

Creating the Citizens of the Future

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ABSTRACT

It has been fashionable in recent times to advocate citizenship as a means of addressing issues concerned with social cohesion and social inclusiveness. Citizenship education has come to play a valuable role in enhancing notions of civic and political identity. This session will also argue that we need to pay attention to other strategies to achieve social inclusion and advance social cohesion. The informal curriculum of the school as with the informal agenda of other social intuitions can play as big a part as the formal curriculum in advancing citizenship and social cohesion. The importance of trust and cooperation along with the depth and richness of social relationships can be as potent in building civil society. Policy makers and educators can find it to be of value to aim for a climate of high trust and highly co-operative educational and social environments in aiming to enhance civil society.