What the Future Wants

What do young people want for the digital environment they inhabit and will inherit?
What the Future Wants is a thought-provoking, creative intervention about creativity, youth and data literacy. Developed with and designed for young people, this touring exhibition will be shown in schools, libraries and cultural centers across Europe, creating a critical space for young people to make demands of their digital futures.
The future generation is proving that they care about the natural environment they will inherit, and the same is true of their digital environment.
What the Future Wants will seek to connect technology issues such as digital rights, justice and power, with the challenges young people in Europe care about, from climate change to discrimination and inequality in society.
What the Future Wants will be based on Tactical Tech’s award winning* public intervention, The Glass Room, which uses art and design to explore data, privacy and our relationship to technologies.

* In 2020, The Glass Room project won Creative Review’s ‘Annual 2020’ award
Since the project’s inception in 2016, The Glass Room has been visited by close to 220,000 people. It has been hosted in 232 libraries, schools, organisations and events in 42 countries (and counting).
Through co-development, young people will participate in different phases of development and testing as well as inform the issues and topics that What the Future Wants will focus on.
Through partnerships and community focused events, this project will create cross-border collaborations. What the Future Wants will be hosted at schools, libraries and youth serving projects across Europe.
An accompanying educational curricula based on Tactical Tech’s Data Detox x Youth resource will support teachers to bring topics of critical data literacy into the classroom.
The What the Future Wants exhibition will be developed throughout 2021 and will launch early 2022. This project is part of Tactical Tech’s ongoing youth initiative which aims to increase the data literacy of young people around the world.

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About Tactical Tech

Tactical Tech is an international non-profit based in Berlin, founded in 2003. We work at the intersection of technology, politics and society. Using an arts, multi-media and design based approach to engage public audiences to critically reflect on the impact of technology on society.