



Scotland's Futures Forum

>>> call for ideas <<<<

2011 promises to be a highly significant year for Scottish and UK politics, with a Scottish Parliament election; a major rethink of the services that should be provided by the state; the first real terms cut in the Scottish budget since devolution; and the promise of further constitutional change.

Now, more than ever, we should be looking at such issues through a futures lens to help us explore the uncertainty of the future.

This September, directors of the Futures Forum will discuss their work plan for 2011. To inform the discussion, we are looking for your ideas on major futures project work that the Forum could usefully undertake next year. In making suggestions, please bear the following criteria in mind:

- > **the subject matter must be relevant to the interests of MSPs**
- > **all work undertaken by the Forum must have the promise of unearthing new or fresh thinking.**
- > **the outputs and outcomes of the Forum's work must add new value to public policy, or political, debate**
- > **futures methodology must be used when considering issues.**

Please submit your suggestions to terry.shevin@scottish.parliament.uk
no later than 30 August 2010