

The Heart of Digital Citizenship | Anne Collier

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Digital citizenship is an intriguing but still very abstract idea with a dark past and great potential. A journalist who has followed youth Internet safety and citizenship for nearly 20 years, Anne Collier looks at what digital citizenship is, the struggle it emerged from, and five ways adult society can make it engaging and useful to young citizens, the heart of any digital citizenship discussion about youth.

KEY CONCEPTS: Children are stakeholders, not just potential victims in Internet safety discussions seeking solutions. Adults need to develop strong communication ties with youth and empower them to make change.

Journalist and youth advocate **Anne Collier** has been writing about youth and technology since 1997. A year ago she felt the need to write less and do more – to turn all that she'd learned from serving on three national task forces on Internet safety, following research on the subject as it emerged, and her long-standing advisory work with social media companies into practical help for schools. So this school year, she's piloting the U.S.'s first Internet helpline for schools, <http://icanhelpline.org/> part of a new nonprofit organization she founded with the creators of [#iCANHELP](#), The Net Safety Collaborative. The Collaborative aims to reduce school problems involving social media, increase trust and collaboration and grow digital literacy and student leadership. Collier blogs at NetFamilyNews.org.

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The Challenges of Raising a Digital Native; Empathy is the app | Devorah Heitner

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Often these days, we worry about our children on the internet. We teach them a long list of dos and don'ts and hope they turn out to be effective communicators and responsible digital citizens. Is this the best approach? In a world where the internet permeates our lives, how do we keep our children from being too connected or not connected enough? What can we do to create a new digital citizenry that safely and effectively rules the internet?

KEY CONCEPTS: Adults cannot purchase an app to raise children for them in the digital age. Empathy is the app. We need to get really engaged with and curious about kids' day to day experiences, ask them what they're thinking and co-create solutions with them that take advantage of their creativity and our wisdom.

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- **Website:** Raising Digital Natives <http://www.raisingdigitalnatives.com/>
- **Books:** *Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive (and Survive) in Their Digital World* (Routledge, 2016), download audiobook for free at <http://audiobookdown.info/B01KP2XNKQ>
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