

FutureTech Online
Visual Story 2025

Welcome to FutureTech

futuretechaustralia.org



Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge the Cammeraygal people, who are the traditional custodians of the land where FutureTech is located.

It is important to pay respect to elders past and present, who took care of this beautiful country for thousands of years before us - and who continue to care for the lands and waters we are lucky to enjoy.





Everyone is Welcome at FutureTech

We think it is cool to be different, and treat everyone with kindness, respect and appreciation for who they are.

Please use any strategies (*like fidget toys or headphones*) that help to make you feel comfortable.

Remember, we are always here to support you if there is something we can do to help you feel more included.

What is FutureTech?

FutureTech is a place where neurodivergent young people can learn about STEAM* together and connect with other young people.

*STEAM means science, technology, engineering, arts and math.



Meet your Mentors!

Well, some of them!

They are a bit of an odd bunch - but we think you will like that about them.
Many of them neurodivergent - which means they see the world in similar ways to you.

FutureTech's mentors are all experts in their fields - from software engineers to biomolecular scientists.

You can ask them anything about their work and they will LOVE telling you all about it!



Preparing for my visit

Trying new things can be scary.
It is normal to feel excited or nervous.
Feeling prepared can really help!

Some things that can help me feel prepared for my visit are:

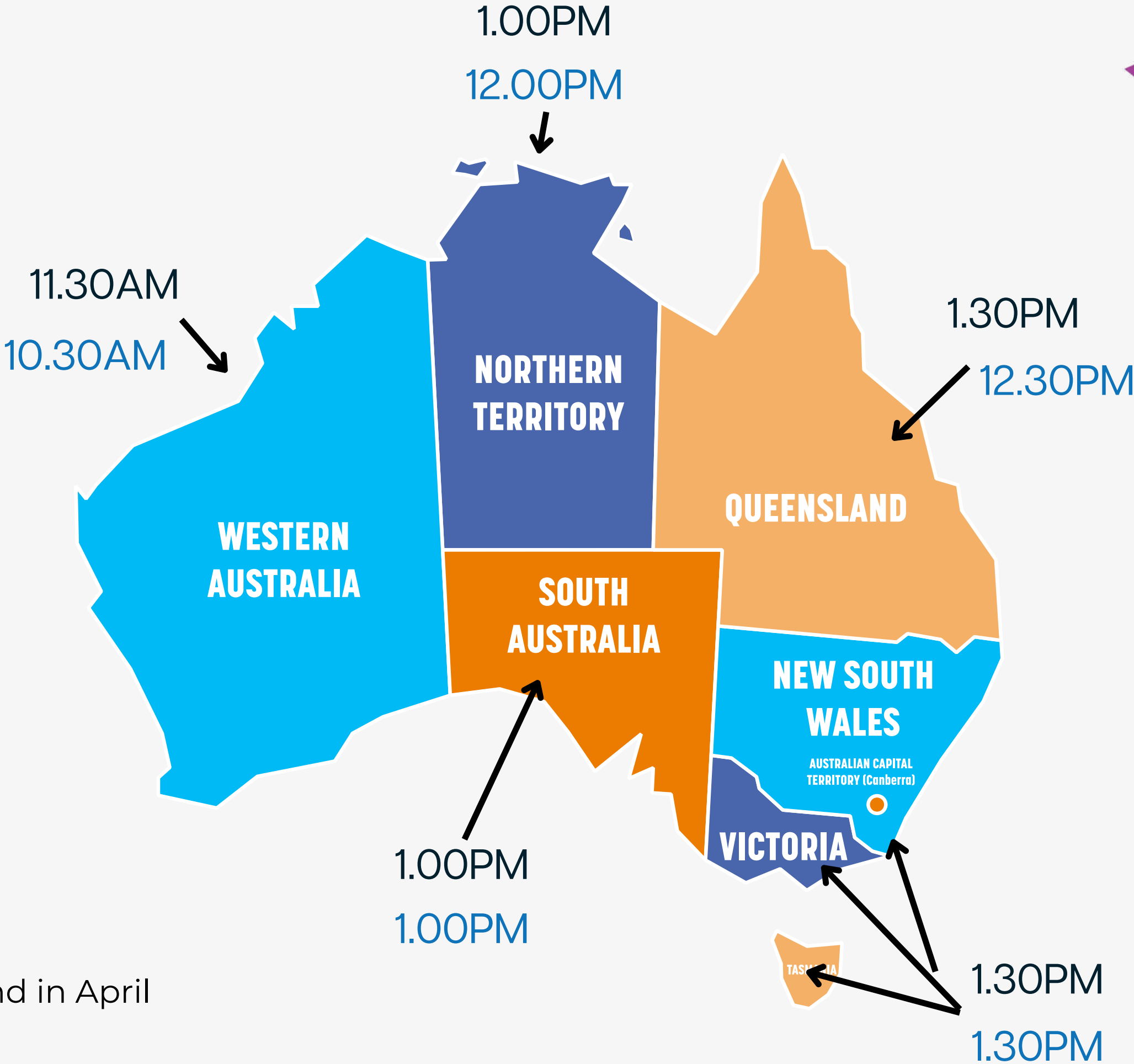
- **I can look at FutureTech's website:
www.futuretechaustralia.org**
- **I can look at the Term Workshop timetable to know what is happening each week**
- **I can read this Visual Story**
- **I can prepare the materials I will need for the week's workshop**
- **I can talk to someone about how I am feeling**



