).
- If you have just a LITTLE time remaining at the end of the evening, use the following question:

What do you think will be the biggest change to take place in the next 50 or 100 years?

PREDICTIONS FOR 2500AD

Which five of the following predictions do you think will be true in the year 2500AD? Why do you think this? What reasons do you have for thinking that some of the predictions won't be true?

- Everybody will speak the same language.
- Books will no longer exist.
- Virtually all birds and animals will be extinct.
- All people will live to be at least 100 years old.
- Large parts of the world will be uninhabitable.
- Money, as we know it, will no longer exist.
- The entire world will be seriously overcrowded.
- We will have colonized other planets.
- There will no longer be wars; we will have achieved global peace.
- Different forms of religion will no longer exist.
- All families, globally, will be limited to one child only.
- We will have solved the problems of world hunger.
- There will be a one-world government.