Be An Edublogger: Tools and Tips for Joining A Global Learning Community

Description:

Read, write, reflect, and respond! Hundreds of educators around the world connect and learn using their blogs - and anyone can join them. Discover tools and tips to help you contribute.

Abstract:

This session will briefly introduce participants to the read/write web, blogs, and the blogosphere. This will be followed by an overview of what makes edublogging, edubloggers, and the edublogosphere different. Participants will then learn about a combination of tools that they can use to become a member of the edublogging culture. A brief overview of blogging (using edublogs.org) will include a discussion of best practices and blogging ethics. Tips for commenting will be covered as well. A quick introduction to reading RSS feeds (using Google Reader or Bloglines) will follow, complete with tips for organizing and processing the deluge of information. Then the participants will learn about a trio of social tools: social bookmarking (using del.icio.us), social networking (using Ning), and social microblogging (using Twitter); in each case they will see how to use the tool to connect with other educators. Finally, a brief discussion of instant messaging and videochatting (using Skype) will complete the list of tools. The session will conclude with a discussion of the edublogging process and key edublogging philosophies, such as the focus on making connections and making contributions.

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