

Collecting Europe – Robot relationships

Take a journey 2,000 years into the future... to look back at our world today.

1. **The Collecting Europe project invited people to imagine how our present might be viewed from our future. Here are the questions it asked. Discuss your answers with a partner.**

- A. Can you imagine a world without countries?
- B. Is the idea of a continent like Europe ridiculous or inspiring?
- C. Should the world be more K-Pop or Call of Duty?
- D. Will your generation solve the problem of climate change?
- E. Does the world need more anarchy or control?
- F. Would you have a romantic relationship with a robot?
- G. Do you live in your internet or your country?
- H. Are you Bauhaus or surrealism?
- I. Is your personality because of your origins or your choices?
- J. Do art and design have the power to remove fear?
- K. Are you open to being enhanced by drugs or technology to be stronger and smarter?

What do you think the questions show about you? Which questions were hardest to answer? Why?

Go to the website <https://collectingeurope.net/questions> to take part in the project.

Let's return to one of the questions: Would you have a romantic relationship with a robot? If you answered 'no', what makes you so sure? If you answered 'yes', how can you explain this? Write down your reasons, then compare and discuss with a partner-

2. The 2013 science-fiction film, *Her*, tells the story of a man who falls in love with his operating system.

Watch the official trailer at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJTU48_yghs

What do you think are the ingredients that make this love possible?

Make notes as you watch:

Now compare and discuss with a partner.

4. Have you seen any other films that deal with relationships between humans and robots or artificial intelligence? How do they portray those relationships? What message do they send about human-robot relations?