

Building a Professional Learning Network (PLN)

Establishing a PLN

What is a PLN?

A **professional learning network (PLN)** is an interface of interpersonal relationships aimed at improving **collective** knowledge and **developing** learning environments in which **all** students reach their **full potential**.

Why join a PLN?

- Improve teaching and learning by sharing resources and ideas with a team of like-minded professionals
- Build relationships that offer support in the face of adversity
- Build global connections
- Pursue knowledge of new and emerging educational technology tools
- Identify and share innovative teaching tips

Where to begin?

- Build relationships with colleagues and experts locally to reflect on educational practices collectively
- Participate in webinars, online conferences, blogging, or being part of social networks such as Twitter, Facebook, or Google Groups
- Join an online community geared towards a specific teaching content area or a specific technology tool

Where can you seek established groups?



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