



INVITATION: OPEN SPACE DISCUSSION EVENT

Greater Expectations: a broad set of entitlements for young people's lives and learning and the role of technology

Institute for Materials, Minerals and Mining, London
Thursday 2 October 2008
10.30 am – 4.00 pm (with buffet lunch)

Futurelab is pleased to invite you to an Open Space Discussion – the first event in a series of consultation activities to develop a broad set of entitlements for young people's lives in the 21st century and the role that digital technologies might play in achieving these aspirations. This event has been designed to build constructive partnerships with other organisations and individuals with an interest in children and young people's rights, aspirations and entitlements as learners.

The Greater Expectations project has two main aspects:

1. The development of a set of broad expectations and entitlements – or guiding principles - for young people's lives and learning
2. The development of a free resource aimed primarily at young people, parents and teachers that:
 - raises the aspirations and expectations of young people (especially those that are disadvantaged, disaffected or disengaged from education)
 - raises awareness of rights, entitlements and opportunities that are available to all young people
 - makes people aware of what already exists in this area and signpost to existing projects, policies and tools
 - provides content and scaffolding to make sense of these existing documents and tools and how they might actually be used in practice
 - suggests, recommends and exemplifies how (and which) new/digital technologies might be used to enable young people to achieve these aspirations
 - puts the tools and evidence in the hands of young people themselves to empower them (with the support of teachers and parents) to make changes in their own lives.

The project is supported by Becta - to contribute to the 'Harnessing Technology: Next Generation Learning 2008-14' strategy launched in July 2008.

The event will involve some structured activities and supported conversations around the broad entitlements and the format and content of the resource, as well as provide opportunities for participants to host their own conversations around related themes. All input on the day will be captured to further inform, shape and guide the Greater Expectations project.

RSVP by 24th September 2008

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If it is more appropriate for an alternative colleague to attend this event, or more than one person would like to attend from your organisation, please advise by e-mail and a separate invitation will be sent.

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