

## **DigiLitEY Training School 2018**

### **Makerspaces in the Early Years: Enhancing Digital Literacy and Creativity**



**University of Sheffield, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

#### **Call for Participants**

The DigiLitEY Cost Action is pleased to announce its 3<sup>rd</sup> Training School to be held at the University of Sheffield, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

This 2-day intensive summer school is aimed at advanced postgraduate students and early stage researchers and provides an opportunity to explore issues emerging from an international research study into the use of makerspaces in the early years to develop children's digital literacies – MakeEY (see the project site: <http://makeyproject.eu>)

The training school will include keynote speakers, workshop sessions where participants will be able to discuss their own research projects and a makerspace session in which participants can tinker and hack, and reflect on the methodological challenges of researching children's engagement in makerspaces.

The training school will take place at the University of Sheffield's Interdisciplinary Centre of the Social Sciences (ICOSS) <https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/icoss/contact>

#### **How to apply**

Abstracts must not exceed 1500 words in Word. Use plain text (Times Roman 12) and abstain from using footnotes. All proposals must be in English.

Please complete the attached application form, and submit this, along with your abstract by email to Aisling Cooling [a.cooling@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:a.cooling@sheffield.ac.uk) by **5:00pm, 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

## Funding

The authors of accepted papers will be able to apply for a grant to contribute to their overall travel, accommodation and meal expenses.

There are two different bursaries available:

- Trainees outside of UK: 8 places, 800 Euro
- Local (UK) Trainees: 4 places, 360 Euro

## Important dates

Abstract and participation application deadline:	<b>5<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>
Notification of acceptance into the summer school:	<b>12<sup>th</sup> January 2018</b>

## Organisation and contact

The training school is hosted by the University of Sheffield.

Local organisers and contact: Jackie Marsh [j.a.marsh@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:j.a.marsh@sheffield.ac.uk) and Aisling Cooling [a.cooling@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:a.cooling@sheffield.ac.uk)