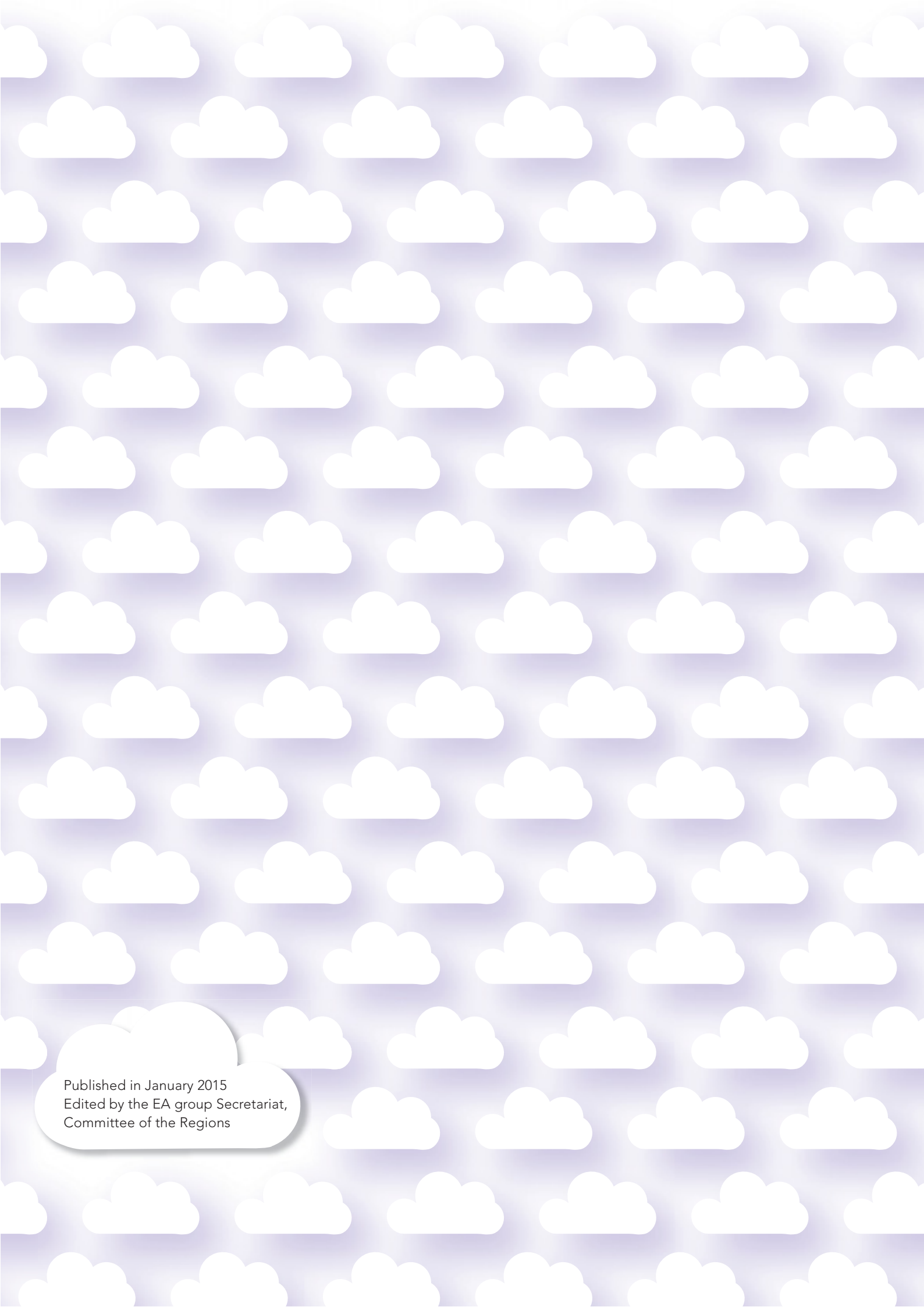


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*My
region*
**My
future**





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'My region, my future'

depicted in art by primary school children

The theme of our popular Primary School Art Competition during 2014 was 'My region, my future' and as you will see in the pages of this booklet this subject has inspired these primary school children's imaginations to a remarkable degree.