What time is FutureTech?

Non Day-light Savings

Day-light Savings



*Daylight savings start in October and end in April

What I should bring



**Laptop, iPad or
device**



Sensory Tools

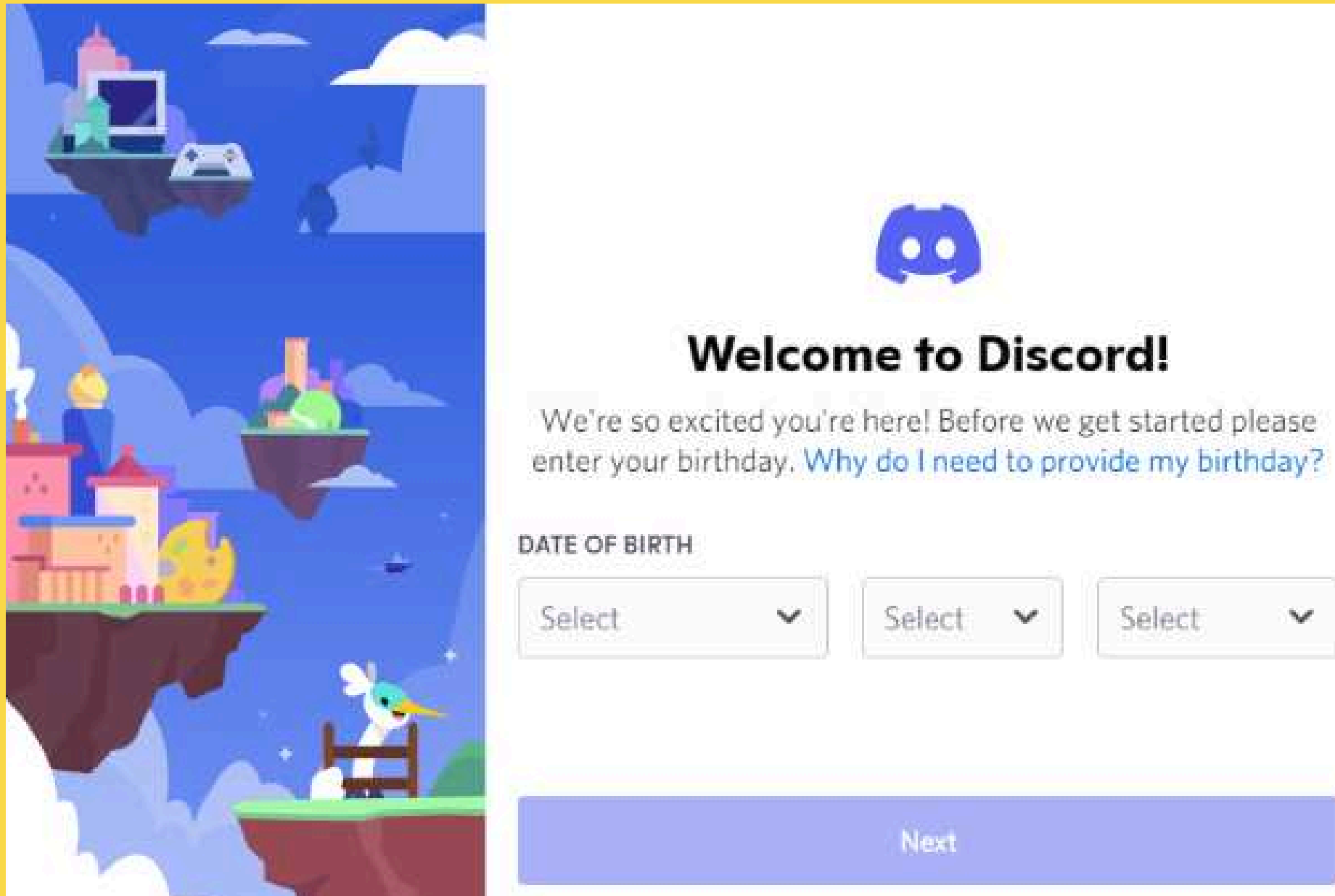


Workshop Materials



Headphones

And anything else I need to help me feel comfortable at FutureTech.



Where to find us

