

How ready are you for the future?

WORKSHEET: SELF-ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

According to the Institute for the Future, lead learners often see distinctive personal futures for themselves. Likewise, they have distinctive, even unique, ways of building their work+learn paths to those futures. But they also have much in common patterns that unite them across geographic borders. These patterns give us an early view into the future of working and learning.

Do you share some or many of these future-ready patterns? Use this checklist prepared by the Institute for the Future to see what you have in common with today's lead learners and how you might jump-start your future-ready path.

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READY

I WANT
TO GET
READY!

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Learners will continuously reinvent informal learning, repurposing today's tools to drive ongoing innovation and disruption in the work+learn world

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Learners will not depend solely or even primarily on traditional institutions as the primary path to learning and working

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Learning AND teaching will be socially sourced, as teaching becomes a universal work path for everyone

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Learners will craft their work+learn paths by reworking their values, resources, and behaviors in intergenerational conversations—sometimes through a process of “reverse mentoring” of their elders

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Startup ventures will be the classrooms for learners of the future, as rapid prototyping and learning-by-failing help people adapt to a world that's constantly changing

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Celebrity will perhaps be the new credential, and it will be conferred by millions of followers more than by well-regarded institutions

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Smart mobile devices will be the learner's best friend, and their functionalities will grow to increase access to work+learn resources for nearly everyone

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Learners will forge a new global citizenship as their work+learn paths connect them to people everywhere

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Learners will learn for the future—their own futures and the future of their communities, their country, and ultimately the planet