Chris Sigaloff (The Netherlands) is Chair of Knowledgeland and specializes in social innovation. Chris’ expertise lies in organizational transformation, collaboration processes and internal (bottom-up) innovation.

Chris’ presentation was very much interactive. She presented a number of videos that illustrated how education and innovation can change the life of a community or school.

Chris Sigaloff believes that learning should be a collaborative activity and that education should be much more focused on creating vs. consuming and on learning vs. teaching.

**What is the new paradigm of Education?**

**Chris Sigaloff:** You like to start with big questions... Well, I think it is the transition from teaching to learning...

... And so, how would be the perfect school in your opinion? What subjects should be implemented?

**Chris Sigaloff:** I don’t think it even matters so much what the subjects are as long as children are stimulated to be critical, be creative, come up with new ideas... And you can do that with new subjects and with old subjects too. And what helps is to have subjects that are very focused on questions or social issues and challenges that are just there, in daily life.
And if learning should be the priority and not teaching, do you think students should have a bigger saying in Education?

**Chris Sigaloff:** It is perhaps not only about a bigger saying, but there should be room for the voice of children and there should be also room for the voice of teachers. And the best thing is if schools’ are not only bringing what they want to teach, but if they are also receiving what children have to teach. And I believe that it is also the task of school to promote, stimulate and build on that.

**Looking ahead to the Future, do you think that books should be substituted by computers, applications and smartphones?**

**Chris Sigaloff:** No. There will always be room for good books. I love books. There is room for everything: computers and books.

**In your presentation we saw some innovations in Education that are directly related to technology. And many times when we think about innovation, we think about money. Where does that money come from?**

**Chris Sigaloff:** First of all, I don’t think that many of these innovations I told you today have a lot to do with money. I mean, to start an apps club doesn’t need a lot of money. And schools have money. I mean, they are entrepreneurs and businesses in a way. So, what I think of is more about how we allocate the money and the choices we make... and also being creative about money. Although I do think that Education is one of the things the state should spend money on. But innovation is not only a matter of money.

**The schools should respond to the community’s present needs or should they be preparing for the future?**

**Chris Sigaloff:** I think these two go hand in hand, it is not a contradiction. If you work on issues that are now in the community, you are actually preparing for the future. And the best preparation for the future is the ability to anticipate, to be flexible and to deal with daily challenges. That is the best way of getting ready for the future.