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# Teachers Talking: What Could Media Studies Be? Videos from the day

**Saturday 13th February 2021**

The Covid-19 Pandemic has emphasised just how vital media are to our education, work, public health, community, and leisure. Yet media education continues to be at risk as part of a wider attack on arts and humanities. The event brought together media teachers from across primary, secondary, FE and HE for reflection and dialogue about what our subject is, how we teach it, and what we think it could be.

## **The aims of the day were:**

1. To learn from our colleagues with different levels of experience and working in different educational settings
2. To celebrate our teaching achievements after almost a year of working in incredibly difficult circumstances
3. To enhance a sense of community between primary, secondary, FE and HE media educators
4. To bring together ideas about what we want our subject to be and make plans for the future

We will be following up on the themes, issues and ideas raised throughout the event so please watch this space. In the meantime, please keep the conversation going by joining [The MEA](#), joining our group on [Facebook](#) and following on [Twitter](#) as well as the [conference account](#) and the hashtag #MediaEduFutures.

## **Teachers Talking: What Could Media Studies Be?**

### **10.30-11.15am Introduction**

Welcome and housekeeping – Dr Victoria Grace Walden, University of Sussex

#### **1.1 What Could Media Studies Be - Opening Session - Victo...**



Media Education Today – UK Perspectives

Dr Steve Connolly, Chair of the MEA and Senior Lecturer, University of Bedfordshire

## 1.2 What Could Media Studies Be - Opening Session - Steve...



Michelle Thomason, MEA Board and PhD Candidate, Bournemouth University's Centre for Excellence in Teaching Practice

## 1.3 What Could Media Studies Be - Opening Session - Mich...



**TeachMeet Sessions** 11.30am- 1.30pm

Each session was introduced by a provocateur, followed by 5 presentations from across media education sectors.

### **A. Critical / Creative Media**

**Provocateur:** Prof. David Gauntlett, Canada Research Chair, Faculty of Communication and Design, Ryerson University, Toronto

## 2.1 What Could Media Studies Be - Critical Creative Media ...



### **Presentations:**

How Does All This Theory Get Me A Job? (Dr Paul Dwyer, Director of Student Enterprise, University of Westminster)

## 2.2 What Could Media Studies Be - Critical Creative Media ...



Three Ways to Bond Students to their Case Studies (Nicci Bonfanti, Media Teacher and Coordinator, Rosebery School)

## 2.3 What Could Media Studies Be - Critical Creative Media ...



Media Diet Assessment: Merging Theory and Practice ([Dr Emily Contois](#), Assistant Professor of Media Studies, The University of Tulsa)

## 2.4 What Could Media Studies Be - Critical Creative Media ...



Pupil Film-making in an Ordinary Classroom (Victor WA Lane, Guernsey LEA)

## 2.5 What Could Media Studies Be - Critical Creative Media ...



Thinking Critically? ([Dr Keith Perera](#), Assistant Headteacher St Paul's Catholic College/University of Sussex)

## 2.6 What Could Media Studies Be - Critical Creative Media ...



### B. Curriculum – The Big Picture

**Provocateur:** [Dr Michelle Cannon](#), Lecturer in Digital Arts and Media Education, UCL

### 3.1 What Could Media Studies Be - Curriculum Teach Meet ...



#### **Presentations:**

Media Literacy: Statutory Guidance ([Kirk Campbell](#), Head of Sixth Form, Teddington School)

### 3.2 What Could Media Studies Be - Curriculum Teach Meet ...



How Case Studies Nearly Killed My Subject (Steve Roberts. Head of Media, Clevedon School)

### 3.3 What Could Media Studies Be - Curriculum Teach Meet ...



Media Arts in Australian Primary Schools ([Amanda Levido](#), PhD Candidate, Queensland University of Technology)

### 3.4 What Could Media Studies Be - Curriculum Teach Meet ...



Media is 'Social Media' ([Colin Riggs](#), Head of Media Studies, Marsh Academy (11-18))

### 3.5 What Could Media Studies Be - Curriculum Teach Meet ...



#### C. Media Studies and Digital Pedagogy – Pandemic Reflections

**Provocateur:** [Dr Victoria Grace Walden](#), Senior Lecture in Media, University of Sussex

### 4.1 What Could Media Studies Be - Digital Pedagogy Teach ...



#### **Presentations:**

Creative, Critical and Culture: How Can we Shift Focus to Technology as a Tool? (Justyna Skowronek, Media Studies Teacher at The Langley Academy)



## 4.2 What Could Media Studies Be - Digital Pedagogy Teach ...



Teaching Radio Production and Journalism through Online Teaching – Learning and Challenges (Dr. Swati Bute, Associate Professor, Jagran School of Journalism & Communication, Jagran Lake city University, Bhopal, India)

## 4.3 What Could Media Studies Be - Digital Pedagogy Teach ...



Media Making Out of the Classroom – Best Practice in a Pandemic (Lucy Brown, London South Bank University)

#### 4.4 What Could Media Studies Be - Digital Pedagogy Teach ...



Community Collaboration during the Pandemic (Dr Claire Henry, Senior Lecture in Media Studies (Digital Media Production), Massey University, New Zealand)

#### 4.5 What Could Media Studies Be - Digital Pedagogy Teach ...



Zooming Cinematically: Making Movies Remotely (Joseph Kraemer, Towson University, USA)

## 4.6 What Could Media Studies Be - Digital Pedagogy Teach ...



### 2.30-3.30pm: Plenary: What Could Media Studies Be? Panel

Dr Becky Parry – Lecturer and Programme Director of MA Digital Literacies, Culture and Education, University of Sheffield

## 5.1 What Could Media Studies Be - Plenary - Becky Parry



Bethan Thomas – Deputy Director of the Faculty of English, Media and Literacy, Subject Lead for Media Studies at St Cyres School, @mediaeduchat

## 5.2 What Could Media Studies Be - Plenary - Bethan Thomas



**Samantha James** – Subject Lead for Media Production at Barton Peveril Sixth Form College

## 5.3 What Could Media Studies Be - Plenary - Samantha Ja...



**Wayne O'Brien** – Doctoral candidate in Education at Bournemouth University, author of 'Studying Videogames' (Auteur 2008) and teacher at Smestow School, Wolverhampton

## 5.4 What Could Media Studies Be - Plenary - Wayne OBrien



**Claire Pollard** – Programme Leader PGCE, Goldsmith and Editor, Media Magazine [@MediaMagEMC](#)

## 5.5 What Could Media Studies Be - Plenary - Claire Pollard



**Prof Mary Krell** – Professor of Creative Media and Director of Teaching and Learning (Media, Film and Music), University of Sussex

## 5.6 What Could Media Studies Be - Plenary - Mary Krell



Dr William Merrin – Associate Professor Media and Communication, Swansea University

## 5.7 What Could Media Studies Be - Plenary - William Merrin



**Mark Reid** – Head of Education, British Film Institute [@bfi](#)

## 5.8 What Could Media Studies Be - Plenary - Mark Reid



### 3.45-4.15 Breakout Rooms with a collaborative Padlet

Wax and wane: Each person offered 1 complaint about media studies as it is currently, 1 positive or idea for the future

The reflections from this session have been captured in the Padlet below

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4.15-4.45pm Plenary: Overview of Group Discussions and Closing Remarks

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Victoria Grace Walden, School of Media, Arts and Humanities, University of Sussex  
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