

STEAM CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE THINKING

FINAL REPORT

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SUMMARY

The integration of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) education has become a transformative framework for fostering creativity and innovation in learning environments. As Mejias et al. (2021) argue, STEAM transcends disciplinary boundaries, integrating arts into traditional STEM fields can cultivate a more holistic and inclusive approach to problem-solving and innovation. By fostering creativity as a collective activity, STEAM education not only enhances individual capacities but also encourages creative, innovative and equitable engagement. This essay explores how play, iteration, constraints, and the intentional design of learning spaces support creativity and innovation in STEAM education while emphasizing equity and access.

KEY FINDINGS

Creativity and Innovation as Collective Activity

Drawing from current work on creativity research, creativity can be defined as the interaction between aptitude, process, and environment that leads to novel and meaningful outcomes. Contemporary scholars like Mark Runco emphasize creativity as a complex, multidimensional construct that goes beyond individual cognitive abilities to include socio-cultural influences, involving the generation of ideas that are both original and adaptive (2004). Innovation then emerges as the systematic translation of creative insights into tangible, value-generating solutions, bridging imaginative thinking with practical implementation across domains ranging from artistic expression to technological advancement.

Contrary to traditional perceptions of creativity as a solitary endeavor, recent research underscores its inherently collective nature (Clapp et al., 2017; Peppler, 2017). Creativity and innovation emerge from interactions among individuals, ideas, and materials, making them deeply social and collaborative processes. For example, in makerspaces—spaces intentionally designed for hands-on exploration and collaboration—participants work together to brainstorm, prototype, and iterate on ideas. These spaces encourage learners to suspend disbelief, step outside their comfort zones, and experiment without fear of failure (Wohlwend & Peppler, 2015). Breaking down silos between disciplines and individuals fosters an environment where creativity thrives, making it clear that innovative solutions often emerge from diverse perspectives and shared experiences.

The Role of Play and Iteration in Innovation

Play is central to creative processes, providing opportunities for experimentation and discovery. Through play, learners suspend disbelief, allowing themselves to imagine new possibilities and test unconventional ideas. Wohlwend and Peppler (2015) highlight how simple acts of play can unlock collaborative potential and encourage individuals to step outside their intellectual and emotional "boxes." For instance, when participants are given a set of materials like LEGOs, they often begin by experimenting, exploring configurations, and imagining uses for the pieces. This playful engagement leads to surprising and novel outcomes, underscoring the value of creativity in breaking conventional boundaries.

Iteration, another key element in creativity, involves revisiting and refining ideas. As Resnick and Rosenbaum (2013) explain, asking, "If I did it again, what would I change?" fosters a mindset of continuous improvement. Wilkinson and Petrich (2014) echo this, noting that iteration allows learners to test their hypotheses, learn from failures, and improve upon their designs. Iteration in STEAM education reflects the real-world processes of scientific inquiry, engineering design, and artistic creation, making it a cornerstone of innovative thinking.

Playing with Materials & Phenomena

The foundation of meaningful learning lies in children's direct engagement with the physical world around them. By starting with readily available, found objects in nature and everyday environments, learners can develop a profound connection to scientific and artistic exploration. This approach, championed by progressive educators like John Dewey and influenced by Froebel and Montessori (Hawkins, 1965a, 1965b; Hein, 2012), centers on hands-on investigation of "the stuff" of our world.

When children are given time, resources, and permission to play with diverse materials—from pebbles and leaves to household items—they develop critical skills:

- Sensory awareness of physical phenomena
- Curiosity-driven investigation
- Creative problem-solving
- Understanding of systems and interactions (Clapp et al., 2017)

Unfortunately, recent educational trends have marginalized such experiential learning. Worksheets and standardized testing replaced tactile exploration, creating an equity gap where children with limited access to investigative experiences are systematically disadvantaged (Martinez & Stager, 2019).

The key is simple: provide opportunities for unstructured, material-based play. Natural objects, found materials, and everyday phenomena are not just learning tools—they are portals to understanding, inviting children to explore, question, and create through direct sensory engagement.