FutureTech Online runs on Discord

I can access Discord, or download the app by clicking this link

Our Discord Server is a private server

This means I need a special link to access it.

The link to access the FutureTech server is:
<https://discord.gg/ZHEFhNf8Eh>

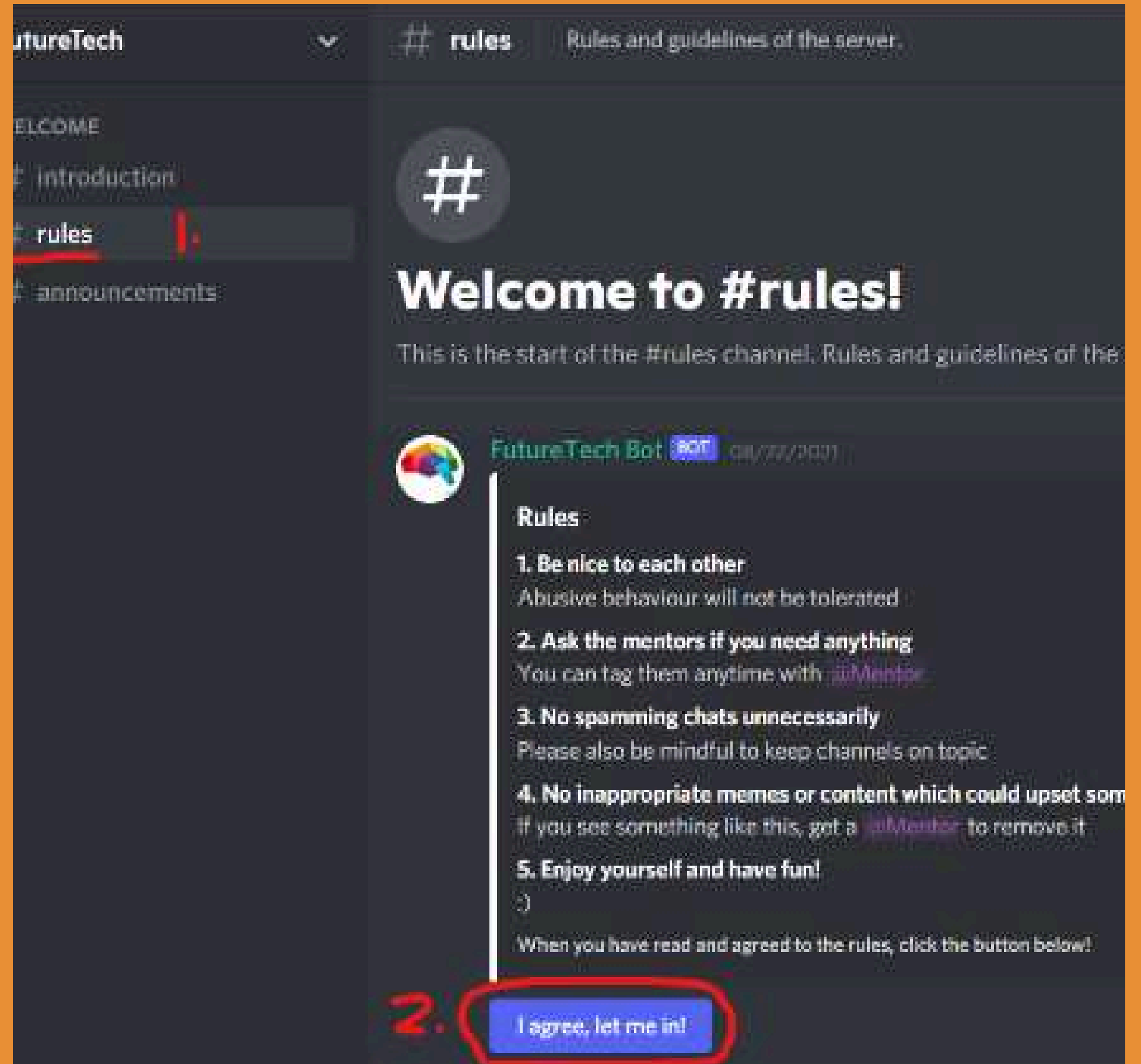
The link will take me to the Welcome Page.

