

The ChiCI Group has been very busy since our last newsletter in June. Now the summer holidays are over we have a range of activities planned for the new term, so you will hopefully be hearing from us soon!

### UMSIC Project



The UMSIC project is our ongoing EU project involving researchers from the UK, Finland, Switzerland and Greece, including a collaboration with Nokia, aiming to address the social exclusion of children through the development of a collaborative music-making program on a handheld mobile device. Based on the tests conducted in schools last year, we have been developing prototype software that we hope to be able to test in schools soon. This will not only allow the pupils to see how their feedback has been used so far, but also allow them to help shape the development of the final product. We hope they will also enjoy the chance to see new games and technologies before they are released!



### New Members

The ChiCI Group is growing and growing! As well as the core team of Janet, Matt, Brendan, Lorna, Gavin and Diana, there have been new arrivals as well. Nick joins our group from elsewhere in the department and has already accompanied us on several visits. Two new lecturers have also arrived at the university – Dan and Martin – and they are both keen to get involved, so look out for a few new faces over the coming months.



### Visiting Researchers

The ChiCI Group often plays host to researchers from across Europe, who are keen to visit us and benefit not only from our research expertise, but also from the kind help that schools are willing to offer them. Since our last newsletter, we had just one visiting researcher – Anja from Germany. She has now returned home, but extends her thanks to all the schools for their help with her research on children's drawings. Over the next few months we will be joined by Sonja from Spain, who is interested in e-learning. We are also happy to welcome back Javier who joined us last year, with the latest version of his interactive table that proved a hit with pupils.



### Publications

The ChiCI group is developing a strong international reputation for work in our field, including attending conferences all around the world, writing a large number of academic papers on the topic, and even several books. We would like to extend our thanks to all the schools we have worked with, without whom this work would not be possible!