Constraints as Catalysts for Creativity

Constraints often serve as powerful drivers of creativity. When learners are given limited resources or defined parameters, they are forced to think critically and innovatively to achieve their goals. For example, a common STEAM activity involves giving participants six identical LEGO bricks and asking them to create a duck. Despite having the same materials, participants assemble a broad range of designs, ranging from some repeats to very unique designs with solely 6 bricks. This phenomenon illustrates how constraints can inspire diverse and imaginative solutions. Furthermore, when these individual creations are viewed collectively, the group's creativity becomes even more apparent. Facilitators can frame this exercise to emphasize the richness of collective creativity by celebrating the diversity of designs rather than singling out a "best" duck. This approach shifts the focus from competition to collaboration, fostering an inclusive learning environment.

Makerspaces and Equitable Design for STEAM

Makerspaces and similar collaborative environments exemplify how STEAM education can support creativity and innovation equitably. These spaces are structured to promote hands-on engagement, provide access to diverse materials, and encourage experimentation. Bevan et al. (2014, 2018) highlight that intentional design, facilitation, and framing are crucial in these settings. For instance, using materials that require minimal instruction lowers barriers to entry, allowing participants to focus on creative exploration rather than technical details. Additionally, incorporating debrief discussions

helps learners reflect on their experiences and consider how these insights apply to broader teaching and learning contexts.

Equity is a foundational principle in designing and facilitating STEAM activities. Vossoughi et al. (2016) emphasize the importance of creating inclusive environments where learners from diverse backgrounds can participate meaningfully. The choice of accessible materials, like LEGOs, reflects this commitment. While LEGOs are familiar and engaging to many, facilitators must remain mindful of potential challenges, such as unequal access or varying levels of familiarity with the materials. Designing activities with no "right way" to engage—such as open-ended building challenges—ensures that all participants can contribute uniquely and meaningfully.

Equity through STEAM

Informal science engagement activities have historically suffered from self-selection problems that limit participation to already-interested groups (Kennedy et al., 2016). Innovative approaches like Guerilla Science provide crucial insights into broadening STEAM participation by challenging traditional engagement models. By recognizing and validating diverse cultural capital, these initiatives transform scientific learning from an exclusive domain to a collaborative, culturally sustaining practice (Paris & Alim, 2014; Ladson-Billings, 2014).

Rosin et al. (2021) demonstrate how bringing science and art into public spaces can break down participation barriers by designing experiences that connect directly with audiences' learning identities. These strategies involve creating interactive activities that respect multiple ways of knowing, center learners' existing knowledge, and frame scientific exploration through culturally relevant contexts (Bang et al., 2012; González et al., 2005). The goal transcends traditional skill transmission, instead aiming to amplify the rich intellectual traditions and problem-solving approaches inherent in varied cultural communities.

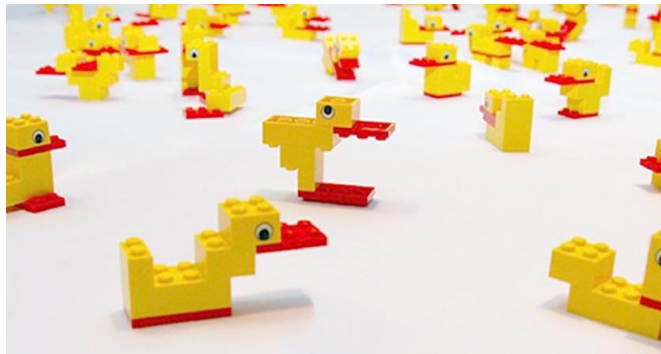
By aligning STEAM learning with community expertise and using playful, accessible approaches, such initiatives invite participants from all backgrounds to engage in creative exploration (Nasir & Vakil, 2017). This approach fundamentally reimagines scientific engagement as a dynamic, inclusive process that honors diverse intellectual traditions and validates the sophisticated knowledge systems present across different cultural contexts (Lee, 2020).

Conclusion

Creativity and innovation in STEAM education thrive when they are framed as collective, playful, and iterative processes. By embracing constraints, designing

equitable learning environments, and fostering collaborative engagement, educators can cultivate innovative thinking and problem-solving skills in learners. STEAM activities such as building with LEGOs or working in makerspaces illustrate how intentional design and facilitation can unlock creativity and ensure that all participants have meaningful opportunities to contribute. Ultimately, the success of STEAM education lies in its ability to inspire collective creativity while advancing equity and inclusion, preparing learners to tackle the complex challenges of the future.

