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TWG 8: Digital Citizenship and Cyber Wellness
Research Plan

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Foci, Rational and Scope
The widespread proliferation of digital technologies has yielded enormous benefits and opportunities across all sectors of global society. Concurrently, there have emerged a new array of problems related to the social and ethical use of these technologies including cyber bullying, viruses, hacking, information pollution, identify theft, internet addiction, inappropriate content and online predators. In response to these challenges countries are developing policies and laws to protect citizens and implementing national initiatives to prepare citizens with the knowledge, skills and attitudes towards safe and responsible use of these technologies. This strand will focus on reviewing the current status and trends of digital citizenship and cyber wellness across the globe including national and local policies, initiatives and best practices. A subgroup (Searson, Hancock, Resta) are completing a study of digital citizenship and cyber wellness in Asia Pacific countries for UNESCO Bangkok, that may provide useful information to the working group on current trends and issues.

Objectives
The specific objectives include:

1. To develop a definition of digital citizenship and cyber wellness that reflects current thinking in the field
2. To identify high quality research literature on digital citizenship and cyber wellness
3. To review national and local initiatives in digital citizenship and cyber wellness in Asia Pacific countries and other regions of the globe
4. To review national policies in Asia Pacific countries and other regions to identify core elements and to develop guidelines and recommendations for sound digital citizenship and cyber wellness policies
5. To identify best practices in the integration of digital citizenship and cyber wellness into K-12 curriculum and in teacher preparation programs

6. To identify criteria or quality indicators for digital citizenship and cyber wellness programs in schools

7. To develop recommendations for national digital citizenship and cyber wellness policy

Pre EDUsummIT 2015 Activities
- To identify and gather information related to digital citizenship and cyber wellness research, initiatives, programs and policies in home country or region
- To open a Google doc for all members to share information on the above

Activities at EDUsummIT
- Introductions and review of agenda and activities during EDUsummIT
- Review information shared by working group members in Google Docs related to relevant research studies and literature, national and local initiatives, and programs
- Identify core issues and current trends in digital citizenship and cyber wellness
- Review digital citizenship and cyber wellness national and policies to identify common elements and structures
- Draft a minimal set of guidelines for national digital citizenship and cyber wellness policy

Post EDUsummIT 2015 Activities
- Draft a policy paper on digital citizenship and cyber wellness using UNESCO Policy Brief format
- Develop guidelines that may be used by policy-makers and educators to support optimal development of digital citizenship and cyber wellness
- Consider development of a survey, to be administered as broadly as possible to the international community of educators, policy-makers and researchers, to assess current status and trends of digital citizenship and cyber wellness
- Presentation/Symposium at SITE 2016, ATE 2016, and other relevant conferences, on digital citizenship and cyber wellness working group findings and recommendations

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