

Timestamp	Twitter username	What is your job in education?	How long have you been tweeting?	What are the top 3-5 reasons you tweet?	How has Twitter helped you professionally?	If you regard Twitter as being part of your PLN how do you categorise PLN?	Do you have any sage advice to offer newbie educators regarding Twitter?	Who are the top 5 people you would recommend educators to follow?	Any you'd
03/06/2009 17:55:16	tinado	ICT lead teacher	since Oct 2008	to keep in touch with what other educators are doing for links to websites, especially blogs just for a general sense of connectedness	heaps if ideas, good practice, inspiration	Both		Allanah King Dorothy Burt Jo Fothergill Suzie Vesper	
03/06/2009 17:59:59	kbeasley	ICT facilitator & teacher	Since early 2008	I get answers to my tech questions - FAST I feel I have connected with people and made friends I feel I can be useful and helpful to others	I have learned about new applications, software, videos, links, articles from people I trust. I have seen examples of how the above are used in classrooms The things I have heard about/learned have challenged me and opened my eyes. I feel supported by my twitter colleagues and receive valuable feedback from them.	Both	Get an application to make twitter work - e.g. tweetdeck. Following lots of people can be overwhelming, and the ability to make groups of followers means you can keep up with the people who are most useful to you. Keep trying. Learn by lurking, but then participate and share (rather than just ask questions)	@mscofino @courosa @teachernz @rhondacarrier @robinthailand	It's ad
03/06/2009 18:12:19	mrw00dy	teacher	2 yrs	PLN, professional support, fun learning, collegial friendship	By allowing me instant access to like-minded colleagues and professional guidance, support, whanaungatanga, etc	Both	Find others you respect to follow, share meaningful interactions - and have bit of fun ;-)	@efreeman @dorothyburt @teachernz @suzievesper @heymilly @allanahk @wfryer	Try it,
03/06/2009 18:16:52	catspyjamasnz	e-learning advisor	Oct/Nov 2007	- networked learning - i could never keep up w/ everything by myself - access to experts - degrees of separation seem to disappear and experts become easy to approach and help my institution - filter - my network filters information for me. If it's - humour - have you seen some tweets? twitter people - esp edutweets - are funny & clever - shared victories & lowpoints - being in edtech can be lonely. it's nice to hear you're not the only one. And get kudos for work well done by ppl who understand it.	I couldn't do my job without my online network. Not just via Twitter, also Flickr, Plurk, Skype, blogs, etc. But Twitter seems to be the glue.	Personal Learning Network	Follow many people - you'll need at least 50 before it starts being useful. Do it with colleagues - doing it together means you can make suggestions to each other/ will create a buzz in the office Use a twitter client - don't tweet via the web	@courosa @deangroom @gsiemens @marksmithers @mscofino	let dra teach ! twitter!
03/06/2009 18:37:11	fionagrant	ISTE	2007	Communicate, connect, network, learn, access resources,	To grow my PLN, challenge my thinking and ideas about education and specifically the impact of e-Learning on pedagogy and student learning.	Professional Learning Network	Identify followers from others you follow and respect. Limit use of twitter for chatting there are a number of other tools more suitable eg: skype, ichtat, google talk. Take care about content you are tweeting, is it personal, would you say this F2F.	mwesch achurches dorothyburt dwenmoth JaminLietze	

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03/06/2009 18:48:45	tonitones	director of eLearning ICTPD Facilitator	2 years	Finding my tribe (see Sir Ken Robinson - The Element)! Professional development Connecting with like minded others Learning about new developments Connecting people with my blog and me with the work of others Building networks for my students to tap in to Tech support!!! Fun Meeting interesting people	OH YES I got one of my jobs this year through twitter!!! I have met so many people who I then connect with in real-life I am able to connect with people who I otherwise would never be able to talk to ie. the CEO of External Communication at Vodafone which has led to an ongoing relationship with Vodafone (important as my work is based in mobile learning). Able to chat to people who are the top in their field - who in the past you probably would have needed a 'formal introduction' in order to be able to get hold of them ie. Derek Wenmouth, Wes Fryer etc. Twitter is my on-hand tech support - any question I have had that I have posted on twitter I have ALWAYS been given an answer to.	Professional Learning Network	don't lock yourself down! make sure you have a few good twitter posts so as people can see what you are about - often people won't follow if you haven't posted anything yet	hmmmmmmmm @betchaboy @coursa @allanahk	Go you survey	
03/06/2009 19:13:08	rjensen	advisor e-Lnr	off and on for 6months	initially to engage with new technology so I could evaluate how it might be useful stay up to date on new postings, resources and ideas to keep my thinking fresh, allows for greater cross-fertilisation of ideas see it as part of my role , gauge feelings, views from backchatter network helps me prepare, represent ideas...	as above	Professional Learning Network	decide what you hope to achieve from this network and gather members accordingly.	how long is a piece of string? totally depends on your objectives re twitter	REme of dive networ	
03/06/2009 19:14:08	AllanahK	Deputy Principal	Two years	To link with other people in NZ and overseas who have similar interests to me To share and find	As above	Both	Add a web link and some information about yourself in your bio. I block people who look dodgy and who are not interested in	@NZWaikato @allanahk @teachernz @dragonsinger57	NO LC	

