Theme sheet · 9 March 2027

Speakers' Corner 2.0 · The Shakespeare · 19:30 theme round

Herdecke in 2040 — what should the town look like?

Herdecke 2040 — wie soll die Stadt aussehen?

Thirteen years from now. Walk down the Hauptstraße in your head: what is still there, what is gone, what is new? Dream a little, but stay concrete — a street, a building, a bus line, a shop. *In 13 Jahren. Geh im Kopf die Hauptstraße entlang: Was ist noch da, was ist weg, was ist neu? Träumen erlaubt, aber konkret bleiben.*

Useful words	Auf Deutsch
town centre / high street / pedestrian zone	*Innenstadt / Hauptstraße / Fußgängerzone*
empty shops / to close down / to open up	*Leerstand / schließen / neu eröffnen*
housing / affordable / to build / to renovate	*Wohnraum / bezahlbar / bauen / sanieren*
traffic / parking / cycle path / bus and train	*Verkehr / Parken / Radweg / Bus und Bahn*
the river / the lake / the woods / green spaces	*die Ruhr / der Hengsteysee / der Wald / Grünflächen*
young people / families / older people	*Jugendliche / Familien / ältere Menschen*
the town council / the mayor / to decide / to vote	*der Stadtrat / der Bürgermeister / entscheiden / abstimmen*
a meeting place / a pub / a market / a festival	*ein Treffpunkt / eine Kneipe / ein Markt / ein Fest*
I hope … / I'm afraid that … / if I could decide …	*ich hoffe … / ich fürchte, dass … / wenn ich entscheiden könnte …*
It would be great if … / We should … / We must not …	*Es wäre toll, wenn … / Wir sollten … / Wir dürfen nicht …*

Questions for the table:

- What do you love about Herdecke today that must still be there in 2040?
- What is the one thing you would change tomorrow if you were mayor?
- Will people still shop on the Hauptstraße — or will it be cafés, flats and offices?
- How will you get around town in 2040 — car, bike, bus, on foot?
- Will your children or grandchildren still want to live here? Why, or why not?

Sentences you can start with:

- "In 2040, I hope the Hauptstraße will be …"
- "If I could decide, I would …" / "The first thing I'd do is …"
- "What we really need is …" / "What we definitely don't need is …"
- "Twenty years ago, Herdecke was … — so by 2040 it might be …"
- "That sounds nice, but who pays for it?"

Your notes — three words you want to use tonight, one thing you want to say:

Next time: Tuesday, 13 April 2027 — theme to be announced. Ideas for later evenings welcome at the bar or via info@the-shakespeare.pub.