Age matters: Bridging the generation gap through technology-mediated interaction

Call for participation
Internet-based, mobile and pervasive technologies provide the means for older people to establish and maintain intergenerational relationships over long distances. The significance of this intergenerational context has been largely ignored when considering potential interactions and the design of such technologies. This workshop aims to explore the important issues when considering intergenerational contact as a significant context for design. The emphasis of the workshop will be on engaging user voices in a participatory manner and undertaking interactive design sessions to explore the design space. The overarching objective of this workshop is to identify key research themes in respect of intergenerational communication and its implications for the design of interactive systems. We encourage participation from researchers in HCI, psychologists, sociologists, designers, developers and any others with an interest in this area.

How to participate:
Potential participants should submit a position paper of 2-4 pages to the organizers which describes their research interests and relevant work in the area. They must be prepared in the CHI Conference Extended Abstracts Format. At least one author of each accepted position paper needs to register for the workshop and for one or more days of the conference. Accepted participants will be expected to create a poster based on their position paper (instructions to follow). The outcome of the workshop will be a call to submit full papers for a special issue of a journal.

Important dates:
October 23, 2008: Position papers due
November 28, 2008: Notification of acceptance

Papers to be submitted by email to Dave Harley at d.a.harley@sussex.ac.uk

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