Participating children expressed their hopes and dreams for their regions in the future. Many are concerned with the preservation of their environments both urban and rural. We see colourful visions of beautifully conserved forests and clean sparkling seas populated by healthy animals, fish and birds. Solar energy and wind power are seen as the energy sources of the future. Flying cars feature as well as zeppelins and personal jet-backpacks.

Regional traditions and culture are viewed as things to be treasured but they can also be improved upon in the future. There is a high degree of optimism for the future, the children look forward to ultra-modern schools

and buildings. There are some children who are so happy where they live at the moment that they would not want to change anything. Certainly Europe's children are growing up in environments which nurture talent, awareness, imagination and optimism. What a great future we can look forward to!

I would like to say a big thank you to all the children and teachers from seven different member states who have enthusiastically participated in this competition. Unfortunately there can only be a few winners but there were so many excellent entries. I hope you enjoy this booklet as much as we have enjoyed seeing these beautiful depictions through art.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'U. Silberg'.

Dr. Uno Silberg

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1st Prize

Fabian De Petter (11 years)

Fabian shows in the diagram, a future vision of the city of Aalst. The contrast between the historic building such as the station and the town hall, the Belfry contrasted with the newly constructed, state-of-the-art administrative centre where the municipal services will shortly be housed.

The contrast between the past, present and future in the drawing represents in a very concrete and realistic way the modernisation and the vision of the city of Aalst.

Aalst... a city on the move!





2nd Prize
Stoica De Greve (11 years)

Stoica gives his vision of the municipality Hofstade.

This drawing shows clearly what, in his village, the child would like to achieve in the future...

A park at first but especially his own future dream is clearly in the spotlight.

In this drawing Stoica indicates that he wishes to have his own state-of-the-art garage.

The expression of a personal vision



3rd Prize
Senne Mertens (11 years)

Senne shows his concern about what is perhaps the most important thing of all: Nature.

He looks forward to the future with the necessary progress, spacecraft, flying cars which at the same time is also dramatically increasing the threats to our nature.

This extends the greenhouse effect, so that in the future Senne imagines trees will be placed in greenhouses in order to survive. A grim but not unimaginable idea!



1st Prize

Melissa Adikti (12 years)

My region, my future: fairy tales come true

My name is Melissa, I am 12 years old and I have lived in Mechelen, Flanders my whole life.

Not so long ago, I had a very strange dream. I dreamt about the future of my town and my region.

Once upon a time there was a boy... He was only two years old but he was even smarter than Einstein...he was called Einstein III!

This brilliant chap had invented a special powder and scattered it all over my town.

As you can see from my drawing, in the future there are flying cars and Father Christmas and Snow White are real. There is a gnome who brings pot after pot full of gold so people will not be poor anymore and money will not be needed.

But there are still thieves who try to steal the gold from the gnome because they can never have enough. Those are the little footsteps. Many other things will be different in the future, but my drawing does not show everything. What do you think about the future?





2nd Prize
Perla Moushe (11 years)

My region, my future: how I see myself in 40 years' time:

In 40 years, I will be as old as my teacher is now. I am very lucky because later on I may not have to work so much. I will have much more time to travel. There will be new types of aeroplane - ones which do not land but pick you up with a kind of cable parachute. This is also how you leave the aircraft. If you dream that you are somewhere and say a magic word, then you will be there immediately. You can be in the mountains, in the park or on the other side of the world in an instant. In the chip shop everything will be done by robots. By the way, they do all the work! If need be, houses will be able to fly. Therefore you will be able to live wherever you want in 2054 and will always be able to find a peaceful place.



3rd Prize
Jerjes Ateh (10 years)

My region, my future: my dream about my new country

My name is Jerjes. I am ten years old and was born in Syria. I came to Belgium with my parents six years ago. I have got to know a completely different country - a country where I want to live in future.

I have done a drawing about the future of my town and my region. Since cars are much safer and quicker, everything seems a lot closer. You can get to all the sights in Mechelen in a flash, but also to Brussels, to the playing field or to the shop.



