

Appendix 2

Table 2.1: Detailed prompts for breakout groups

Breakout	Futures method	Prompts
<p>#1 Building a future world in which a “seed” of inspiration for climate action emerging during the COVID-19 pandemic becomes mainstream</p>	<p>Rapid future wheels (without the wheels)</p>	<p>What inspirational practice did you choose?</p>
		<p>How could (or has) that inspirational practice impact(ed) your life and your community: How does it work? What does it do? What does it look like?</p>
		<p>Think about a future with mass adoption of that inspirational practice: What are the implications? How does it affect people? What are the best and worst impacts - economic, social, environmental, political?</p>
		<p>Check imaginative strength: Have you imagined a future world that seems dramatically different from today? Have you exaggerated impacts to the point of absurdity?</p>
<p>#2 Writing a story about a character navigating the future world from breakout #1</p>	<p>Rapid science-fiction prototyping</p>	<p>Your character is a sustainability policy maker in the Waterloo Region in 2050, living in the future you discussed in breakout group 1. The inspirational practice you discussed in breakout group 1 is taking off, and your character is responsible for driving it forward. Who are they? What do they care about?</p>
		<p>In their career, your character has made a series of innovative strategic (policy) decisions (2 to 3) that helped lead to this future, where the inspirational practice has become mainstream. What were these decisions? What were the consequences - socially, environmentally, economically? How did they contribute to this future?</p>
		<p>Now, your character faces at least 1 setback, such as a barrier from the 1st horizon (e.g., lack of provincial government funding for sustainability) or an external shock (e.g., an economic crisis or pandemic). Choose a setback. What are its implications? How does society in general respond?</p>
		<p>Your character overcomes the setback. How does your character lead their organization to overcome the setback? What does the character and broader society learn?</p>