



## Conference

Bristol, United Kingdom

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*In collaboration with Bristol Plays Music*

# Digital Keys: How can Technology unlock the Arts for All?

## Introduction to the conference

Great art, once considered the preserve of an economic and cultural elite, is increasingly just a click away. With technology now making it possible to enjoy live performance, visit cultural institutions or participate actively in a work from the comfort of one's own home, it can seem as if the age of truly accessible art is at last upon us.

RESEO's 2015 *European overview of the use of digital media for opera, music and dance education* publication took an extensive look at the ways in which new technologies and digital media are changing audience interaction with art, and how these impact upon the work of arts education departments. Eager to continue exploring the theme, RESEO is partnering with Bristol Plays Music (UK) for their 2016 Spring Conference **Digital Keys: How can Technology Unlock the Arts for All?**, focusing on new technologies with an emphasis on equality of access for performers and audiences.

With new practices come fresh challenges for education departments, who must not only adapt their methods to a digital context but also develop activities in line with a new, more involved public: one with different expectations as to participation, interaction and access. Technology can provide audience members with disabilities and special educational needs with an unprecedented level of access, but at the same time act as a barrier to the digitally illiterate or economically disadvantaged. What are the possibilities offered by new technologies and digital media with regards to equality of access? How can traditional outreach activities be adapted to a digital format? Which new skills are required in order to seize the opportunities offered by digital media? Which European initiatives provide the most inspiration?

Join RESEO and Bristol Plays Music at Colston Hall from 10 – 12 March for three days of debates, discussions, presentations and practical workshops, drawing on digital initiatives in order to provide real-life inspiration, new ideas and opportunities for exchange.

