

## Digital Citizenship at the heart of Media & Learning 2017

Being Creative - Being Responsible - Being Informed - Being Inclusive - Being Positive

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Media & Learning 2017 will be held on 6-7 April 2017 at the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts in the heart of Brussels. Organised under the banner title of *Learning Media for Digital Citizenship*, this year's conference will be all about inspiring, informing and sharing great ideas about what it means to become a digital citizen and how media fits into this learning process.

Learners nowadays are expected to play an active role online rather than simply being passive consumers of technology, but what does it take to really provide them with the skills and competences to be effective, responsible and creative online? What's the best way to ensure that students can be in the vanguard of reclaiming the Internet and using it as a tool for growth, harmony and positive development? How can our educational structures and players be part of such a development?

These ideas will be explored in Brussels on 6-7 April in an agenda packed with learning and networking opportunities.

The core themes that underpin the programme are:

- Students as mobile or citizen journalists, schemes promoting fact-checking and ethical reporting
- Understanding students' online engagement and influence through vlogging and other practices
- Building competences and skills amongst students to become multimedia learning content creators
- Enhancing critical thinking at school through effective media literacy strategies and resources
- Supporting capacity building amongst teachers in the use of all types of media including social media
- Fostering digital inclusion making sure all students become competent digital citizens
- Engaging learners with media support, exploring possibilities and sharing best practices and open resources
- Exploring effective ways to encourage responsible digital citizenship in schools from an early age.

This seventh annual edition of the conference is aimed at teachers, practitioners, content-creators, service-providers and policy-makers and builds on the success of previous Media & Learning Conferences which have each attracted 300 people from all over Europe. The programme this year will not only feature inspiring talks but also demos, hands-on sessions and displays of different schemes, tools and approaches that can help instil a strong sense of citizenship amongst students online.

Visit our website <http://www.media-and-learning.eu> if you want to submit a proposal. The closing date for submission of proposals is **1 December 2016**.



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