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Future of education in the digital age

What will education be like in the digital age? This was the focus of the enlightED conference that took place in Spain recently.



Ousman Omar and Magdalena Brier, CEO of the enlightED took place in Spain with panellists talking about the future of education in the digital age. The conference, organised by Fundación Telefónica, IE University, and South Summit and supported by La Caixa Foundation, returned to a physical format after two years of the pandemic. Begun in 2018, the event brings together experts in education, technology and innovation to reflect on the challenges in the field of learning.

This year, the three main themes were digital skills of today and tomorrow; disruptive classrooms; and advancing equity and inclusion through innovation. Speakers included names such as renowned psychologist Susan David; Bisila Bokoko, founder of African Literacy Project; Ousman Umar, founder of Nasco Feeding Minds; Dr. Alok Kanojia, co-founder of Healthy Gamer; and Kenneth Cukier, an authority on emerging technology.

Highlights

After the opening led by Carmen Morenés, CEO of Fundación Telefónica; Santiago Iñiguez, President of IE University; Liz Fleming, Director of Ecosystems at South Summit; and Xavier Bertolin, Corporate Director of Education and Marketing at la Caixa Foundation, the first session had Ikhlaq Sidhu, Dean of IE School of Science & Technology, and Kenneth Cukier, best-

enlightED 2022 also featured Desafío, a 24-hour immersive experience at the headquarters of 42 Madrid, which offered insights into its disruptive teach-

students industry ready. Since there are no physical classrooms or books, the students work with their peers and draw insights from each other's experiences.

On the second day, psychiatrist and founder of Healthy Gamer Dr. Alok Kanojia spoke about the impact of technology on mental health in a conversation with María Zabala, journalist, writer and communication consultant specialising in technology and digital society. In a session on Digital Skills for Today and Tomorrow led by Luis Miguel Olivas, director of the Employability and Educational Innovation Area of Fundación Telefónica and featur-

Amaral, director of Development of Sonae and Marco Dondei, an expert in the future of work, the panellists touched upon the relevance of technology and its impact on education and the future of work.

In another session about Evidence-based Education: Keys to Reducing Educational Inequity, Marta Ferrero, Vice-Dean in Research and Teaching Transfer at the Faculty of Teacher Training and Education at UAM; and Kim Bohling, head of Evaluation at the Education Endowment Foundation, spoke about the need to evaluate and understand different aspects of learning such as class size, socio-economic status, and countries of birth, and the combined need for critical thinking and openness to learn newer things.

Spain's Minister of Education and Training Pilar Alegria participated in the closing ceremony along with José María Álvarez Pallete, Chairman of Telefónica; Diego del Alcázar, CEO of IE University; Liz Fleming, Director of Ecosystems at South Summit; and Xavier Bertolin, Corporate Director of Education and Marketing at la Caixa Foundation.

"When such disruptive changes occur in short periods of time, it is a risk of in-



werful tool than education and training to ensure social inclusion, reduce inequalities and boost countries' competitiveness," concluded Álvarez Pallete.

(Clockwise from left) A panel on Fostering STEAM Vocations and Skills; At a VR stall for experiential learning; A session on Reframing Virtual Learning; Dr. Alok Kanojia on technology and gaming. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The reporter was at the conference on the invitation of IE University, Spain.



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