				resources that help me with my classroom practice									
				To find out what is trending in interesting things in ICT usage- to be on the leading edge of learning								engaging with me professionally and I don't follow people I have no idea what their interests are.	@barbs1
03/06/2009 19:19:09	@mwclarkson	Assistant Head of ICT	6 months	Ideas - sharing my own, benefiting from others', improving and collaborating on them. Networking - getting to know/speak to teachers from other specialisms, age groups, areas, countries. Support - If I have a bad day, bad lesson, struggle with a resource, etc. I can talk to like minded (and differently minded!) individuals about what went wrong and how to improve. Debate - I frequently find myself in discussions with people I disagree with, or play devil's advocate to, and find that sometimes I change my mind, sometimes I cement my own position, sometimes it just forces me to reflect and make a conscious decision rather than an automatic one.	Many ideas I have stolen and used in the curriculum or in my own personal life, I have made friends (yes, REAL friends), shared some of my own ideas, collaborated with others (always a warm glow with that one), reflected on (and hence improveD) my own practices and much, much more.	Both		Don't protect your tweets - this limits the size and strength of your network - but do me mindful that what you say is public and remain professional although that doesn't mean humourless). A desktop application is essential to get the most out of Twitter, and a multi-column client helps you to get the hang of it quickly. I use Seismic Desktop but Tweetdeck is also a popular alternative.	@dajbelshaw (Digital Literacy/eLearning, ICT, History) @markw29 (Primary, range of subject specialisms) @andyfield (ICT) @teachernz (General teacher-y goodness) @_misterg (Science)				
03/06/2009 19:19:39	rbvandijk	History,SS,ICT Teacher	2 years	to help others, be helped, ask questions, gain inspiration	By putting me in touch with other like-minded educators, linking me to resources and giving me the latest news	Both		as an educator don't be shy to tweet your lesson ideas and what resources you have found.	No one in particular as it is personal. It never ceases to amaze me who I pick up gems from. I do find following stuff news helpful in the classroom				
03/06/2009 19:20:38	barbs1	ICT Facilitator	20 months	colleageality - discussions, controversies, new thinking support when looking for ideas friendship / sharing, celebrations. successes, as well as the not so good sharing new resources finding out about new blogs to read and comment on	Introduced me to many new people who share new ideas and resources Connected to a wide range of people who are at the cutting edge of education	Both		Write a good bio so we know what your interests are Find some people to follow and then follow who they follow The more people you follow, the more you get IT Jump right on in (but it's ok to lurk at times)	@allanahk @teachernz @dragonsinger57 @mrwoody @efreeman		The m into it, you ge		
03/06/2009 19:23:42	paulajamieson	ICTPD Cluster Facilitator	A year	To..... * Connect *Communicate *Collaborate *Share	*Provides links to valuable resources, PD opportunities, Overseas developments in Education *Insights *Sharing of knowledge *Empowerment *Window to the World!	Both		Be discerning (Re who you follow and who you choose to follow you).... Don't let it take over your life (be warned, it is addictive!)	In NZ *Allanah King *Toni Twiss Worldwide *Wes Fryer *Julie Lindsay *Scott Meech		I woulc conner your th reflecti relatiou workst about t the sa soon s are be All the Paula		