The LEGO Duck Design Challenge



We offer an example of the LEGO duck design challenge, serving as a concise entry point for exploring creativity, innovation, and equity in STEAM. By tasking participants with constructing a duck using six identical LEGO bricks within 30 seconds, the activity creates a simplified biological model that highlights key scientific principles of form and function. Participants are invited to transform limited resources into meaningful representations that demonstrate fundamental concepts of biological design.

The challenge's intentional constraints paradoxically enhance creative thinking by focusing attention and encouraging innovative solutions. While using LEGOs provides a structured approach, similar exploratory activities can be conducted with everyday objects like paper clips, rubber bands, cardboard, found natural materials, recyclable containers, or simple paper and scissors. These alternative materials maintain the core principle of working within deliberate limitations to spark creativity and scientific understanding.

Facilitators intentionally frame the challenge to emphasize collective creativity over individual competition. By encouraging participants to observe and appreciate diverse design approaches, the activity creates an inclusive environment that validates multiple problem-solving strategies. This approach mirrors scientific and design practices where

collaborative exploration and multiple perspectives lead to more robust understanding and innovation.

The activity embodies STEAM learning principles by using an accessible, simplified model to explore complex concepts of design, biology, and collaborative problem-solving. It invites learners to experiment with how biological forms might be represented, how constraints can drive innovation, and how seemingly simple materials can become tools for sophisticated scientific and creative exploration.

At its core, the challenge is not about creating a perfect duck, but about understanding how learners adapt, interpret, and innovate within structured yet open-ended environments. By providing a low-stakes, playful approach to scientific modeling, the activity breaks down barriers to STEAM engagement and reveals the inherent creativity present in scientific thinking.

PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE WORK

As STEAM education continues to grow as a vital interdisciplinary approach that integrates science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics, it is imperative to address the gaps in research and practice, particularly in the realms of creativity, innovation, and equity. The following sections outline key priorities for advancing understanding and implementation in these areas.

Equity in STEAM Education

The intersection of creativity, innovation, and equity in STEAM literature remains fragmented. Equity must become a foundational consideration across all dimensions of STEAM learning, as educational disparities persist in both access to resources and opportunities for marginalized communities. While some progress has been made, particularly in integrating equity into special needs studies, there is much to learn about how equitable practices can be universally applied.

Cultural contexts are especially critical, as playful learning and creativity often take on different forms across cultures. To better serve diverse learners, more research is needed to explore how playful, culturally responsive learning methods can be integrated into STEAM education. Such efforts would not only promote inclusivity but also enrich the creative and innovative potential of students from all backgrounds.

Creativity in Early Childhood

Creativity in early childhood is a largely underexplored area in STEAM research. Studies suggest that creativity emerges as early as 2–3 years old, yet there is limited data-driven research focusing on this age group. Understanding how young children express creativity and engage with STEAM concepts could transform educational approaches for early learners, fostering a lifelong foundation of curiosity and critical thinking.

Research should focus on developing pedagogies that nurture early creative potential while considering the unique needs and developmental stages of young children. For instance, hands-on exploration, open-ended play, and storytelling can serve as tools for young learners to engage with STEAM concepts in meaningful ways. By prioritizing early childhood creativity, researchers and practitioners can ensure that even the youngest learners are empowered to innovate.

Professional Development and Collective Creativity

Educators play a crucial role in fostering creativity and innovation in STEAM settings. However, professional development often overlooks the collective nature of creativity and the contextual challenges educators face. To address this, professional development programs should emphasize collaborative approaches, enabling educators to co-create environments that support creative learning.

Mindsets are another critical component; educators' perspectives on creativity and innovation are shaped by their experiences, resources, and the contexts in which they work. By addressing these factors, professional development initiatives can empower educators to cultivate creativity not only among their students but also within their professional communities. Documenting and learning from collective creativity in STEAM settings can provide valuable insights into how teams of educators and designers collaborate to foster innovative learning experiences.

Assessment and Framing of Creativity

Assessing creativity, innovation, and equity in STEAM remains a significant challenge. Current methods often fail to capture the multifaceted nature of creativity or its impact on learners. Developing comprehensive, equitable assessment tools is essential to understanding the effectiveness of STEAM initiatives and ensuring that creativity is valued as much as traditional academic metrics.

The integration of art and science in STEAM offers unique advantages for fostering creativity and equity, but these benefits are not always clearly framed or communicated.

