



THE STORY OF IRELAND



Footprints in the Future: Activity 1



The history of Ireland is an exciting story, specially when we remember how the story started and how it has changed as it has moved through time. In this activity we are going to create a time window, which will not open for another 25 years (What age will you be then?).

Up until now, you have been looking back at the story of Ireland and trying to understand what happened in the story and why it happened as it did. Now we will create our own part of the story and leave it unopened in a sealed container for 25 years.

If you wanted to create an impression of what it is like to be living in Ireland today, so that someone could read it 25 years from now, what things might you include?

Here are a few suggestions:

1. A collage of the main newspaper stories of today and an explanation of why you think they are important. You will need to show as many topics as possible.
2. A letter from you to yourself. What sort of things might you say to the person who will be you in 25 years time? You could describe in detail all the things that you are doing today and explain what you enjoy doing the most. You might mention your favourite poem or song or an expression that you like to use. Don't forget to draw some pictures or add some photographs of you and your family.
3. A drawing or painting of yourself doing something that you really enjoy.
4. Some predictions about what changes there might be 25 years from now. You have read how Ireland has changed since 1970. If you have any ideas about how you think things will have changed 25 years from now, you could include these thoughts and ideas as well.
5. Finally, you will need a capsule to store all your materials and you will have to find a good place to hide the capsule. Any plastic container will be suitable as long as it is washed and carefully dried. You will need to seal it as well. Perhaps you could decorate it with your own unique symbols and colours. Remember how the Celts decorated their jewellery with symbols that we still are unsure what they mean? Don't forget to include your name and address on it as well so that it can be returned to you if it is lost.