1st Prize

Merike Kurvits

(11 years)

My name is Merike and I live in a small village. My house is surrounded by a forest. In autumn, this is really beautiful and colourful. I did my picture with nature, this is how beautiful it is in the autumn. I hope that in the future people will not throw rubbish in the forest. And that the people will keep our forest nicely.





2nd Prize
Ragnar Liias (11 years)

Hello! My name is Ragnar. I am a year five student. I live in Estonia in a small village. I would like that someone built a zoo in our town , because I like animals.



3rd Prize
Kristel Hromenkov (11 years)

I live in a small village in Estonia, but yet I can interact with my aunt in London. If the overseas call is expensive then we have Skype. I hope that the Estonian Internet will develop even more and that we will find more IT solutions.



1st Prize

Evar Piirits (11 years)

I would like to live in a quiet place: no traffic, no pollution, no busy streets and nervous people. My future is connected with countryside where I live peacefully at the moment too. I do not like big changes. I love animals, they feel themselves well there because the air is clean and nature is protected. I would like to help and protect animals and keep it natural in the future too. My future is connected with my homeland and with real nature and helping the others. I would like to enjoy my life every day. I would like to be a scientist in the future and it could be a perfect place to do new researches. My future is linked to my home and with its natural beauty.





2nd Prize
Liset Vähk (11 years)

I would like to live in a happy and friendly place: with best friends, with own big family and with good neighbours. My future is connected with countryside where I live at the moment too. I do not want to change my living place and style. I hope that I am a mother of a big friendly family and we have a lot of good friends and neighbours. I love animals and I hope that they are happy to be my pets. My future is connected with my homeland and family.



3rd Prize
Markus Alliku (11 years)

I would like to live in a very busy place, a big city in Estonia. My future is connected with football. I do not want to change my homeland and the style of life. I love sport, I love football and I would like to be a famous football player in the future. My future is connected with my homeland and sport.



1st Prize

Deimante Simasiute (11 years)

I live in an old shabby house with my Mum, Dad and little sister. I have drawn the house of my dreams. We all believe that we will have a beautiful house when my Dad and Mum get permanent jobs. The house will have a new modern roof and the rain couldn't get in. Then we will be able to pay all the taxes and get some fun. Lots of wind turbines are being built in our village. I hope the electricity will be cheaper because we will even build our own wind turbine. I believe in my bright future.





2nd Prize
Vilte Zukauskaitė (10 years)

I would like my country to be neat. Everybody should know how to sort the litter and put it into special containers for paper, glass and plastic refuse. I often see littered roads, ditches and forests. I think people will not behave like this in future.



3rd Prize
Monika Petrikaitė (12 years)

I live in a remote and still village. Most of people are elderly and poor. There are not many children left because many families have emigrated. There is only one small shop, some farmers and no joy. Many wind turbines will change our countryside. The roads will be better and brighter. Villagers will have something to talk about and will communicate more often. The farms will become modern and even a railway will be built.

Raguva nursery kindergarten

Panevezys Municipality, Lithuania



1st Prize

Gabrielė Padelevičiūtė (6 years)

I enjoy playing with my best friends in the kindergarten. We are very happy here. It doesn't matter what we are – big, small, white-haired or dark-haired but we all play friendly. I don't want to see war in my region, because children and adult are crying all the time. I saw it on television. I want to live in Lithuania because here I can see a lot of mottled butterflies and beautiful flowers. I dream that everybody will be friendly and happy in the future.





2nd Prize

Pijus Augustas Kanoverskis (6 years)

I love sports. Our country has a lot of famous sportsmen. I am not sure who I really want to be in the future. The swimmer, the football player or basketball player... But I know that sportsmen are big, healthy and strong.

I have a wonderful dream. I fantasize about a lot of balls, hoops, trampolines in my kindergarten. Everybody is taking exercises! It is so fantastic. We will win prizes and medals!



