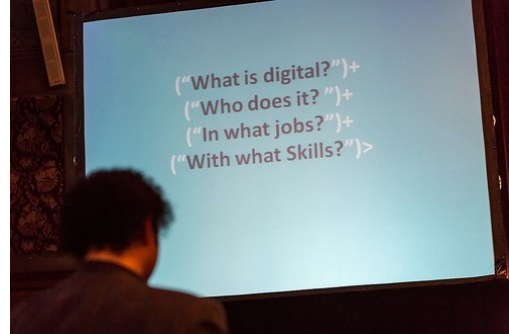On the 5th June the Manchester Schools' Alliance in partnership with the Education Foundation and Manchester City Council hosted the Education Britain 'Digital Futures' Conference – to bring together school and education leaders from across the City with local, regional and national business, entrepreneurs and policy makers; designed to showcase the outstanding activity already underway in schools across Manchester to improve the digital skills and abilities of our pupils; and to connect our schools to the innovations and dynamic nature of the digital economy and help them continue to prepare our young people to succeed in the future.

In total over 350 delegates came to hear what these leaders along with, teachers and most especially students had to say about digital in Manchester and here's just a flavour of what people said about the day on Twitter –

On Schools

"Brilliant show of digital skills from the kids at Crumpsall Lane, Manley Park and Plymouth Grove Primary Schools" - **@MCRSchools**

"Thought-provoking speakers, incl students from Whalley Range and Levenshulme High Schools, confident and convincing" - **@Ali_DigiSmart**

"Brilliant young speakers Aleyshea and Radia from Whalley Range and Girl Geek Amy at Digital Futures, Manchester" - **@MGAManchesterUK**

"@StuMSmith @3Sheep's work with manchester media creative & media academy being praised in their presentation" - **@GMChamberLPM**

"T he number of students doing A Levels in computing has been in decline for the last 9 years. Only 8% are female" **- @McrDig**

"Only 50 students in Manchester took an A level in computer science last year, but developers are needed" - **@tonyfoggett**

"Something happening at schools driving girls away from tech. UK Animation Comp. Age 8-11: 50% applicants girls. 16-18: 12%" - **@MsSaraKelly**

On the Industry

"Sir Richard Leese 'New core skills needed in the city and country, coding & digital making is vital. Mcr at the vanguard' - **@EdnFoundation**

"Manchester has second largest cluster of digital and creative media companies in Europe" - **@MsSaraKelly**

"'40,000 jobs will be created by 2015 in creative industries.' Our students will help to fill these roles" - **@Mcr_Studio**

"Tony Foggett's scariest stat: nearly 50% of companies who've turned down work as they can't get skilled people to do it" - **@GMChamberLPM**

"We need to change perceptions of #Apprentices & provide bridge between industry and education to reduce skills gap" - **@McrDig**

"Digital is not a sector, it's an enabler... Digital permeates all of our lives" - **@McrDig**

On the Day

"Told girl about @youngrewired today. She got super excited and said "I thought I was the only geek!!" #win" - **@spbail**

"From robotic mice and musical bananas, to talking art and mini-bloggers. So inspired by these kids!" - @RSirdeshpande

"We're running our App in a Day course today. Pop & see Year 9 Students learning how to make an App! #GetKidsCoding" - **@apadmi**

"Fascinating discussion on how we can get young people to be inquisitive learners and effective communicators" **@joejamesbarratt**

"The team have curated something truly incredible here today: Kids! Code! Energy!" - **@paul_clarke**

"Key takeaway: tech can be fun / experience is learning" - **@stevieflow**

"Great day, fantastic to see staff & pupils from @mcmaAcademy @3sheep produced their 1st iPhone app http://flic.kr/p/eE5VtU" - **@StuMSmith**

"Fantastic finish to **#EducationBritain** and let's keep the dialogue on to how to teach digital open, creative, inclusive!" - **@stukiii**

If you want to find out more, catch-up on the things you missed or find out what's next from the conference contact us for more details at admin@manchesterschoolsalliance.co.uk