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# Oxford Education Society



## Saturday School 2014

### Early literacy and digital technologies: friend or foe?

**For many children today, digital experiences with multiple devices are the defining characteristic of their everyday literacy and life experiences.**

A great opportunity to learn about and discuss the fundamental impact of technologies, new to parents and grandparents, but basic to children and their future. Everyone interested, whether educator, researcher, adviser or policy maker, is invited.

This marked change has become a subject of heightened research interest and binary discussions among policy-makers, researchers and educators. Are apps and e-books interactive or

distractive, are children learning or just having fun, are we fostering new 21st century skills or throwing the baby out with the bathwater? We wish to encourage a deeper reflection on the implications of these trends and have invited key UK experts in the area of early years, early literacy and technology to address issues of topical importance to childhood educators.

#### Speakers:

- Jackie Marsh *School of Education, University of Sheffield*
- John Oates *Centre for Research in Education and Educational Technology, The Open University*
- Kathy Sylva *Department of Education, University of Oxford*
- Rebecca Eynon *Department of Education, University of Oxford and the Oxford Internet Institute*
- Natalia Kucirkova *The Open University and Booktrust*

Two interactive sessions with opportunities to discuss and network:

**Discussants:** Rosie Flewitt, Justine Hodgkinson, Gulzar Kanji & Mary Wild

**Date:** Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**Time:** 10.30am-4.00pm

**Venue:** Department of Education, 15 Norham Gardens, Oxford, OX2 6PY

**Cost:** £50 (includes lunch and refreshments throughout the day)

There are a limited number of student bursaries to the value of £25 each.

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