

# Get Connected! Resources to Spark Your Connected Leadership

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## Connected Educator Resources and Articles

*Take some time to understand the Connected Learning Framework and explore the research that is the foundation for this education agenda. What resonates with you? What would you like to act upon in your own school? What elements are already happening in your school's learning community? How can you foster more opportunities for all learners?*

### What is connected learning?

<http://connectedlearning.tv/what-is-connected-learning>

A collection of resources that defines the connected learning framework, including a white paper, videos and an infographic from the Digital Media and Learning Research Hub.

### Living and Learning With New Media:

#### Summary of Findings From the Digital Youth Project

<http://digitalyouth.ischool.berkeley.edu/report.html>

White Paper, MacArthur Foundation

### Connected Educators

<http://connectededucators.org/>

Access resources from Connected Educator Month, as well as a current calendar of ongoing connected education events and opportunities.

### How do I Get a PLN?

<http://www.edutopia.org/blog/how-do-i-get-a-pln-tom-whitby>

Begin building your personal learning network with this article and collection of resources from the folks at Edutopia.

### What 'Connected Education' Looks Like: 28 Examples from Teachers All Over From *The New York Times* "The Learning Network"

<http://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/10/01/what-connected-education-looks-like-28-examples-from-teachers-all-over/? r=2>

### Sarah Blattner's Diigo

<https://www.diigo.com/user/tamritz/>

<https://groups.diigo.com/group/tamritz-badge-learning-network>

Follow the Tamritz Badge Learning Network to get weekly updates of bookmarks related to connected learning and digital media literacies. To access resources specifically on connected learning, enter the tag "connected" in the search.

## **Professional Development – Free and Accessible**

*You cannot wait for professional development to come to you – you must go out there and grab it for yourself, anytime, anywhere that it is convenient for you. There are some wonderful resources that support you as a lifelong learner in the field of education.*

### **K12 Online Conference**

<http://k12onlineconference.org/>

The largest, free, online, open K12 Conference for educators, where resources and recordings are available all year long. In the fall, real-time events take place with each new conference year (usually in October). The conference archives and resources are accessible all the time.

### **MOOCs for K-12**

[http://www.moocs.co/K-12\\_MOOCs.html](http://www.moocs.co/K-12_MOOCs.html)

A directory of Massively Open Online Courses for the K-12 community.

### **eSchool News: Webinars**

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/events/webinars/>

Access free webinars around the topic of educational technology.

Try this one as a sample: “How to be a Connected School Leader”

<http://www.eschoolnews.com/2013/10/08/connected-school-leader/>

### **EdWeb: Professional Learning Communities for Educators**

<http://home.edweb.net/>

This is a wonderful collection of PLCs, representing a wide range of topics and interests. Edweb also offers free Webinars led by experts and innovators in the field.

### **Connected Learning.tv**

<http://connectedlearning.tv/>

This is the Digital Media and Learning Research Hub and originators of research on connected learning and how youth interact with new media. Access research documents, infographics, videos, an archive of previous webinars and a calendar of upcoming webinars.

### **Open Educational Resources Commons**

<http://www.oercommons.org/>

Literally any topic or interest you have in education is represented in these open and freely accessible resources, courses and groups. There is also an option to contribute your own resources and start a group of your own.

## Online Communities

Try one or two of these online communities to explore the resources and depth of conversations. It's OK to lurk before diving in with your own active comments!

### ISTE's Communities

<https://www.iste.org/connect>

ISTE, the International Society for Technology in Education, is the leading educators' organization that sets standards for educational technology and modern learning. ISTE offers a variety of "connected" communities. With an ISTE membership, you will automatically receive the organization's journal, *Leading and Learning With Technology*.

### Classroom 2.0

<http://www.classroom20.com/>

This is a "ning" community for educators interested in using and applying Web 2.0 and collaborative technologies.

### The Educator's PLN: The Personal Learning Network for Educators

<http://edupln.ning.com/group/edchat>

A "ning" that is tied to the #edchat weekly conversation, boasting over 16,000 members!

### EdWeb

<http://home.edweb.net/>

Join this community and access loads of free webinars and conversations specific to your area of interest. Professional groups include topics like blended learning, the brain and learning, flipped instruction, game-based learning, Leadership 3.0: Essential Skills for Innovative Principals and more.

### Library Thing

<http://www.librarything.com/>

Library Thing is a collaborative site that supports you in creating your own "reading group" and encourages you to review books and read what others have to say about books. Titles are "tagged," allowing you to search by topics and categories easily.

### JEDLAB

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/jdsmedialab/>

Just formed in 2013, PEJE's Ken Gordon leads JEDLAB, which now boasts over 2,300 members. This is a vibrant education community dedicated to innovation and transformation. Check it out on Facebook and follow at #jedlab.

### Edmodo

<https://www.edmodo.com/>

Edmodo is a clean social network interface that caters to the K-12 community. Edmodo not only offers you the opportunity to have a private class space (for free), but you can also join professional development communities of educators, once you have an account set up.

