

## Discussion Space Outline: "I Will Create Hope for the Future By..."

### Objective:

Engage students in thinking about their future and the steps they can take to create a better world, while connecting to the [UN Summit of the Future's Declaration on Future Generations](#).

### Introduction (5 minutes):

- **Explain The Declaration on Future Generations in Simple Terms:**
  - "The world's leaders are making important promises to help solve big problems and make the world a better place. This is called **The Declaration on Future Generations**."
  - Mention some key topics in a student-friendly way:
    - "How can we keep our planet healthy?" (Sustainable development)
    - "How can we make sure there's peace and no fighting?" (Peace and security)
    - "How can technology help us do good things?" (Technology)
    - "How can young people like you help make the world a better place?" (Youth and future generations)
- **Introduce the Campaign:**
  - "Today, you get to think about how you can help create a hopeful future. We'll be sharing how we will create hope for the future by finishing the sentence: 'I will create hope for the future by...'"

### Activity 1: Imagining the Future (10-15 minutes):

- **Step 1: Imagine the World in the Future**
  - Ask the students: "Close your eyes and think about the future. What would the world look like if everything was perfect?"
  - Prompt with questions like:
    - "What will schools look like? Will they be different?"
    - "How will we treat our planet?"
    - "What cool things can we do with technology?"
- **Step 2: Draw or Describe the Future**
  - Give the students a few minutes to either draw or describe (in small groups or as a whole class) what they think a future full of hope looks like.
  - Encourage them to be creative and think big!

### Activity 2: Hope in Action (10-15 minutes):

- **Step 1: Think About Actions**
  - "Now that you've imagined a hopeful future, what do we need to do to make that happen? What can *you* do to help?"

- Guide students with simple prompts:
  - "Maybe you want to plant trees to help the Earth."
  - "Or maybe you want to help people learn new things or stand up for fairness."
- Let them share ideas with a partner or small group.
- **Step 2: Write or Say the "I Will Create Hope" Statement**
  - Ask each student to complete the sentence: "I will create hope for the future by..."
  - Examples for this age group:
    - "I will create hope for the future by planting flowers to help bees."
    - "I will create hope for the future by helping my friends when they need it."

### **Sharing and Reflection (10 minutes):**

- **Step 1: Sharing Time**
  - Have students share their "I will create hope" statements with the class or group.
  - Option to share drawings they made earlier or explain them.
- **Step 2: Discuss Together**
  - Ask: "How do these actions help create hope for the future? How do we feel when we imagine doing these things?"
  - Reinforce that even small actions make a big difference.

### **Wrap-Up (5 minutes):**

- Summarize the activity and emphasize that their ideas matter.
- "Remember, you are part of building a better world. Your actions, no matter how small, create hope!"

### **Optional Extensions:**

- **Create Posters:** Students can turn their "I will create hope" statements into colorful posters to display in the classroom or share with their communities.
- **Follow-up Activity:** Plan a class or group project inspired by their statements, such as planting a garden, organizing a kindness campaign, or learning about technology that helps the planet.