Effective marketing of STEAM's potential can help stakeholders—educators, parents, and policymakers—recognize its value in preparing students for a rapidly evolving world. Furthermore, the collaborative goals of STEAM education need clearer articulation, particularly regarding how teamwork enhances creativity and innovation.

Engagement and Perception of Creativity

Engaging students meaningfully in STEAM disciplines is a pressing concern. While traditional STEM education often prioritizes measurable academic outcomes, STEAM emphasizes the holistic development of students' creative and innovative capacities. This shift requires a reimagining of how creativity is perceived and valued, particularly for students who may not excel in traditional academic settings but demonstrate deep engagement in creative endeavors.

STEAM education must also focus on helping students develop a positive self-identity in STEAM disciplines. This includes creating learning environments where creativity is not only encouraged but taken seriously as a critical skill for future success. By integrating creative learning experiences into the core of STEAM curricula, educators can inspire students to see themselves as innovators and problem-solvers, regardless of their academic performance.

Conclusion

The future of STEAM education depends on advancing research and practice in creativity, innovation, and equity. By prioritizing equity in all aspects of STEAM learning, exploring creativity in early childhood, and supporting collective creativity among educators, we can build more inclusive and dynamic learning environments. Improved assessment methods and a reframing of creativity's role in education will further solidify STEAM as a transformative approach to teaching and learning. Most importantly, by valuing engagement and fostering positive self-identities in STEAM disciplines, we can inspire the next generation of innovators to tackle the complex challenges of the future.

CASE STUDIES

Case Study 1. STEAM for All Michele Browning, STEAM Preschool

STEAM is not only a perfect pedagogy, it is also a fantastic canvas upon which to paint the foundational elements of the adult. The grit, tenacity, perseverance, collaboration and optimism that STEAM challenges create are all facets of my students that we want

to develop and nurture, knowing that it is this that will serve them the most. We use art as the gateway to other subjects that seem well beyond what our students are capable of to create subjects that are just a stretch above where our students are, within the zone of proximal development. Focusing on the output as recall creates opportunities for many different types of learners to modify the input side for their needs. In its execution, all lessons are provided through the lens of STEAM as offerings of play and conversation. Stories are linked to theme and additionally to specific character traits we look to develop in support of critical thinking. Our focus on a spirals styled teaching approach allows students multiple opportunities to work with the language and its meaning as well as to explore these concepts through multiple mediums.

Key Outcome 1: Enhanced Creative Problem-Solving Skills

By integrating STEAM disciplines, children engage in hands-on, exploratory learning that encourages them to approach challenges from multiple perspectives. Activities like designing structures in block-based engineering, creating art inspired by scientific concepts, or coding simple patterns enhance their ability to identify problems, brainstorm solutions, and iterate on their ideas. STEAM allowed for the youngest learners to unpack pieces of much larger concepts and make connections between them as well. Bernoulli's Principle can be extrapolated and unpacked to wind, how planes fly, air that you cannot see, etc. Utilizing everyday items adds to the intrinsic problem-solving nature of curious toddlers.

Key Outcome 2: Innovative Interdisciplinary Thinking

STEAM inherently bridges diverse fields, showing children the interconnectedness of the world around them. For example, a project combining math and visual arts to create tessellations introduces spatial reasoning while encouraging artistic expression. This interdisciplinary approach trains young minds to think beyond silos, nurturing a holistic perspective crucial for addressing real-world issues like climate change or healthcare innovation. STEAM connects the calendar with the child in different ways. Christmas lights become an exploration of basic circuits, batteries and LED lights. Fine motor skills are enhanced using pipettes to display the effects of basic chemistry. Kitchen foods such as jello and whipped cream create oceanic clouds as preschoolers watch "rain" fall.



Rain & Gravity/ Pipettes & Chemistry/ Bernoulli's Principle / Light Emitting Diodes and circuits

Case Study 2: Embodied Physics

The Embodied Physics project is an initiative that transforms physics education for urban youth by integrating dance and creative embodied learning. By leveraging kinesthetic experiences and cultural creativity, the project challenges traditional scientific learning paradigms. The research explores how innovative, embodied approaches can foster physics learning, develop scientific identities, and increase engagement for traditionally marginalized students in STEM fields.

