2020 mEducation Alliance Symposia Event:  
*Play Every Day*  
Draft Agenda

**Monday, September 14, 2020**

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**Session A: Measuring Skills Acquired Through Technology and Play**
- Gamified Assessment, Harooon Yasin, Strategist, **Taleemabad**
- Family Engagement in the Digital Age, Sashwati Banerjee, Entrepreneur in Residence with the Central Square Foundation, **Top Parent App**
- CurrantMobile, Carmen Strigel, Director, Technology for Education and Training, **RTI International**
- Educational Initiatives for Personalised Adaptive Solutions to Accelerate Learning, Pranav Kothari, VP of Large Scale Education Programs, **Educational Initiatives**
- Leveraging mobile games and libraries to continue learning: Field experiments in rural and urban settings, Victor Orozco, Senior Economist, **The World Bank**

**Session B: Adapting Games for Offline Learning (Part 1)**
- Learning to Learn in 160 Characters, Annapoorni P.C., Senior Manager, **Pratham Education Foundation**
- Social Learning with 3D Science Models, Nkosana Masuku, Founder and CEO, **Phenomenon Technologies**
Session C: Play, Games, and Tech for Education during a Crisis (Part 1)

- **Playful Parenting Daily Workout through Edtech**, Megan McGrath, Technical Advisor, Education; Alodia Santos, Senior Technical Advisor, **World Vision**, Stephen Meyer, Director of Strategic Partnerships, **Viamo**, Wendy Smith, Director of Education Programs, **World Reader**
- **KarMuqabla**, Aamer Ahmed Khan, CEO, **Houndbyte Technologies**
- ‘Can't Wait to Learn’ at Home - Responding to the Emerging Education Needs of Conflict Affected Children Through Home-based e-learning Games, Judith Flick, Programme Director Can't Wait to Learn, **War Child Holland**
- **The Socially Responsible Behavior Through Embodied Thinking (SORBET) Project: A Case Study from Singapore Schools**, Kenneth Y. T. Lim, Research Scientist, **National Institute of Education, Singapore**

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11:00 am - 12:15 pm

**Session A: Tinkering around the World (Hosted by the LEGO Foundation)**

- Chris Rogers, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, **Tufts University**
- Dipeshwor Man Shrestha, Doctoral Student in Education, **Tufts University**
- Sara Willner-Giwerc, Doctoral Student in Mechanical Engineering, **Tufts University**
- Deanne Gelosi, Museum Educator, **Exploratorium**
- Sebastian Martin, Tinkering Specialist, **Exploratorium**

**Session B: Social Emotional Learning and Early Years Learning (Part 1)**

- **Gamification of Life Skills Approaches**, Melanie Worrall, Director of Learning Technology Consulting, **Inclusiv Education**
- **Disruptive Mobile Learning Tool for English Literacy**, Surinder Sharma, CEO, **Smart Kidz Club Inc.**
- **SEL Kernels of Practice in Northeast Nigeria**, Jonah Bautista, Data Advisor, **International Rescue Committee**, and Natasha Raisch, Research Assistant, **EASEL Lab at Harvard University**
- **Tiny Totos Kenya**, Emma Caddy, Founder and CEO, **Tiny Totos**

**Session C: Play-based Learning for Math and Science (Part 1)**

- **Building Blocks - It All Adds Up**, Ashok Kamath, Chair, **Akshara Foundation**
- **High Quality Educational Gaming**, Dr. Joseph Adetunji Adegbesan, Founder & CEO, **Gidi Mobile & Papadi Games**
- **Mathika**, Eyal Dessoutzafrir, CEO and Co-Founder, **iMagine Machine Israel Ltd**
12:30 - 1:30 pm  Expo Booths and Networking
Visit our sponsor booths and make new acquaintances

1:30 - 2:30 pm  **mEducation Alliance e-Cafe:** Dialoguing with mEducation Alliance members
2:30 - 3:00 pm  **Formal Program:** Day Closing Remarks and Reflections
3:00 - 4:30 pm  **mEducation Alliance e-Cafe:** Networking and Other Fun

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9:00 - 9:25 am  Welcoming Remarks: Scott Isbrandt, Director, Strategic Initiatives, mEducation Alliance

9:30 - 10:45 am  **Session A:** Supporting Schools with Creative Learning at Home (Hosted by the LEGO Foundation)