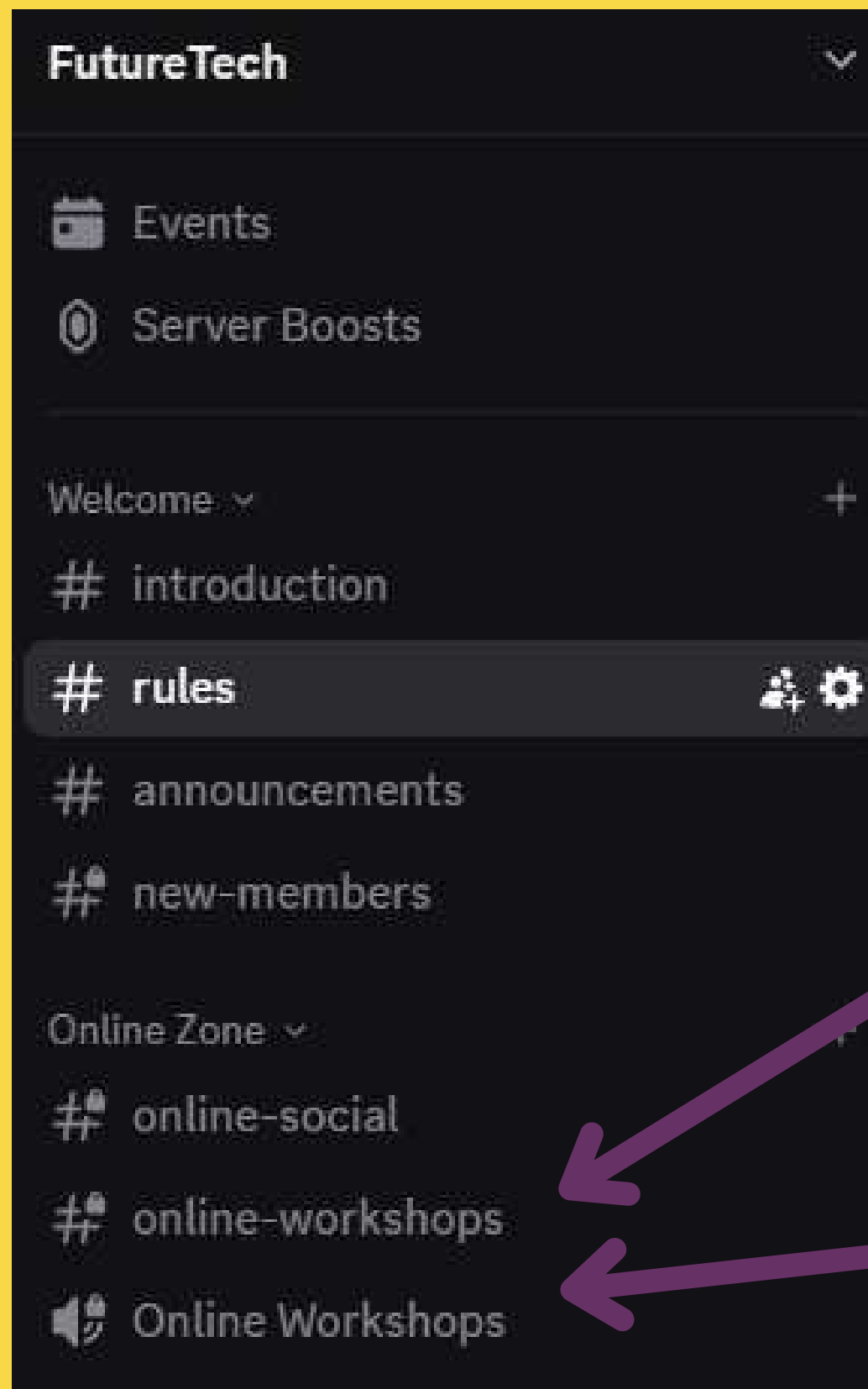


First, I need to read the server rules.

The server rules help everyone stay safe, have fun and connect!

If I have any questions or am unsure about the rules, I ask a mentor or someone at home.



