Digital technologies are making the world more unequal

What are we doing about it?

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Practice

The UNESCO Chair in ICT4D works with people in some of the economically poorest parts of the world. We are particularly involved in partnerships for the empowerment of persons with disabilities, as in this workshop in Antigua on turning policy into practice in the Caribbean. Our TEQtogether initiative (http://TEQtogether.org) founded in 2018 focuses on changing men’s attitudes and behaviours about women and technology. We are also part of a UKRI GCRF hub on South-South migration led by Coventry University, where we focus on reducing inequalities through the use of ICT by migrants.

Policy

Through the UNESCO Chair in ICT4D, Royal Holloway, University of London, is a member of EQUALS https://equals.org, shaping global policies on women and ICTs. We have influenced Save the Children’s and UNICEF’s policies through our reports for them on how they can use ICTs more effectively to enhance education for the most deprived. The Chairholder has also led the development of a UN system-wide strategy for the HLPF on the future of education and learning on behalf of UNESCO and UNICEF, that involves 21 other UN agencies.

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