Do digital societies exist in technology-rich schools?

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What is a digital society?

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• Are information societies digital societies?

• Is it possible to measure the level of digital culture?

• What is the relationship between digital citizenship and a digital society?
The digital society

- Tools (Digital devices)
- Norms (Behaviour and ethics)
- Values (Role of trust)

What is the nature of the relationship between the different parts of the digital society?

How appropriate is this model?

After Knon et al (2013)
To what extent can a school be a digital society?

- To what extent can the “digital society” in a school reflect the society in which it functions?

- What are the constraints in a school that may make impossible to reflect the society in which it functions?

- How are these compromises accommodated?
Putting theory into practice (1)

Identification and selection of schools and teachers to include in this study to ensure an appropriate range both geographically and by school type.

Preliminary discussions with schools in Melbourne (Aus), St Petersburg (Florida, USA), Colorado Springs (USA) and Singapore have taken place.

Ensuring buy-in from school senior managers to obtain information such as ICT user policies, ICT provision and information from students.
Putting theory into practice (2)

Identification of possible collaborators and advisors in BCS and/or IFIP community as a result of prior contacts and those arising from BCS event.

Possible advice on Initial information gathering and outline design of data gathering techniques (f2f, online and Skype) to be completed by the end of 2013.

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