- Carolina Rodeghiero, Education Organizer, Brazilian Creative Learning Network, Researcher, Lifelong Kindergarten Group at MIT Media Lab
- Leo Burd, Creative Learning Program Director, MIT Media Lab
- Rupal Jain, Learning Partnerships Manager, Lifelong Kindergarten Group at MIT Media Lab

**Session B:** Games and Play for Inclusive Education

- **GraphoGame:** How An App Can Fight the COVID Slide in Literacy?, Jesper Rynänen, Co-founder, Grapho Group
- **Supporting International Deaf Communities**, Stephen Jacobs, Professor, RIT MAGIC Center, and Professor Chris Kurz, National Technical Institute for the Deaf
- **A Digital Learning Revolution Approach Using Lessons from the Chess Game Engine**, Cavin Mugarura, CEO, Node Media Systems

**Session C:** Play-based Learning for Math and Science (Part 2)

- **Problem-based Adventure**, Vidya Raman, CEO, RoundEd Learning Inc.
11:00 am - 12:15 pm  
**Session A: Play, Games and Tech for Education during a Crisis (Part 2)**
- *Uniting Parents, Children, and Community Members in Learning*, Jazib Zahir, Chief Operations Officer, *Tintash (Pvt) Ltd*
- *Curious Learning: Creating, Localizing and Distributing Mobile Apps That Let Kids Teach Themselves To Read*, Stephanie Gottwald, Co-Founder and Director of Content, *Curious Learning*

Session B: Adapting Games for Offline Learning (Part 2)
- *Reaching Underprivileged Children through Eskwelang Pamilya*, Beena Khemani, Curriculum Coordinator, *Playworks Early Childhood Centers/AHA Learning Center*
- *Edu-Toons & Edu-Games: Leveraging Animations and Games in Formal Education*, Bidemi Nelson, CEO, *Shield of Innocence Initiative*
- Empowering Parents to Engage in Creative Learning, Maria Zandt, Founder of Abracadabra Creative Kids, and Wobiandu Olivia Wokekoro, *Kidstube*
- *Ahlan Simsim Initiative: Preparing a Generation of Children Affected by Conflict and Crisis*, Shanna Kohn, Senior Education Manager, Humanitarian Programs, and Manar Shukri, Regional Early Childhood Development Technical Lead, *IRC/Sesame Workshop*

Session C: Social Emotional Learning and Early Years Learning (Part 2)
- Moderator: Helen Hadani, *Brookings*
- *Sun Books*, Maria del Pilar Rojas Quimbay, Program Manager, *World Literacy Foundation*
- *Alpha Tiles: What kind of Literacy App Could be Scaled Up to Serve Thousands of Minority Languages?*, Aaron Hemphill, Alpha Tiles Project Manager, *SIL Mexico*

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

**Hands-On Educational Games**
- *Improving Mathematics Learning with Matica*, Mugaga Julius, Assistant lecturer and Researcher, *Makerere University*
- *The Joy of Mathematics: Activities From the Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival*, Mark Saul, Senior Scientist, and Daniel Kline, Director of Activities, *Julia Robinson Mathematics Festival*
- Exploding Dots: A Global Phenomenon, James Tanton, Founder, Global Math Project

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<td>Interview and Math Concert, Muzology</td>
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Consultant, The Dominican Republic Education and Mentoring (DREAM) Project
- Digital Education for Children in Vulnerable Environments, Elizabeth Galdo Marin, Managing Director at Fundación Telefónica Perú, and Mila Gonçalves, Global Head of Product and Innovation, ProFuturo
- EVOKE, Robert Hawkins, Senior Education Specialist, and Barbara Freeman, Education Innovation and Impact Evaluation Consultant, World Bank
- Game of Choice, Not Chance Submission, Susan Howard, Academic Entrepreneur, George Mason University & Howard Delafield International

mEducation Alliance e-Cafe:
Showcase Speakers
- Warren Buckleitner, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, IMM Department at TCNJ, Editor, Children's Technology Review
- Jon-Paul C. Dyson, PhD, Director, International Center for the History of Electronic Games Vice President for Exhibits, Strong Museum of Play
- Dr. Christopher Harris, Director of the School Library System, Genesee Valley Educational Partnership
- Brian Mayer, Coordinator, School Library System and Media Services, Erie2 BOCES

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12:30 - 1:30 pm mEducation Alliance e-Cafe: Play Every Day Insights
1:30 - 2:30 pm Escape the Symposium -- and Prizes!
2:30 - 3:30 pm Final Remarks and Participant Reflections

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