

# The Future

## **RG**

I started to think about this idea that snow is a good marker of time, so I was thinking about that in relation to the sculpture, and I wondered how I could convey that in a physical form? When snow covers everything it has a volume and it changes the form of objects. I thought what would happen if I was to produce a sculpture that could only be finished by snow?

When I think about this idea of waiting for snow to complete the sculpture, nature to play its part, I think quite a lot about the film Back to the Future, this idea of time travel and para-possible realities from moments where the consequences of actions in the present, change the future. And just as there's a para-possible reality for those sculptures to be finished, or not finished, there's para-possible realities to whether in 20 years' time we will see snow in Britain.

## **EF**

This warmer weather, and this change of temperature is going to impact our little ecosystem so much. And that's quite scary to think that, that we maybe we won't see the things that we've grown up with anymore.

## **SS**

The thing that would worry me most is like the damaging of natural beauty, especially along the coastline, and also like the destruction of habitats, and like the extinction of species.

## **PC**

What worries me most about the future is that we won't take action, change the path we're on soon enough. And then by the time everyone has realised, 'Oh, we actually need to do something, we can't just share some information online', it's going to be too late.

## **AB**

Our younger generation, like our kids and everything, they may not know, like, all the beauty of the species that we've grown up and been taught about, they'll be taught like they were extinct. And I just think it's really sad.

## **RB**

I think what worries me most about the future is probably the fact that if action isn't made quickly, in the future, we might not have a suitable world to live in. And I find that kind of scary.

## **BL**

As you stand looking out at the sea now, in the same way that you can't necessarily see the problems that our marine environment faces, it will be equally difficult to see the changes that are occurring. We

have the solutions to deal with the problems, we just need really urgent action to put those solutions into place.

**MN**

I do believe this attitude towards climate change is now changing. Offshore wind is only set to expand, there's also tidal energy as well, which hasn't been exploited properly yet, and that will be a phenomenal source of energy if we can work out how to harness it and do it economically as well.

**BL**

The big question is how do we ensure that we can work with nature, make sure that our activities are sustainable.

**MN**

And it would be nice for people to get that relationship back with the sea. Even in Scarborough, it's like people forget that, it's a coastal town, you know, that Scarborough has depended on the sea for many, many years.

**MV**

But I think that Scarborough has a good future ahead of it, we have a beautiful coastline. And if we can make people consume local produce and buy local goods, we could be very sort of eco-friendly, I think. And that's something I'd like to certainly see Scarborough heading in that direction. Becoming the greenest seaside resort in Britain.

**RF**

I think the coastal community should be thriving. It's not just about fishing, art and tourism are important. Renewable energy is going to be important, different ways of using the sea. For example, seaweed farming and farming fish instead of catching wild fish.

**WC**

It's time that we start to turn the tide away from simply taking things out of the sea to actually growing things, using it as a garden. In this country at the moment, Seaweed isn't used for anywhere near enough things. It's a very, very versatile, sustainable source of biomass. The Kelp that we grow, its got some really interesting platform chemicals in there, useful in loads and loads of industrial applications, such as biodegradable plastics. If you can make plastic from Seaweed, and it degrades once it goes back into the ocean again, in effect, it's gone back to whence it came really.

**BL**

I think it will be increasingly important that our young people have the knowledge that's needed to really steward our natural environment as they grow older. And we are seeing changes in that respect.

**FS**

Like the younger generations are growing up learning all about it from a really young age so there's a good chance they're all going to be involved in it, which I think is really good.

**BL**

I'm hoping that we do take drastic action. And actually the change that we see is very much a positive one, and that we see more seabirds wheeling from the cliffs on the Yorkshire coastline, that we see more seals and whales and dolphins and porpoises. And that actually in the future, our coastline is one that is really thriving because of the positive changes that we've made. But if we don't act, then we can expect to see things go the opposite way.

**PC**

I just want to be able to grow old, have a family and have a cat. It's not a very exciting ambition, I just want to have like a peaceful life and have a world to live in.

**EB**

You've only got one life, like, everyone does. So like, make other people happy and not just yourself.

**RB**

I just want to be able to live my life without having to worry about whether or not the world will still be in an OK condition to live in in say 20, 30 or 40 years.