Spanning four strategic sites across the country and involving approximately 200 high school youth, the project employs an interdisciplinary approach that brings together learning scientists, dancers, physicists, and community organizations. Teen dancers are actively engaged as co-designers of learning activities, shifting their relationship with physics from passive to active. Through iterative design cycles, researchers develop a robust model for informal STEM learning that provides opportunities for youth to explore physics concepts through movement, culturally responsive participation structures, and creative inquiry.

The Embodied Physics Learning Lab incorporates five innovative design components that transform scientific learning through creative and interactive approaches. First, content introduction is facilitated through engaging videos by physics experts, covering fundamental scientific topics, complemented by the Listening Palette technique that allows participants to document and interpret content in personalized ways. Second, a dance-making component enables participants to choreograph movements representing scientific concepts, with peer-driven feedback and collaborative refinement. Third, embodied explorations provide multisensory learning experiences through physical interactions with manipulatives like slinkies and jump ropes, and culturally resonant activities such as analyzing dance performances and exploring rhythmic patterns on traditional instruments. Fourth, the Meet the Scientists component introduces participants to diverse scientists in physics through curated interviews, featuring role models who represent various backgrounds and experiences, with additional videos from program alumni to provide relatable perspectives on scientific careers. Finally, structured reflection activities, such as peer-to-peer interviews, allow participants to process their learning, identify key insights, and articulate lingering questions, transforming the experience from passive absorption to active, critical engagement.

By developing comprehensive curricular resources and a virtual platform, the research has the potential to extend far beyond its immediate participants. The methodology of exploring physics through multimodal experiences not only broadens participation in STEM for all but also challenges existing definitions of physics learning. Ultimately, Embodied Physics creates an approach to learning that recognizes and amplifies the

creative, cultural, and embodied ways of knowing that urban youth bring to scientific exploration.

Key Outcome 1:

This work demonstrated a robust impact for youth physics learning and identity development, providing expanded access for sense-making and opportunities for culturally sustaining teaching and learning. Specifically, dance offered an embodied lens for physics investigation, providing opportunities for girls to draw on their own bodily experience to make valuable connections and insights, positioning them as experts of their own physics experience.

Key Outcome 2:

Our findings show that embodied exploration of physics through dance supported sustained engagement, invited youth to engage in inquiry using multiple movement vocabularies, and offered participants opportunities to connect personally and culturally to physics concepts and ideas.



Case Study 3: Code to Cardboard Summer Camp
Ryan Jenkins, Wonderful Idea Co.

Project:

A week-long program is where 7–12-year-olds get introduced to digital tools like block-based coding and microcontrollers and then use those computational elements to construct their own projects based on individual ideas and questions within a shared theme. This summer camp has taken place both in-person and online through Zoom during the pandemic.

Key Outcome 1: Scrappy Materials Over Kits

There are plenty of kits that introduce coding and robotics. But these high-tech tools are often expensive and not usually transparent. In the ‘code to cardboard’ camp, a mix of familiar materials and “raw” electronic components lowers the bar for entry and creates more possibilities for learners to take their projects in personally meaningful directions. From an equity perspective, when digital (or analog) tinkering projects are made with things like scrap wood and cardboard, learners can quickly and easily add parts, remove elements and customize their creations. Using low cost, recognizable and friendly materials allows learners to start out with something approachable and move to more advanced ideas at their own pace.

Key Outcome 2: Creative Collaborative Challenges

The concept of wide walls developed by Mitchel Resnick and the Lifelong Kindergarten team at MIT Media lab steered us away from traditional design challenges or engineering focused prompts like creating the fastest car or designing a battle-ready robot. We feel that these competitive projects constrain the possibilities and offer less opportunities for learners to explore wide walls. We prefer more creative and art-inspired coding projects like creating a computational zoo or a light-up underwater world. These provocations offer many pathways through the activity and ways for learners to express their own ideas through art and design. Instead of just creating solutions to challenges, they are posing their own problems like how to make an LED jellyfish pulse rhythmically or how to get the tongue of a dragon to stick out threateningly when someone gets too close.



A facilitator helps a camper connect the wires on a crazy cat element to the “robot petting zoo”



Kids test out their scrappy turtle art machines on a shared art-space on the floor.



Campers work collaboratively in pairs to develop ideas around buildings for a computational city.



The combination of scrap wood, power tools and computers creates new and unexpected possibilities.

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