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

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The Digital Childhoods SIG was formed at the EECERA conference in 2014 in Crete and there were ~40 persons attending the inaugural meeting. At the initial meeting, colleagues introduced themselves and we presented an overview of our vision for the SIG. Members discussed their research interests. Since this meeting a full distribution list has been developed to maintain communication and contact with members and a Google+ online community has been developed. We sought to create an inclusive SIG where established and novice researchers could collaborate and strengthen our knowledge base.

1. Publications

(Selected examples from some particularly research active SIG members; More members’ publications will be added after members meeting September 7th 2015)


Arnott, L., Grogan, D., and Duncan, P. (under review) Lessons from using iPads to understand young children’s creativity, in Contemporary Issues in Early Childhood
2. **Symposia at EECERA 2015**

The Digital Childhoods SIG have arranged 4 self-organised symposia including 12 presentations at the EECERA conference 2015 (Barcelona).

3. **Proposed Initiatives**

During the inaugural meeting, a number of initiatives were discussed by the SIG members, including:

- Identify an appropriate journal who can facilitate the publication of a special issue on Digital Childhoods
- The SIG membership has started an exploratory discussion around the possibility of developing a book proposal for a publication related to
issues concerning Digital Childhoods. Calls for papers were disseminated to members at the 2014 meeting for various book proposals.

• The SIG is in the process of setting up a database, which will link research activity and research interest areas of current members by topics, in order to assist members to identify published research to find possible collaborative partners.

• Plans for an international collaborative project on digital childhoods is being considered.

These issues will be further explored at the pre-conference SIG meeting on the 7th September.

4. Number of members
The Digital Childhoods SIG has attracted a lot of interest during it’s short existence and currently there are 48 members.