

Description of sub-plenaries 2013

1. Michael Harris

Essential skills for the 21st century secondary classroom

Target audience: all working language: English

Presentation: 75% workshop: 25%

Rapid technological change, shifting job markets and the increasingly connected nature of society mean that people need key skills to become active global citizens. In this session we will look at such “21st century skills”: lifelong learning strategies; information processing and thinking skills; intercultural and interactive communicative competence; digital literacies.

2: Paul Davies

The educator's new clothes.

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Born into a digital world, today's students have a short attention span but a talent for multitasking, and learn best when education is tailored to fit this profile. Or at least, that is the prevailing wisdom. But is there any evidence that educational technology has any positive effect at all on standards? I'll discuss the benefits and limitations of digital resources and look at the effect technology is having on education.

3. John Hughes

The three i's of using video: Inspire, Inform, Integrate

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Video has the power to inspire and engage learners but it can do so much more. Content-rich video also informs so that students learn something new about the world as well as learning language. Thirdly, effective use of video allows us to integrate it into our language teaching at any level. In this presentation I'll illustrate these three i's by using video material from National Geographic and presenting practical activities you can use with any video in your lesson tomorrow.