



ICT adoption in Greek Secondary Humanities Education. Issues and reflections

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What makes the difference?



- Networks link us to a new society
- Review of skills needed today
- Schools are facing challenges
- Role of educator



What we know after 5 years



- Resistance to changes - skepticism
- Demanding in time
- Need of support
- Timetable flexibility



Let the teachers speak

- Several teacher trainers suggested that over rigid assessment systems were preventing the development of new curricula to develop digital literacy.
- Curricula frameworks are far too restrictive.





ICT in teaching language

- Multimodal texts require different approach
- Need for visual education
- Transformational power of word processor
- Reviewing – fluidity of text
- Use of e-mail – incentives for collaboration



ICT in history didactics

- Changes in methods and tools
- Web as a new learning environment
- Use of spreadsheets
- Virtual reality environments



ICT literacy

Using digital technology to access, manage, integrate, evaluate and create information in order to function in a knowledge society

ICT Literacy panel , 2002



New definitions of digital literacy

- Learning is shifting.
- Kids working with new digital media, deploy “bricolage”.
- New forms of learning are based on trying things and action.
- “Learning through making”





Conclusions



- ICT as panacea?
- There is a focus on operational skills; we tend to focus on how to use ICT rather than how technology can be used to model and transform an activity.



Where next?



- What skills are being learnt through informal learning – playing games, writing a blog, compiling digital music collections?
- We need more research focused on practice.



And some serious questions



- How do we ensure high-quality learning in an open e-learning environment?
- How do we promote equitable access to the technologies and high quality content?



Thank you for your patience and attention



- Thank you
- Merci,
- Danke,
- Grazie,
- Efcharisto.