

## **Futurism: The concept of community in a virtual world**

**Story telling Jessica Muirhead – exploration of virtual communities.**

**Participants were asked to tell a story of the future and explore what the future may look like and the impact of this.**

There was discussion around technologies with the following ideas emerging:

- Time machine
- Identity bracelet that contained all information about the individual
- Hubot – half machine / half human
- Implant that allowed a person to feel what another person was feeling – discussion around how this would impact a person with autism
- Virtual reality
- Virtual holograms – discussion around how this could essentially replace the need for people therefore reducing costs

This led to a discussion around how these technologies may influence organisations:

- Ability to communicate internationally, on a global scale
- Time savings – less time spent on tasks
- Reduction in costs
- Less physical or face-to-face interaction – concerns around this is not necessarily a good thing, there is still a desire to have and be part of a physical community however the movement is towards virtual communities

### **Participant takeaways:**

*This workshop has made me think about considering future implications relating to the digital world and how addicted people are to their tech.*

*As exciting as technology can be, we need to be careful that it doesn't completely disconnect us from what is important.*

*Imagination. The relationship with technology*

*Inspiring!*

*Face to face and mask to mask community*

*Uplifting*

*Thinking about local, granular communities in a virtual global world*

*New information of IT work*

*Virtuality and abilities of the cyber*

*The 'masked' person – inspiration on how to communicate online relationships with young people*