

Devon Futures Group is a group supporting the Devon Strategic Partnership.

The Futures Group was formed to undertake some 'blue skies thinking' about the future of Devon. The members were chosen to both represent the partnership and also to have a group of individuals who would challenge each other and take forward the thinking. The membership will change over time but at November 2009 it was as follows:

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| ○ Met Office | Rob Varley |
| ○ EDF | Mike Davy |
| ○ Devon & Cornwall Business Council | Tim Jones |
| ○ Devon Wildlife Trust | Paul Gompertz |
| ○ Environment Agency | Paul Sadler |
| ○ Dartington Hall Trust | Vaughan Lindsay |
| ○ Devon Community Council of Devon | Jay Talbot |
| ○ DCC strategic intelligence | Pip Tucker |
| ○ DCC Community Strategy | Ian Hobbs |
| ○ DCC Executive Director, Environment
Economy and Culture | Edward Chorlton |
| ○ Devon and Cornwall Housing Association | Theresa Butchers |
| ○ DSP | Caroline Rae |
| ○ Facilitator | Nicola Channon |

In November 2008 the Devon Strategic Partnership held a conference and invited groups of young people to attend to help us plan for the future. They were asked to give a message to the DSP. The young people responded by pointing out that they would have to live with whatever decisions the partnership made and they said '**think before you do anything**'.

Fortune favours the prepared mind

The Futures Group then heard evidence from a range of experts that provided views and evidence:

- Met Office
- EDF
- University of Exeter, Centre for Rural Policy Research
- Environment Agency
- Dartington Hall Trust
- Devon and Cornwall Housing Association
- Youth Parliament
- DCC – transport and Devon statistics

What then became clear was that there was information about Devon's future that could provide a basis for planning. No-one can possibly be certain about what is going to happen in the future, but sharing the information with the rest of the Partnership should encourage some clearer planning for the future.

The picture that was formed is more than the impact of climate change, although this is important, it is about the impact of all the likely changes and what these, together, will mean for Devon.

The people of Devon should be able to rely on us to plan for the future and make sure that the most likely scenario is the best for Devon.