Preparing for the future

What is preparing for the future?

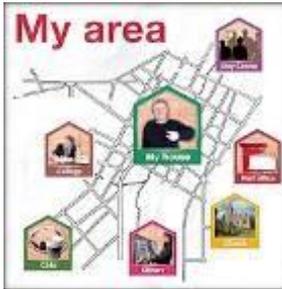|	
	Preparing for the future is when children and young people think about what they might want to do when they are older.
	Your **school** or **college** should support you to decide what you want to do in the future.

You have a choice about what you want to do in the future. You can do a lot of different things, including:

- Staying in education, like **college** or university

- doing some **training** to help you learn new skills

- getting a job

- finding a place to live

- getting involved in things that are happening in the area you live in.

What do you need to know about preparing for the future?

While you are at **school** or **college** you will be asked to think what you want to do in the future. You could be asked things like:

- whether you want to stay in **school** or **college**, or leave to do something else

- whether you want to go to university

- what kind of job you might want to get or what experience of doing a job you might want to get

- where you might want to live

- whether you want to do some **training** to learn skills. This might include:

    - **apprenticeships**, **traineeships** and **supported internships** to help you learn skills to get a job

    - help to support you look after you money

    - help to travel around

    - help to make friends and have relationships

    - help to get on with your life.

Questions you might want to ask

You might want to find out more information about preparing for the future.

You can talk to people at your **local council** or your **school** or **college**. Here are some questions you might want to ask:

- Who should I talk to about **preparing for the future**?

- How can I have my say about what I want to do in the future?

- What kind of **training** can I do to help me get a job or to learn skills to help me in the future?

- How can I be supported to do what I want to do in the future?

- How can my **school** or **college** help get me ready for the future and to get a job?