

Digital Childhoods - Special Interest Group
European Early Childhood Education Research Association (EECERA)

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SIG Members

The Digital Childhood's SIG remains strong. We have 68 members with more people requesting to join, year on year. Members listed below are a combination of EECERA members and non-members. We feel it's important to keep the SIG inclusive in order to avoid barriers to collaboration.

We have several colleagues on the mailing list who we don't have names for, we urge these colleagues to get in touch to update their details. Similarly, we request that colleagues who have not already done so, please provide their institutional details and their Region.

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Report on SIG activities 2016-2017

It is with sadness that we learned that Jan Petterson, a founding co-convenor of the SIG has had to step down from these duties, for personal reasons. We thank Jan for his work to date and will discuss the possibilities of appointing a new co-convenor in Bologna.

Publications

Members of the SIG have had a productive year. Two SAGE and one Routledge book have been started from SIG members and relate directly to Digital Childhoods. Members of the SIG contributed chapters to these books

- Arnott, L (Eds) (2017) Digital Technologies and Learning in the Early Years, London: SAGE.
- Palaiologou, I. and Gray , C., (Eds) (forthcoming) Digital Practices in Early Childhood Education: An international Perspective, London: SAGE.
- Kaye L (Ed) (2016) Young Children in a Digital Age: Supporting Learning and Development with technology in Early Years , London, Routledge

A significant body of peer reviewed academic literature has been published by SIG members in relation to Digital Childhoods and can be found on the SIG website. Members are encouraged to alert us to relevant publications so that we can keep the website updated.

Funding Applications

1. Dunn, J. Funding Grant £3000 (2016-2017) for a 1 year project 'Writing and iPads in the Early Years'.
2. Vangsnes, Vigdis – Application sent to Norwegian Research Council (answer in March 2017) Title: Building Sustainable Digital Practices in Kindergarten Literacy and Arts Programmes (DigiSus)
3. Application in preparation for EPSRC by Arnott, L. and Levine, J. (undergoing University of Strathclyde Internal Review April 2017). Title: Techno-Creators: Designing and Developing Technological Tools to Support Young Children's Creativity and Science Education in the Early Years
4. Mangen, A., Hoel, T. & Jernes, M. (2017 - 2019) Funded by Norwegian Research Council. Title: Assessment of e-books for children in kindergarten. (Norwegian acronym: VEBB). Web-site:
<http://lesesenteret.uis.no/vebb/?categoryID=19976> English web-site:
<http://lesesenteret.uis.no/category.php?categoryID=20603>,

Chairs/Organisations/Events

1. Saara Salomaa, National Audiovisual Institute KAVI (Finland), [Media Education Conference](#) in Helsinki. Position in conference: one of the organisers and round table discussion host
2. Palaiologou, I., represented the SIG in Cyprus 2016 meeting of the COST Action programme for The digital literacy and multimodal practices of young children (DigiLitEY), run by Jackie Marsh. A report about this event can be found by clicking [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Joint SIG and DigiLitEY Meeting: SIG members will attend a joint event planned with members of the COST Action programme for The digital literacy and multimodal practices of young children (DigiLitEY), run by Jackie Marsh <http://digilitey.eu/>. Digital Childhood SIG members and DigiLitEY members will meet on 1st September, from 2-5pm, in Bologna. Members wishing to attend should contact Lorna Arnott, lorna.arnott@strath.ac.uk.

EECERA Conference Symposia: Three self-organised symposia were submitted to EECERA 2017 from SIG members.

1. Technology and Learning in the Early Years. Proposed presenters – Jane O'Connor; Kelly Johnston; and Lorna Arnott, Nicola Yelland and Eleni Karagiannidou.
2. Digital Technology and Playful Learning. Proposed presenters - Aderonke Folorunsho and Ioanna Palaiologou; Jill Dunn; and Shannon Ludgate
3. Listening to Other Voices: Perspectives and Places of Child-Technology Relations - Proposed presenters - Judith Enriquez-Gibson; Jane O'Connor and Michelle Rogers

Proposed Work for 2017-2018

1. Edit a special issue of a journal on The Culture of Digital Childhood in Early Years Education.
2. Continue to recruit members to the SIG and facilitate collaborative writing and projects.