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# Towards the learning democracy: Reconnecting education, citizenship and the political

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There is a tendency, both within the field of education and the field of policy, to see education and lifelong learning as 'instruments' for the production of 'good citizens'. In this presentation Prof. Biesta explores a different connection, one which takes its starting point in the democratic quality of the processes and practices that make up the everyday lives of children, young people and adults and which explores the opportunities for civic learning within and in relation to such practices. Prof. Biesta refers to this as the 'learning democracy' – an idea, which emphasises the experimental character of democracy and the necessary role of learning within democratic practices. The presentation combines questions of theory – particularly theorising civic learning – with analysis of recent policy developments in relation to citizenship education and civic learning.