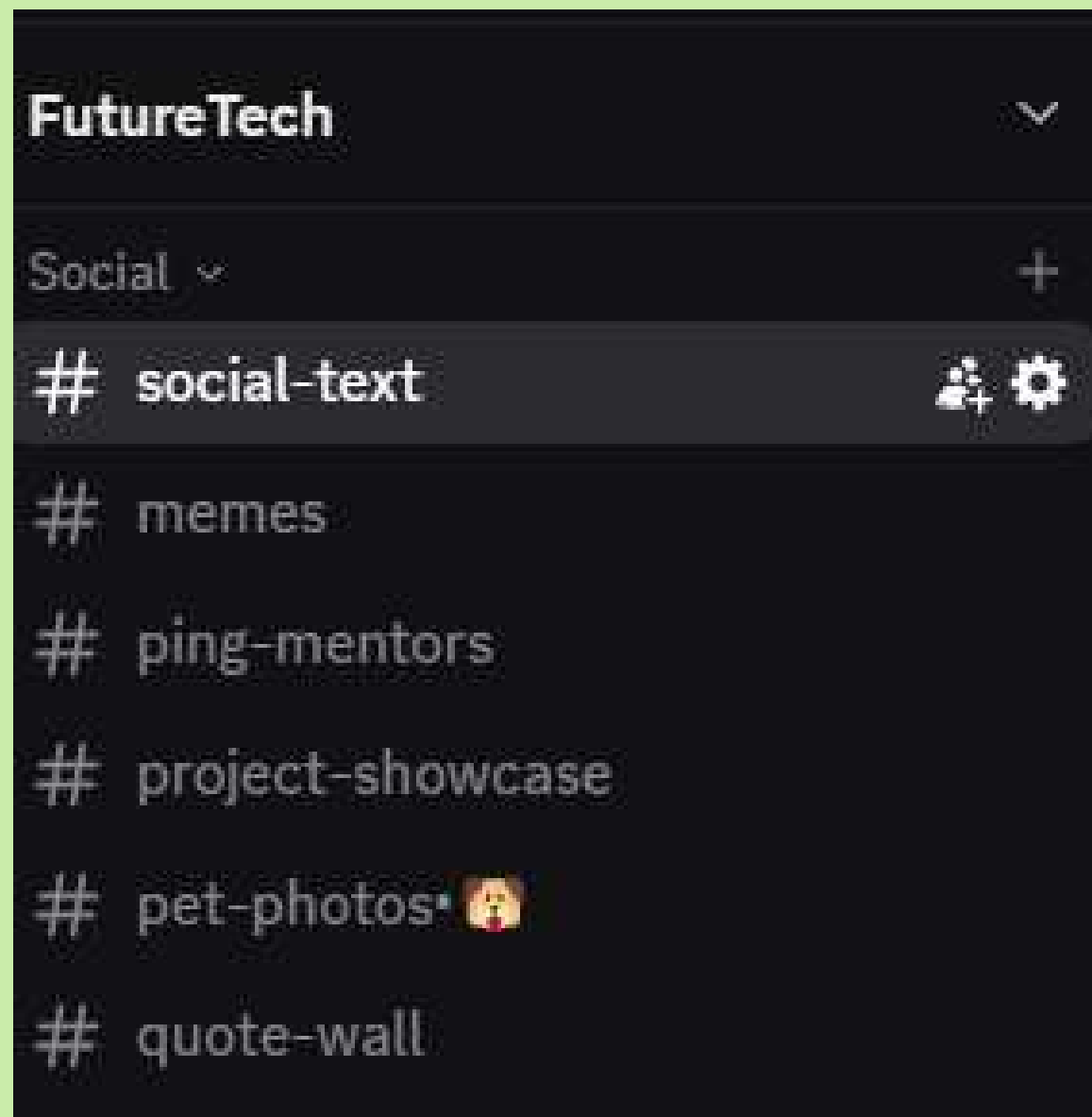


There are lots of channels to explore.

My weekly workshops will run in the #online-workshops Channel.

I can click on the #online-workshops Channel to access and share resources.

I can click on the Online Workshops voice channel to hear my mentor and see the workshop slides.



#project-showcase is to share any projects I am working on.

#pet-photos is for sharing any pet or animal snaps!

#quote-wall is for sharing any funny or inspirational quotes.

It is really important to remember that these channels are a shared space and participants at FutureTech might be a different age to me.

This is why I must keep content appropriate. A good test is that if I wouldn't share it with my parents, I shouldn't share it here.

