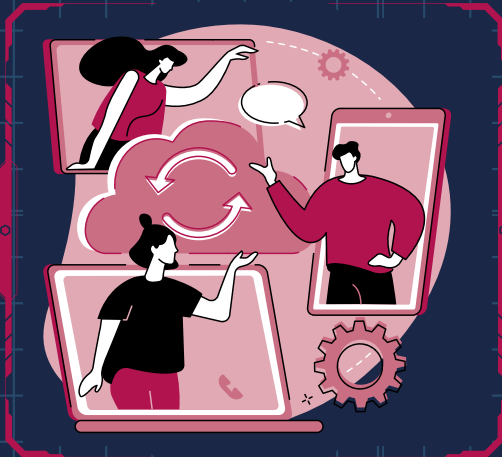


> Futures Lab

RE: What is Futures Lab? with Jo Turbitt & Gordon Hunt



Summary:

Futures Lab has launched! Great, but what's it all about, what's behind it and why might you be interested in it?



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Energy levels:

Top 5 key takeaways:

- 1) **People and agency over projects:** At its core, Futures Lab prioritises people, aiming to build confidence and foster curiosity so that college staff transform from passive observers into confident change makers.
- 2) **Embedding creativity and play in daily practice:** Creative thinking and play should not be dismissed as sidelined "bolt-ons" or reserved strictly for artistic roles; they must be embedded as essential, front-and-centre capabilities across all disciplines.
- 3) **Embracing small experiments over systemic waiting:** Rather than waiting indefinitely for slow, large-scale systemic reform or searching for perfect solutions, staff are encouraged to embrace uncertainty and run small, adaptable experiments.
- 4) **Modelling capacities first for educators to impact students:** To cultivate curiosity, inquiry, and creativity in students, educators and institutional teams must first cultivate and practice these mindsets among themselves.
- 5) **Elevating curiosity into a sector-wide strategic capability:** The long-term vision for Futures Lab is for curiosity and distributed innovation to be recognised across all job roles and embraced as strategic capabilities by colleges, awarding bodies, and funders alike.