Blogging - 21st Century Learning is Now!

A joint presentation by Al Upton & Graham Wegner, July 2006.
Professional Dialogue

There's not enough opportunity.

Try Blogging!

Create your own Professional Learning and converse with educators all around the globe.
the new hot thing with very low barriers to entry
Tracking 48.5 million blogs

A search for the term “education” – 2.5 million blogs

Educators are using blogs as a way to reflect, share and learn.
Time for a personal story

• From this... 

.....to this.
What are the emerging technologies that will be important in education?
I discovered educational blogging.

Emerging Technologies workshop
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Blogging from a workshop again. I should probably rename this blog to “LiveConferenceBlogger.com”. I mean, this is getting out of control. Today I’m in Downers Grove, Illinois. It’s a two day workshop about blogs, wikis, rss, social bookmarking, podcasting and more that is being hosted by David Jakes and features David Warlick.

I missed the first day, which is really too bad because I would have liked to see how they introduced it all. It’s a heck of a lot of content in a short time and I’ll be doing something similar at next year’s ICE conference in all liklehood.

We’re starting off the day doing a little reflecting and people have asked some good questions. “I’m used to searching for websites and information on the web, but how do I find blogs that I might want to subscribe to?” That’s a really solid question that I ran into when I taught some of my teachers about this stuff at my old school. That’ll be fun to explore.

Someone else asked whether anyone had commented on the blogs they created yesterday. Interestingly enough, John Pederson is doing a similar workshop right now in Proctor Minneapolis. He’s having his ‘students’ refer to this summit and the two David’s are doing the same here. Hmm... I wonder if we can get a Skype call in and combine our efforts. Would be kind of fun.
Via Steve’s blogroll, I started building my network....

South Oz E-learning
Exploring the potential of Web2.0 tools; social software, blogs, wikis, feeds, mashups and podcasting in education.

Thursday, July 20, 2006
CEGSA Conference 2006
Just posted a selection of photos from the 2006 CEGSA Conference to Flickr. Check out the photos on this page below the blog roll. Photos include today’s keynote speaker, Derek Wenmoth, from New Zealand.

The 2006 conference theme is "Learning, Thinking, Perceptions and Practices."

posted by vonnie @ 8:24 PM 0 comments
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Wednesday, July 05, 2006
Converting your posts to a podcast

Links
- Weblogg-ED
- Stephen Downes
- Teaching Hacks
- EdTechUK Josie Fraser
- James Farmer Inc Sub
- Waraku Education
- Teaching Generation 'Z'
- Bill Kerr
- Mini Legends
- Plunkers eLearning
- TALO Leigh Blackall
- LearnDog
- CoolCatTeacher
- David Warlick 2 cents worth
- David Warlick Connect Learning
- Moodlebug
- eHub Emily Chang
I discovered more promising blogs..

From reading bloggers’ posts and following their links
Their blogrolls
Their public Bloglines accounts
So I started my own to harness the power of RSS
Meanwhile I posted about...

- My work
- My ideas about education
- New ideas
- Notes from T&D sessions, conferences
- Responses to other bloggers
- Initiatives and projects
- Creations and inspirations!
I made time to comment on other education blogs...

Establishing Your Own Blogging Network

- Start own blog about your own choices of educational topics
- Post regularly to form the habit of reflective writing
- Reflect about other bloggers' writing
- Link to other posts of significance
- Other bloggers notice your contribution to the conversation
- Other bloggers start to leave comments for you

- Read other blogs of interest
- Use trusted blogrolls to find new blogs
- Use RSS feeds to subscribe
- Populate your Bloglines account with these blogs
- Comment on posts where you have expertise or insight to offer
- Read posts and then visit the originating blog to read comments

...and so the cycle continues to build....

Graham Wegner 2006
Comments started to appear on my blog...

of these things and I just love getting the kids to use it to get involved and engaged. So, no offence, Will – I had to get this off my e-learning chest. Odds are I’m overreacting and someone needs to tell me to get a life!

4 Comments

COMMENT BY WILL RICHARDSON 3

October 21, 2005 @ 10:29 am

Hey Graham...believe me, it’s hard not to cross someone’s radar these days. And I’m sure I need to get a life more than you. You’re perfectly right to push back as I’ll admit I haven’t played with IWB very much at all. But it seems like everything you can do on a IWB can be done on a tablet WITH the increased mobility in the classroom. Please let me know if that’s not right, and thanks for the kind words in your post.

Best,

Will
and so the conversation started to gain momentum…

My copy of CEGSA RAMpage magazine tells me that both the Aussie and Kiwi governments have committed more than $100 million to the Learning Federation project for 8000 Learning Objects. Using my LO calculator that works out to twelve and a half grand per object. That's for an object that might (emphasis added) get used once a year in a lesson to show a one off concept if at all, while our schools cry out for more funds to keep their ICT basics up to date. And who's designing and creating these objects - I've yet to meet an actual teacher who has contributed to this expensive experiment. A lot of eggs in that particular basket - keep the cynicism going, a lot of educators don't know what a Learning Object is supposed to be but unfortunately are super impressed and feel that the bleeding edge must be close by.

I wrote a script for a Learning Fed object once. They spent a hell of a lot on that script, then decided not to produce it. I thought it was a really good script too and have been trying to get them to release the rights to it so I can pursue its production elsewhere - ie web2 where.

Graham Wegner said...

We could (edubloggers in general) define what an e-Portfolio is, provide the links to the world to concrete examples so that someone like Leigh could be saying, "This is what an e-Portfolio looks like in the connected..."
Networked Learning
What's In This For Educators?

- Opportunity for online presence without technical knowhow
- Professional dialogue with others worldwide when you want it on topics of your own choosing
- "Big picture" perspective
- Find out about new technologies and practices first
- Solve your own education based problems while contributing solutions for others.
Give a little...

...get a lot in return.
What's the potential?

• Grassroots influence on future directions here in South Australia
• Teachers making better use of their time by sharing resources and ideas
• Gain experience in the openness of Web 2.0 technologies so that students gain the benefit of informed, net savvy teachers modelling appropriate use in their learning
• Teachers having access to their own just-in-time Professional Learning
Blogging is here to stay.

It can transform your Professional Learning.

Our students are going to use these technologies whether we engage or not.

They need powerful role models who demonstrate best use.