

Using Digital Technology to Engage the Montessori Learner

This workshop addresses how digital technologies can be used in practice to engage (rather than distract) 6-12 year-old and adolescent students in Montessori (and traditional) classrooms. Digital technologies are inherently customisable and interactive, and they have blurred the distinction between producers and consumers in the Information Age. When teachers understand the strengths and limitations of these devices they can shape learning experiences that promote autonomy, authenticity, connection and inquiry. Participants will be invited to consider some broad characteristics that make Montessori classrooms engaging for children. After an audiovisual tour of some very specific ways in which digital technologies can enhance these characteristics without detracting from our core method, participants will be inspired to integrate technology into their 6-12 and adolescent classrooms to engage and motivate their young “digital natives.”



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