

Digital Futures?

BSA Presidential Event 2018



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HUW DAVIES

Title: Are teenagers the canaries in the digital policy coalmine?

Bio: Huw has a PhD in Web Science and is currently a (digital) sociologist engaged in a range of research projects at the Oxford Internet Institute. His work addresses: digital and social inequalities; young peoples' digital skills and literacies; children's safety relative to the Internet of Things; AI's impact on education; and freelancers' ability to adapt to the shifting demands of the digital platform economy. Huw is also co-convenor of the BSA's digital sociology group.

Key statement for the day: To help develop effective policy, Huw will share insights from his research to show why it's dangerous for us to generalise about young people – particularly to underestimate and/or overestimate.

Selected publications

- [Davies H. C., & Eynon, R. \(2018\). Is digital upskilling the next generation our 'pipeline to prosperity'? *New Media & Society*](#)
- [Tackling Digital Inequality: Why We Have to Think Bigger](#)
- [Davies, H. C., Eynon, R., & Wilkin, S. \(2017\). Neoliberal gremlins? How a scheme to help disadvantaged young people thrive online fell short of its ambitions. *Information, Communication & Society*, 20\(6\), 860–875.](#)
- [How and why is children's digital data being harvested?](#)