Climate Creativity Collaboration
Artistic Expressions of the East Lothian-Wide Vision for a Thriving, Sustainable Future
Imagining the Year 2040

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I pulled down the mask and dropped into the icy water and with a splash I instantly entered an entirely different world. Deep , cold seawater surrounded my body and as I looked around this underwater world, bright, flourishing seagrass meadows surrounded me. Dappling sunlight rippled through the surface of the crystal water.

This water was clean, fresh and full of life. Unlike before, before this now beautiful and diverse area was chocked full of mangled , twisted metal, plastic and pollution that had killed off the life that now grew. But now it was filled with life, living, breathing life. Shimmering fish darted past in shoals of glittering, dancing scales.

Fronds of seagrass and kelp that stretched for miles, covering the entire seabed in a thick, dense forest of hope for the future to come. Only a few years ago this area was barren but then , after years of trying to organise some sort of change and making plans that fell apart the people had finally come together and planted what lay before me now: A wonderful, shimmering, hopeful world.