

Social Capital and Education

Anne Jackson

Head, Strategy and Innovation Unit

Department for Education and Skills

“When I got my first television I stopped caring so much about having close relationships.”

Andy Warhol

The Millennial Kid Generation

- 63% have a television in their room ¹
- 88% of secondary pupils have access to a home computer: 64% have home internet access ²
- 83% of 15-16 year olds complain there is not enough to do locally ³

1 + 3: Livingstone and Bovill “Young People New Media” 199

2: Impact 2 study 2001

Peer Group pressure reinforces social disadvantage

For an average 10 year old, maths scores

- ...rise by 15% at a school with a high proportion of professional parents.
- ...fall by 20% at a school with a low proportion of professional parents

Source: Feinstein, 2001

Learning Mentors in Schools

- Learning Mentors are one of the options in the Excellence in Cities programme
- HMCI reports early evidence of better school attendance and reduction in pupils being excluded from schools
- EiC schools improving GCSE performance at almost double the national average

The proposed Matriculation Diploma

