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Special advance booking price - includes two days of conference and the conference dinner!

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The event

Public education leadership is a skilful dance between developing and embracing innovative practice and change, and responding to the pace and pressure of the world and community around us. Responding effectively to curriculum change, the political landscape, financial and staffing questions, community changes, societal and demographic trends, as well as increasing mental health concerns, is key. Getting the balance right is crucial to leading the way to high performance-high care schools and ensuring the best possible outcomes for every student and staff member in our community. It is when we can apply innovative practice and co-creative thinking to address the issues of the future that, as leaders of schools, we flourish.

At the 2017 WASSEA conference, immerse yourself in the best of global and national, innovative thinking that inspires school leaders to become responsive to current and future needs.

Secure your place to hear the revolutionary Sugata Mitra speak, along with other renowned national speakers such as Alan Reid, Dr Mandy Nayton, Dr Carmen Lawrence, and the energetic Mike House.

The speaker

TED Prize winner Sugata Mitra is at the forefront of a new approach to education which challenges how we teach today's children in a technological age. He is Professor of Educational Technology at Newcastle University, UK and previously a Visiting Professor at MIT in the US. Sugata is currently working on the School in the Cloud, which is the culmination of over a decade of research and observations from all over the world. The School in the Cloud is learning at the edge of chaos - a community, place and experience to discover and explore children's learning as a self-organising system.

In 1999 Sugata and his colleagues at NIIT made a hole in a wall bordering an urban slum in Delhi, installed an internet-connected PC, and left to see what happened. Almost immediately, children from the slum began playing with the computer and in the process taught each other how to use it and get online. This experiment, which inspired the book 'Slumdog Millionaire' that went on to become the Oscar winning film of 2009, was replicated in other parts of India, both urban and rural, with similar results. It challenged some of the key assumptions of formal education, demonstrating that, even in the absence of any direct input from a teacher, an environment that stimulates curiosity could result in learning through self-instruction and peer-shared knowledge. However, his research has shown that it's not simply a case of taking teachers out of the equation: children in remote areas often perform poorly at school because they do not have access to good teaching.



Professor Sugata Mitra