3rd Prize

Sandra Buinauskaitė (6 years)

My country is wonderful. We have a lot of forests, fields and mixed flowers. Therefore here is very beautiful and funny. I feel good when my family is together – I, my sister, my mother and my father. I enjoy walking in parks. I want that a lot of parks with a various trees, bushes and flowers will be in the future in my region. Also I dream about an amazing place where all children will meet different animals. I love being in nature because it is the most beautiful and purposeful time.

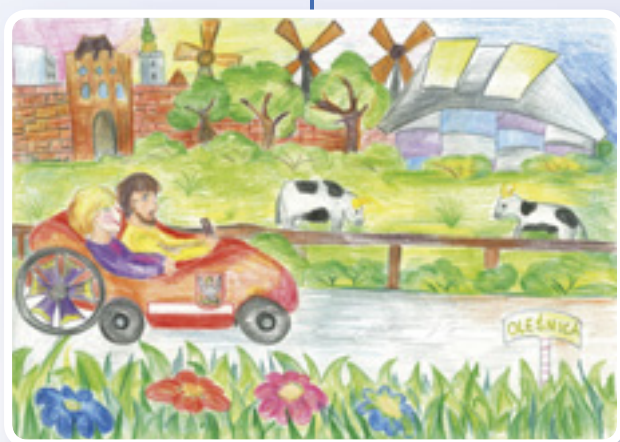


1st Prize

Jakub Krzekotowski (11 years)

Along with technological progress, the number of green areas tends to decrease in the modern world. I suppose my town will use the achievements of science and technology reasonably. We will get energy from wind power stations and all houses will be heated by renewable energy sources: air pumps and solar systems. We will plant trees and flowers to make our town full of greenery and friendly towards both people and insects. As bees often escape to cities, we will help them survive and find their new home here. Every human who visits us will find his place on Earth in our town as well.





2nd Prize

Martyna Pamuła (10 years)

In my view, Oleśnica will be a modern and more and more beautiful town in the future. It will cherish its traditions and history but also it will remain open to new technical and ecological perspectives. There will be no smog or pollution and one will be able to see cows grazing in the fields. Every child will have plenty of milk, cottage cheese and rolls. I will run a farm and there will be no wars, just a joy of life.



3rd Prize

Milena Wołoszczak (12 years)

I imagine that my hometown will take care of ecology and comfort of its dwellers. That is why I hope there will be green gardens at the top of the buildings. People will be able to rest there and birds and bees will find shelter and food in the gardens. Cars will not have wheels – they will drift above the roads driven by solar energy. Bike lanes will be everywhere and more and more people will use them to travel. Modern buildings will have large windows to be able to exploit solar energy for heating.



1st Prize

Maja Biechowska (12 years)

I love my region, I love Gdynia, I love the sea. I hope that in the future my home town will be more modern, but also green and unpolluted. We will gain power from the sun and from the wind. There will be a highway bridge across the sea to connect Gdynia with Hel. A dolphinarium will be constructed and dolphins will help seriously ill children to recover. Thanks to a zeppelin tourists and residents will admire the view of the city from high above. For children an aquapark will be built on the beach.





2nd Prize

Liliana Leszczyńska (10 years)

This is my City Gdynia in the future. It is me sitting on a bench, on a pier. I go to Art High School and want to be a famous painter. I hope the whole cliff area will be more beautiful and developed.

I love feeding swans with my mom and brother. Maybe there will be special, little birds houses so they can hide while it is raining. Also there will be an extra area for painters like me.



3rd Prize

Malwina Kołodziej (10 years)

I live in Gdynia close to the Baltic sea. There is a big port in Gdynia, but I wish there were a lot of places for yachts. Then many sailors could see and visit my region. We have a marina in Gdynia, but could have more like in Sweden or Denmark. My family has a small yacht, but we sail on the lakes only. It would be wonderful to have this yacht near the house and sail in the sea. Having more places for yachts we will have more tourists in Gdynia. I would like our city to be more attractive for people from foreign countries and Poland, too.



1st Prize

Wiktor Nowicki, (7 years)

In the future in my region all people will care about environment, their health and sports life. Champion class athletes will come to play with us. The streets will be much safer for cyclists and pedestrians, because cars will be flying. I will be so happy to live right here.





