Our conference on children's rights in the digital age

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Concerns that children's rights are being newly infringed rather than enhanced in the digital age are often raised by researchers, child rights' advocates, and internet governance experts. Children's needs and experiences in the digital age are often neglected in high-level debates about global internet provision and governance and children's rights are treated as a minority interest and seen as demanding exceptional treatment from adult society. Further, current debates frequently emphasise the risks children potentially face online and underline their right to protection but much less debate focuses on children's provision and participation rights and the opportunities children may encounter online.

The conference fostered an international debate on key issues related to children's and young people's rights in the digital age, including: child and youth participation rights; online opportunities and risks; inequalities and digital exclusion; policy and multi-stakeholder governance; the role of peers and peer culture; participatory research; e-learning, health promotion and creativity in the digital environment; cross-generational dynamics of online engagement.

The conference included a plenary presentation from Global Kids Online.

Further resources