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Next



Learning Workshop

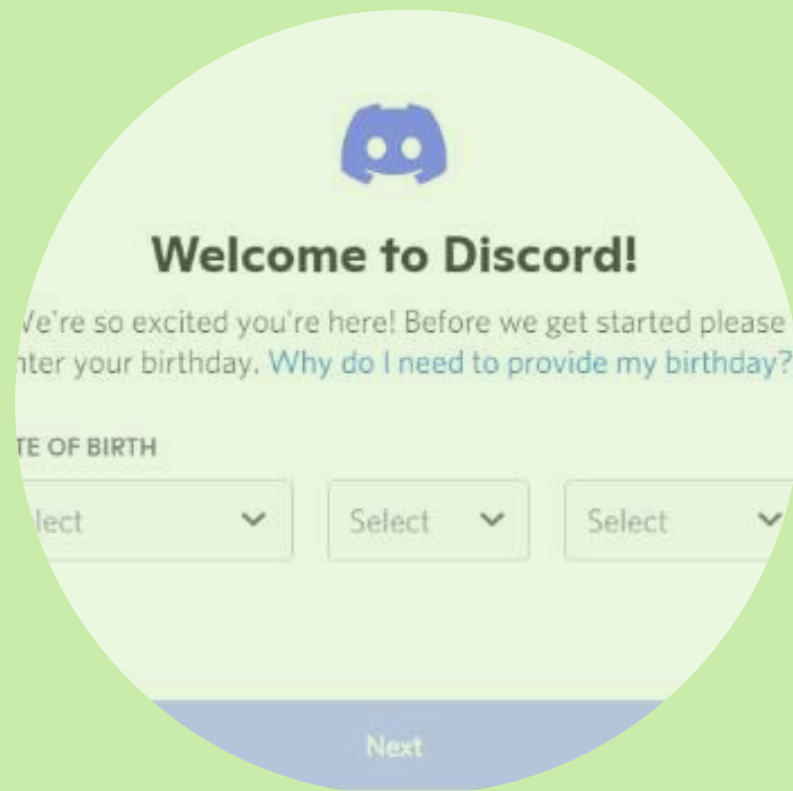
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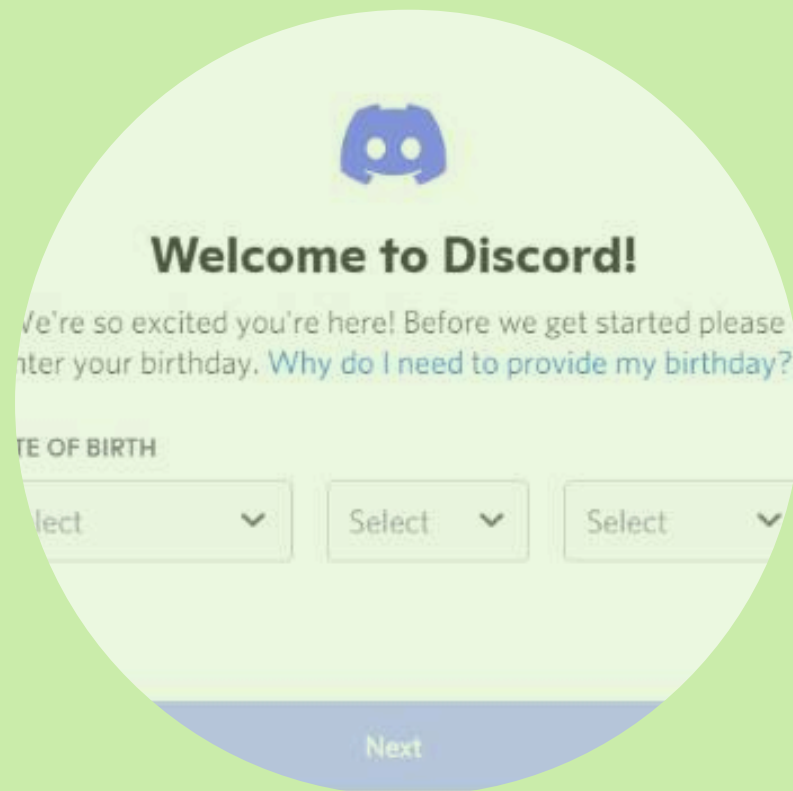
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But, learning is for school?!

My mentors at FutureTech understand that I may have experienced learning that is boring, or that doesn't consider my interests.

That is why my mentors try to show me how fun learning can be!

It is their mission to share their love for learning with me through learning workshops that:

- **Make me ask 'why'**
- **Focus on what I am good at, and my interests**
- **Make sense!**





Learning Workshops at FutureTech - Themes

Every Term, there will be a new theme at FutureTech.

This theme guides all of the learning workshops for the term.

Themes might be things like Space, Animals or Intelligence.

If I have an idea for a theme I can tell my mentors.

Each workshop looks at how science, technology, arts, engineering and math apply to the theme.

The workshops change each week - but the theme stays the same for the term.

Learning Workshops at FutureTech - Expectations

- It is OK if I don't want to participate in the workshop, I can play quietly or go to the Quiet Room.
- It is important that I am respectful of others if they would like to do the workshop, and try not to make noise or talk over my mentor.
- It is ok if there are parts of the workshop I would like to skip, I should try to do the other parts.
- If I am not sure, I can ask a mentor for help.
- At FutureTech, *it is OK to make mistakes* and not get it right the first time - giving things a go helps me get better next time.



See you soon!

We can't wait to
welcome
you into the
FutureTech family!