2nd Prize
Zuzanna Cieřlik, (11 years)

In the future I wish to live in healthy environment. My region will be much colorful. On streets will drive eco-friendly hybrid cars. People will be using sun and wind energy. We will be living active and healthy lives.



3rd Prize
Sandra Hapke, (10 years)

When I think about my region in the future I wish that it will be much greener, with more trees and that people will be much closer to nature. Our future must be an eco-future. We will be using alternative power sources, like wind energy. And we will be having school lessons in parks learning how to preserve our environmental treasures.



1st Prize

Julia Latos, (9 years)

My name is Julia Latos and I live in Poland, in Polkowice. It is a mining town, where the copper is extracted. My town is very nice and well cared. In the future it will change a lot and it's going to be more beautiful for sure. The buildings and fences will be in different shapes. Cars will have interesting, cosmic shapes. People will fly by jet-backpacks. There will be also a playground called "Eleplac" controlled by remote controllers. "Minilifts" would be the special ones, used for going down to the mine in order to make the miners' work easier.





2nd Prize
Emilia Stadnik, (9 years)

My name is Emilia Stadnik and I live in Polkowice, in Poland. In the future, my town will be very rich because there are mines and copper. The buildings will be in different shapes - squares and triangles. People will live with robots, and they will help them. There will be flying cars, called "Likoptyery". The robots will also work underground with miners. The stars will be flying in the air and we could feel like we are in the Universe.



3rd Prize
Mateusz Marzęcki, (12 years)

My name is Mateusz Marzęcki. I live in Poland. My town is Polkowice. I live in a very rich region because the copper and silver is extracted. In the future, many people will be rich enough to travel by helicopters. They will be powered by a solar cell to make it better environmentally.

Cars will be driven by a special liquid that will not pollute the air. The mines will find more silver. In my town there would not be the problem of unemployment. Mines will be connected to each other by flight paths, to avoid traffic jams and make the road connections easier.

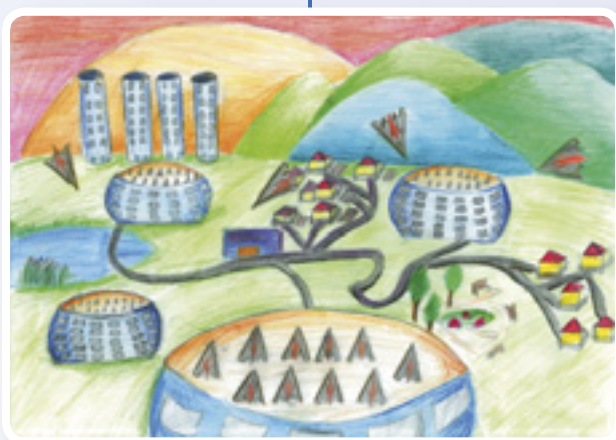


1st Prize

Katarzyna Reder, (9 years)

I would like my city of the future to be more modern. Because of that its residents would live more comfortable and pleasant lives. In the city centre there will be beautiful pools with lots of colourful water slides. All schools will be modern. They will have facilities such as lifts and escalators. The market square will glitter with all colours of the rainbow and the houses will be round with colourful balconies. Exotic trees will be planted around the houses. I think that the residents would be really happy then.





2nd Prize

Natalia Matusiak, (12 years)

In my city of the future blocks of flats will be replaced by spherical buildings. Detached houses will remain the same, just as they are nowadays. Cars will be replaced by small planes. Roads will remain the same but they will serve for other purposes such as longer walks. Not everything will be mechanized. There will still be parks and lakes and newly discovered colourful grass will cover the hills outside the city.



3rd Prize

Paulina Szeszeń, (12 years)

My region of the future will be totally different than today. Architecture will develop and because of that buildings will have fantastic shapes. Also, people will have many more ideas. The cities and villages in the area will look different than today and the residents will live happily.

