

International Seminar

Dutch Conference

1st December 2004

2nd December 2004

The information society and social policy

Computers and internet stand for technical progress. But do they also bring about social progress? Is social quality improving as more households gain access to the internet and more people spend time using new media? Or will access and use of technology prove to become a new faultline in social exclusion?

This seminar and conference will explore how new media and social quality relate to each other. The perspective is that of social policy and practice. How can government, local authority, social agencies, community workers ... engage with technology to increase the contribution technology can make to social quality? Through a number of country reports and thematic papers, the international seminar explores what policy/practice matches our ambitions to achieve e-inclusion.

Programme international seminar, 1st December 2004

Chair: Jan Steyaert & Jos de Haan

12.00 lunch

13.00-15.00 Country reports

- Sara Ferlander, Stirling University, **Sweden**
- Dutch reflection on Swedish country report (Valerie Frissen)
- Lutz Kubitschke, Empirica, **Germany**
- Dutch reflection on German country report (Jan van Dijk)
- Eric Goubin, Hogeschool Mechelen, **Belgium**
- Dutch reflection on Belgian country report (Joeri van der Steenhoven)
- Gail Bradbrook, Citizens Online, **UK**
- Dutch reflection on UK country report (Lambert van der Laan)
- Discussion: lessons learned

15.00-15.30 Coffee/tea break

15.30-17.30 special themes

- ‘Fibre to the home, can technological innovation be turned into social progress?’
Vicky Nash, Oxford Internet Institute
- ‘Growing diversity in information and entertainment: does media use follow production and distribution trends?’
Frank Huysmans, Social and Cultural Planning office (SCP)
- ‘Where does time spend on the internet come from?’
John Robinson, University of Maryland
- ‘The original space of flows: neighbourhood in the network society’
Kevin Harris, Community Development Foundation

17.30-18.00 discussion: where next ??

19.00 dinner in town

Registration

Number of participants at the seminar is limited to 50, early registration is needed. Number of participants at the conference is expected to be about 750.

Please register by mail to MJ.Groenen@fontys.nl. Kindly indicate whether you register for the seminar or for both the seminar and the conference.

Location

Both the international seminar and the conference are in Eindhoven, the Netherlands. The seminar is at the broadband demonstration centre, the conference at the Evoluon. Both are close to the city centre.

Costs

Participation in both seminar and conference is **free**. Lunch and dinner on 1st December are included. Participants cover their own travel and accommodation costs.

The conference

The conference on 2nd December will bring together people from policy, practice and science. It is the concluding event of several programmes on social quality and new media, including the 'digital playgrounds' and the 'digital hatcheries'.

More at www.ictensamenleving.nl

When

The international seminar is on 1st December 2004, from lunchtime to dinnertime.

The conference is on 2nd December 2004, all day.

Accommodation

We have made a block reservation at the Mandarin Park Plaza hotel in the centre of the city at about 105 euro per night for a single room, incl. breakfast.

If you wish to be part of this block reservation, please send a mail to MJ.Groenen@fontys.nl. For other accommodation opportunities, check <http://www.vvveindhoven.nl/int/>

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