## Twitter Hashtags:

*Try following a few of these hashtags for a week or two. Pick out a few voices that resonate with you. Watch for other hashtags posted at the end of tweets. Think of tweets as a trail of breadcrumbs leading you to learning nuggets.*

### #connectedlearning

**#edchat:** Every Tuesday, 2 Edchat conversations at 12pm NYC/ 5pm UK and 7pm NYC/ 12am UK. Learn more here:  
<http://edchat.pbworks.com/w/page/219908/FrontPage>

### #edtechchat

### #edleadership

### #principals

**#jedchat:** Every Wednesday, 9pm EST, a live #jedchat tweet chat happens.  
JEDChat's Wiki: <http://jedchat.wikispaces.com/>

### #jed21

### #jedlab

## The Complete Guide to Twitter Hashtags for Education

<http://www.teachthought.com/twitter-hashtags-for-teacher/>

## Blogs to Follow

### ORGANIZATION-LED BLOGS:

#### Edutopia Blogs

<http://www.edutopia.org/blogs>

#### Getting Smart

<http://gettingsmart.com/>

#### MindShift - KQED

<http://blogs.kqed.org/mindshift/>

#### SmartBlog on Education

<http://smartblogs.com/education>

#### Connected Learning Research Network Blogs

<http://clrn.dmlhub.net/blog>

## More Blogs to Follow...

### DML Central

<http://dmlcentral.net/blog>

A variety of voices from the Connected Learning Research Hub share on maker culture, connected learning, games in education and digital media literacy.

### EdTech Digest

<http://edtechdigest.wordpress.com/>

### Raising Modern Learners: Guiding our kids into their fast-changing futures.

by Will Richardson and Bruce Dixon

<http://raisingmodernlearners.com/>

### LEADERS AND INNOVATORS:

#### Hack Education by Audrey Watters

<http://hackeducation.com/index.php>

#### The Principal of Change by Alex Couros

<http://georgecouros.ca/blog/>

#### My Island View by Tom Whitby

<http://tomwhitby.wordpress.com/>

#### The Innovative Educator by Lisa Nielsen

<http://theinnovativeeducator.blogspot.com/>

#### Will Richardson

<http://willrichardson.com/>

#### The Daring Librarian

<http://www.thedaringlibrarian.com/>

#### Steve Hargadon

<http://www.stevehargadon.com/>

#### Practical Theory: A view from the schoolhouse by Chris Lehmann

<http://practicaltheory.org/blog/>

#### dangerously ! irrelevant by Scott McLeod

<http://dangerouslyirrelevant.org/>

## More Blogs to Follow...

**Life of an Educator by Dr. Justin Tarte**

<http://www.justintarte.com/>

**Stager-to-Go by Gary Stager, Ph.D.**

<http://stager.tv/blog/>

**Cool Cat Teacher by Vicki Davis**

<http://www.coolcatteacher.com/>

**Langwitches by Silvia Tolisano**

<http://langwitches.org/blog/>

**Moving at the Speed of Creativity by Wesley Fryer, Ph.D.**

<http://www.speedofcreativity.org/>

**Ideas and Thought by Dean Shareski**

<http://ideasandthoughts.org/>

**User Generated Education by Jackie Gerstein, Ed.D.**

<https://usergeneratededucation.wordpress.com/>

### A FEW JEWISH EDUCATION BLOGS:

**AVI CHAI Foundation**

<http://avichai.org/blog/>

**PEJE's Blog (Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education)**

<http://www.peje.org/blog/>

**DigitalJLearning Network Blog**

<http://www.digitaljlearning.org/blog>

**The Lookstein Center's Blog Roll**

<http://www.lookstein.org/resources/blogroll.htm>

**Jew Point 0**

<http://darimonline.org/blog>

The official blog of Darim Online

**A Floor, But No Ceiling by Jon Mitzmacher**

<http://www.mjgds.org/mitzmacher/>

**Thinking about Chinuch by Rabbi Aaron Ross**

<http://jewishedd.blogspot.com/>

## More Blogs to Follow...

**Tech Rav**

<http://techrav.blogspot.com/>

**TAMRITZ by Sarah Blattner**

<http://tamritz.org/blog/>

## Videos:

*Here is a listing of videos that shed light on what connected learning and leadership is all about.*

### What does connected learning look like?

**Charles Raben, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student at Quest to Learn**

<http://vimeo.com/59098372>

### Connected Educators

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4Vd4JP\\_DB8#t=12](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4Vd4JP_DB8#t=12)

Educators share why getting “connected” is paramount to their leadership and teaching success. This video was created as part of Connected Educators Month, 2013.

### Connected Learning Video Series from Connected Learning.tv and the DML Research Hub:

**Connected Learning: Hands-On, Learner-Focused, Life-Long**

<http://vimeo.com/37639766>

**Connected Learning: Real-World Engagement**

<http://vimeo.com/47188676>

**Connected Learning: Inspiring Mentors and Peers**

<http://vimeo.com/43862075>

**Connected Learning: Playing, Creating, Making**

<http://vimeo.com/47111398>

**Connected Learning: Building on the Basics**

<http://vimeo.com/47547351>

**Connected Learning: Anytime, Anywhere, Everyone**

<http://vimeo.com/47111399>

**Connected Learning: Relevance, the 4<sup>th</sup> R**

<http://vimeo.com/72000377>

## Tools to Start Building Your PLN: Get Tinkering!

### Twitter

<https://twitter.com/>

### Tweetdeck

<https://tweetdeck.twitter.com/>

### Hootsuite

<https://hootsuite.com/>

### Hootlet

<https://hootsuite.com/features/extensions>

### Diigo

<https://www.diigo.com/>

### Delicious

<https://delicious.com/>

### Symbaloo

<http://www.symbaloo.com/>

### The Old Reader

<http://theoldreader.com/>

### Edublogs

<http://edublogs.org/>

### Google + You

<https://accounts.google.com/SignUp?service=oz&continue=https%3A%2F%2Fplus.google.com%2F%3Fgsrc%3Dogpy0%26tab%3DwX%26partnerid%3Dogpy0>

### Skype

<http://www.skype.com/en/>