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Vulcana-Băi, Romania



1st Prize

Iulia-Maria Milea (12 years)

My drawing is about my village's future, as I imagine it. First I thought about our old dream of making the village a sulphur baths resort. Then I wanted to depict the fact that it is a hillside region, with a lot of pine trees and greenery. I see my village in the future as a beautiful resort with nice hotels, outside pools and sports fields bringing together the mountain side air and the fun you have by the seaside. I also included in my drawing a specially created place for collecting the Ovesa sulphur water due to which the resort can be created and I included a big parking for the tourists that will come and visit us. Among my wishes is also a gondola that can transport the tourists to the Bunea monastery (a much visited place even now, when it is hard to reach).

This is how I imagined my village over the years and I hope it will come true





2nd Prize

Ana-Luiza Nicolăescu (11 years)

Imagine a future in which humans and extraterrestrials will be friends and our village will be connected with space through rockets acting as taxis for safe travel in between planets. Flying houses will also be invented, very different from the houses we have today.

Humans will have special relationships with birds and they will have a lot of places specially created for them. Houses will have on their rooftops shelters for the birds to hide from the burning sun.

More than that, all the pets will have flying permits so they will also enjoy space travel with their masters.



3rd Prize

Vasile - Marius Ciocan (10 years)

My name is Marius and I'm 11 years old. In my drawing I wanted to show how I want my village, Vulcana-Bai, to be in the future. I have drawn: our new super modern school, the most popular mall, our city hall, an auto shop of last generation and the future cars that will have rockets instead of wheels.

This was my drawing and I wish that in the future all will come true!

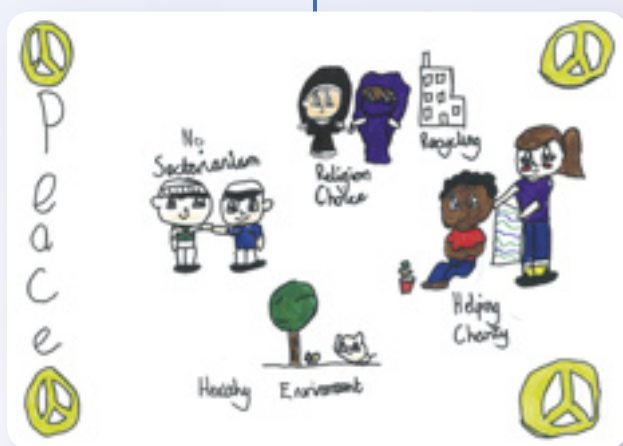


1st Prize

Morgan MacDougall (11 years)

For the future I mostly want Celtic and Rangers rivalry over, as to me it is a big thing here. I would like to see people get along with each other not depending on skin colour or history. My poster is also about wind power and energy as it is normally really windy and I think this would be really good to use this to our advantage to make a greener Scotland. Also I put down a food bank for the poor who I see a lot on the streets.

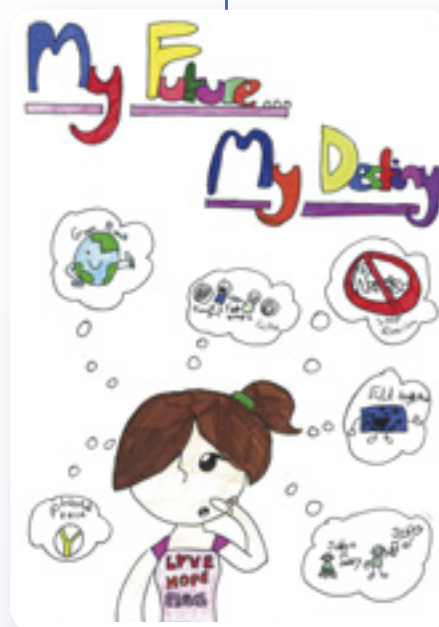




2nd Prize

Lauren Munro (11 years)

My vision for the future of Scotland is to make sure that we have a healthy environment, a happy community, safe surroundings and the right to make your own decisions. I think this would benefit Scotland because if we have a happy community it would mean happy lives and a positive vibe for visitors.



