



Using Social Media in Education

How Social Media Can Help Teachers and Their Students in Child-Centered Learning

Handout - References

Wikis

Wikipedia

<http://www.wikipedia.com>

The largest public wiki and information source. Because it is publicly edited, content should not be considered 100% accurate. Note the opportunity to add to the wiki page devoted to Sultan Qaboos University.

Blogs

Technorati

<http://technorati.com>

Technorati is the leading blog search engine and most comprehensive source of information on the blogosphere. They index more than 1.5 million new blog posts in real time. Free signup provides the ability to save blogs for later reference as well as establish a professional profile.

Content Bookmarking/Sharing/Dissemination

Flickr

<http://flickr.com>

Flickr is a photo/video sharing/bookmarking site. Content is established under an individual profile and shared as desired. Opportunities to comment and connect with photo/video owners and to establish your own following. A great feature is the mapping tool that pinpoints the location of photos origins.

Slideshare

<http://www.slideshare.com>

Slideshare is a document/presentation sharing website. Search and find valuable resources on a range of topics. Build your network of professional contacts and contribute to the learning community.

Delicious:

<http://delicious.com/vfrank/education>

Delicious allows you to save/tag websites for later reference, share them with a network you build, and categorize them in various ways. This collection includes a variety of resources on the topic of using social media in education that I hope you find useful. If you create your own account, feel free to add me to your network.



Diigo

<http://www.diigo.com>

Like Delicious, Diigo allows you to save/tag websites for future reference and share them with the community you specify. One added feature is the ability to annotate the pages you save with notes and highlighting.

Evernote:

<http://www.evernote.com>

Evernote takes site bookmarking one step further, enabling you to clip a whole or part of a web page, an e-business card, a picture, class notes, quotes from a book, a voice recording from the Internet and tag it as a searchable reference to the Evernote website.

YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com>

YouTube is very well known around the world and, in some countries, banned from use. YouTube is owned by Google. It contains a tremendous amount of educational/training content. For that reason, it may be worth considering as a research tool.

Twitter

<http://www.twitter.com>

A microblogging tool (limit is 140 characters) that can be used to build a professional network and find fresh content (usually blogs). "Tweets" are searchable by keyword and location (see below).

NearbyTweets

<http://nearbytweets.com/>

Find Twitterers within a specific mile radius of a location. Also can be filtered by keyword. Useful for monitoring the social media space in a location.

Tweetizen

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

Set up a specific group of people to tweet about a subject. Use as a discussion board or focus group tool.

Twitter Search <http://search.twitter.com/> and **TweetScan** <http://www.tweetscan.com/>

Use as a research tool to find out what people are saying about certain topics.

Twittervision

<http://twittervision.com>

See where in the world people are tweeting and what they are tweeting about.