

Beyond Current Horizons

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Workshop Outline

This one hour workshop will explore some of the dominant social and technological trends that may shape the next two decades and the implications of this for education. Delegates will be invited to participate in a 'rapid scenarios' activity to challenge their assumptions about future trajectories for education and technology and to explore the outer limits of possibilities. The workshop will draw on the Beyond Current Horizons project led by Keri from 2007-2009 which was funded by the UK government to look at strategic long term futures for education in the context of socio-technical change.

Who should attend?

All delegates who are interested in asking questions about the future of education, about why we run schools the way we do, about what alternatives might arise, and about what should guide our decisions when we're not sure about what the future might bring. Delegates who have an open mind and are interested in creatively exploring alternatives would be particularly welcome.

About the Speaker

Keri is Professor of Education at Manchester Metropolitan University and leader of the Create Research Group, specialising in emergent technologies, digital cultures and radical educational change. Prior to joining the university, Keri was Research Director at Futurelab for 6 years where she led the research team in projects ranging from mixed reality gaming, to curriculum innovation to new forms of assessment. She started her research career at Bristol University studying children's informal learning with digital technologies after having worked in arts administration and marketing.