3rd Prize

Tara Almushatat (10 years)

My Vision for Europe is to have a better future, which includes stopping racism; it is not acceptable to tease people about what they believe in or what they look like. I would like for people to stop fighting over the Rangers and Celtic football teams. It would also mean a lot of people with no jobs would get jobs suitable for them. I would also like ALL of Scotland to be a greener place. In my future I would like to see Glasgow as a peaceful city. This is what I'd like to see in my future.

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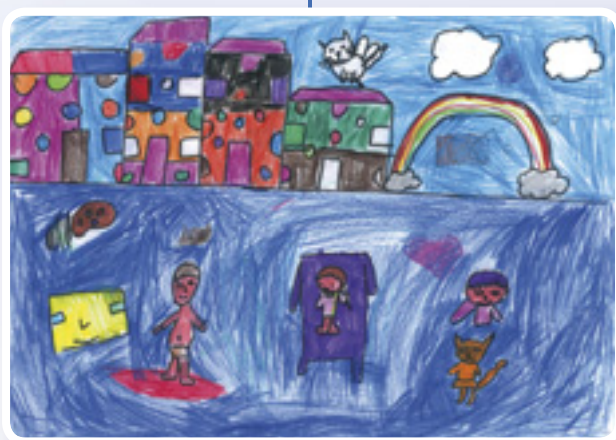


1st Prize

Jack Watson (10 years)

My vision for the time ahead is a fun one. The school always teaches fun, enjoyable lessons that no one complains about. There is a skate park for teenagers and children can play in the park. There are shops for parents to look around and a cinema for birthday treats or if you just want to see a movie. Barrhead is a really green place. People care about the environment. It is clean and tidy because no one drops their litter and there is no vandalism. The cars on the roads have clean fuel so there are no fumes.





2nd Prize
Chelsea Anne Wallace (10 years)

My vision for Barrhead, the town where I live in Scotland. Barrhead would be a colourful, interesting, happy place. The houses would be painted in bright colours and patterns to make people happy. There would be lots of art and sculptures everywhere, like cool dancing cats that can fly. The streets would be filled with water because people love to swim and surf to keep healthy. There are paint trays and art stations in the water because there will be lots of artists living in Barrhead who like to create things. I love art and this is my vision.



3rd Prize
Chelsey Thomson (10 years)

This is my future vision for Barrhead where I live. In Barrhead there will be cars with eyes that can steer by themselves. The people sit in the back seats. There will be a massive play park with a gigantic zip slide and a football pitch too. You can go for a stroll around the park or on an exciting water wave. Your dog can swim in the lake. There is a hospital and you can get free taxis. There are boom signs all around the town you go to these and choose the music you want to hear, the music will play all around the town from speakers.

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Vranov nad Topľou, **Slovakia**



1st Prize

Peter Stavny

(9 years)

My region – my castle. Let's play and have some fun.





2nd Prize

Edita Kentosová (10 years)

I live in Vranad nad Topľou. I'm looking at my town from above and I am happy that this is my home. I was born here, I have my parents, grandparents and friends here. I wouldn't change it for anything!



3rd Prize

Radoslava Hanusinová (11 years)

I live in a beautiful area. I like Vranov nad Topľou, too. I go to school here. It's full of happy children and great teachers. It's the best school of all! Around the school you can find a lot of playgrounds and parks full of cute animals. They aren't afraid of us, actually, they help us with learning.



1st Prize

Iona Lazare

(11 years)

My life in Staines is really fun; there's so much to do and see. For the future I hope to see more nature being grown and more entertainment for adults, children and teenagers. I hope to be more out-going and I look forward to going to The Magna Carta School and also I want to keep my love of netball, baking, ice-skating, roller-skating and much more. Staines is a very social and friendly place.





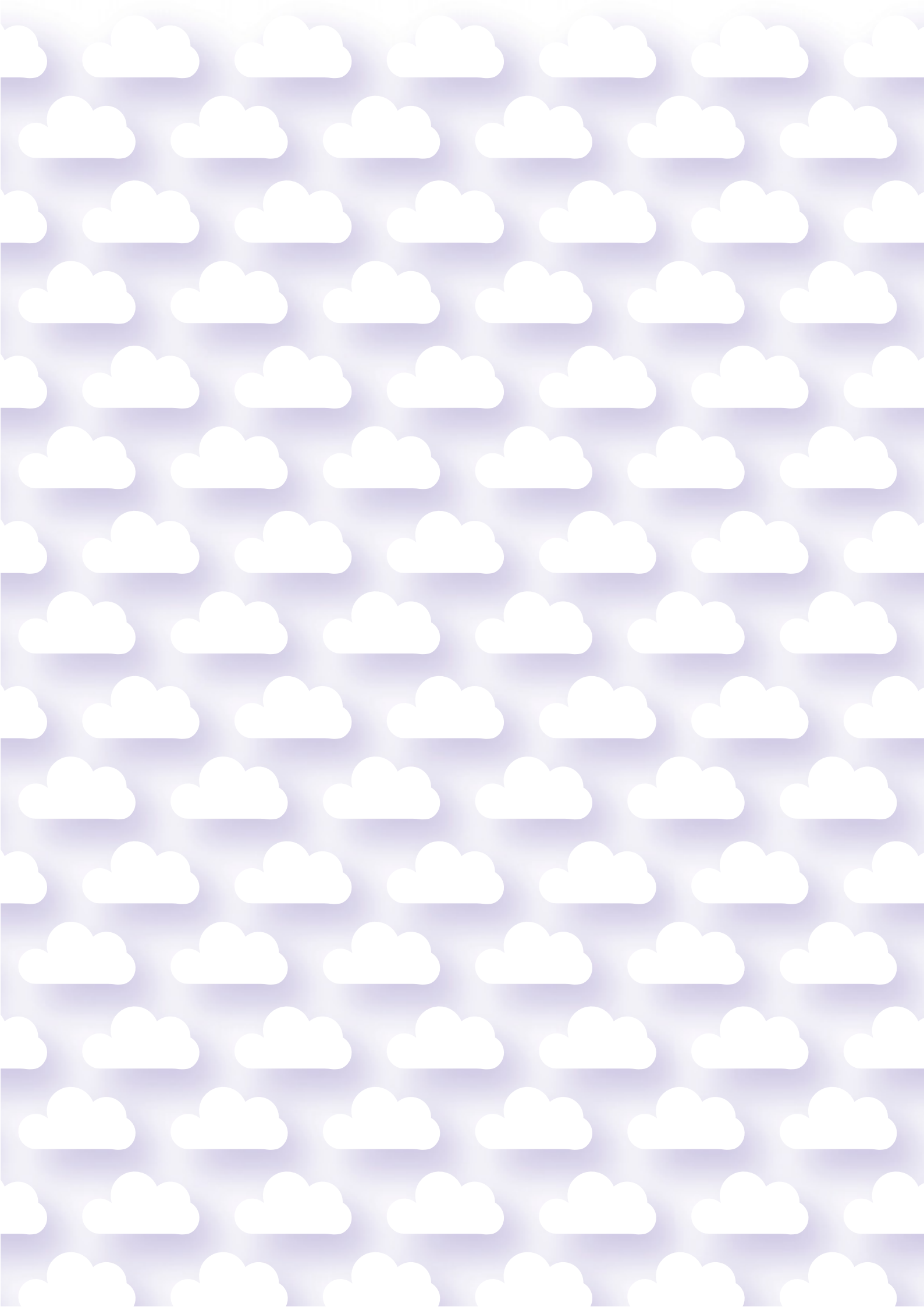
2nd Prize
Kodi Welstead (10 years)

When I'm bigger Heathrow will probably be a bigger airport because lots of people go on holiday. The Vue Cinema will be a popular place to go and see movies. Legoland, I hope, will have some more fun rides to go on! The woods at Virginia Water are a very fun place and I will go and make dens there with my children.



3rd Prize
Aidan Brakefield (10 years)

My region is Virginia Water in Surrey, which is where I live. It's a lovely place; it has lots of green open space. I hope that in the future this will not change, although I am sure lots more people will come to the area where I live. When that happens, I hope I'll increase the number of friends I have.





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