03/06/2009 19:39:24	leelee_NZ_kiwi	ICT lead teacher/ Multimedia teacher of laptop class	6 months	Support from like minded people. Support for my classes with their blogs Ability to find software that is great for the students that I support. Place to air any problems and find solutions.	Giving me an opportunity to share with people that think the same and have similar problems. I am an island in my school where I am out on a limb for being different and with this cluster of teachers, I feel like I belong to an island where people get me.	Both			
03/06/2009 19:40:03	Moodlegirl	teacher in charge of digital learning	9 months	1) Find out about new applications prefer web 2.0 2) Links to cool stuff - blogs, videos etc 3) Hear what ppl are doing 4) Social aspect - general chit chat 5) Problem solving	If I need to know anything I ask my experts. Can't think of a single time where I have not got an answer.	Both	Don't follow everyone. Select your tweeps carefully. Give it time, sometimes the tweets won't interest you but over time you will probably find lots of interesting things.	@teachernz @barbs1 @lenva @suzievesper @rbvandijk	Twitter worry i celebri wreck us whc real pt what is going I future? for eac
03/06/2009 19:51:49	virtuallykaren	Online Professional Learning/Facilitator	2-3 months	- quick exchange of ideas - diversity of networks available - interesting links - warm, engaging tone overall	- put me in touch with a wider network, nationally and internationally, than I would have met otherwise; - taken me to several interesting sites; - provoked my thinking with pointed, pertinent questions	Both	- include links - write/read often (more often than me!) - at least twice daily - use applications like Tweetdeck to synchronise with your Facebook, or a Google app for your iGoogle page... - don't be afraid to network on other people's networks.	arti_choke tseale [English teachers/techs] fionagrants allanahk wryer and dragonsinger57 virtuallykaren (!)	Put as skeptic it. I ha almost a prof of view post th having coffee' althou readin else's. The 14 limit le tight, fr writing Twitter interes chann discuss is imm during (some have b attend not) Some are wc despite papers you be stephe has a I himsel examp
03/06/2009 19:56:35	dorothyjburt	facilitator/ team leader	2 years	To connect with friends around the globe To MAKE global connections for myself and my students To take snapshots of life as it is happening through the 'twitter' window To learn	Facilitated connections Broadened my sphere of input from the circle I would normally hear from pre-twitter Supported me when I needed it	Both	Complete a profile so others know who you are (including county of origin) Don't consider you have 'tried it' until you have 100 followers and follow 100 The above is important because you need a statistical spread to start getting a genuine feel for what the crowd is saying Don't just follow educators! eg I follow sports, faith, farming, music, media, french language twits in my eclectic mix! If you want to be	f you are talking to kiwis, then definitely kiwis :)	Use SI FaceB your c People you if y their in conver should those enviro Remer have tl block/t Life is endles unproc tweets

								followed, SHARE stuff of interest and DONT Blip or retweet endlessly Don't accept followers just to boost your numbers, be discerning remember your twitter page is a very public webpage THINK b4 you post (unless you go private like me!)		
03/06/2009 19:59:02	durk94	Head of English - Secondary School	few months	1. Fastest way to get responses from a wide variety of people - very helpful with ICT in Ed issues - there are only so many experts around. 2. Breaking news. 3. Ideas from other teachers tweets that I had not thought of.	It has helped me connect with other IT interested teachers - who have helped me find solutions to problems.	Professional Learning Network	Just start.	I am still new - so I do not really have a top five yet.		
03/06/2009 20:27:28	hgjohn	consultant/teacher	17 months	Access knowledge and ideas from my network Discover new resources Find an educational twist to tech announcements Facilitate school-based collaborative projects Drive audience to my blogs Raise awareness of my blog services Social interaction	It has dramatically increased the number and quality of educators that I regularly exchange ideas/views with. It's the first place I go with a problem or need an idea or inspiration. Many more people are now aware of the blog services I offer to schools	Both	Find someone you know and trust on Twitter and follow them. Use their network as a base for expanding your own. Engage with it. The power of Twitter develops over time. The more you engage and put in, the more people will give back	@hgjohn (obviously) @tombarrett @orunner @skinnyboyevas @raff31		
03/06/2009 20:32:38	dajbelshaw	Director of E-Learning	2 years	New resources/websites Connections with others in similar positions Sense of community	Helped me get my current job! (http://bit.ly/dougsproso)	Personal Learning Network	If you don't get in the water you'll never learn to swim!	@tombarrett @4goggas @russettarr @andyfield @bengrey		
03/06/2009 20:41:02	cpdscotsman	CPD adviser	8 months	find out about online CPD tell people what I am doing get serendipitous CPD	Opened my views to new approaches and tools for CPD	Professional Learning Network	stick with it, don't lurk, if you share you will get back	@whereisab @katiebarrowman @johnconnell @angelamaiers @thecleversheep	Nope, it!	
03/06/2009 20:43:24	johnmayo	Governement	1.5 years	share learn fun	broaden my network and knowledge base	Both	find the best in their field and watch who they follow and who they converse with	@russettarr @digitalmaverick @wfrayer @jutecht		
03/06/2009 20:43:54	teachernz	classroom teacher [primary]	joined oct 07, but really since oct 08	feeling connected finding great resources being part of a global learning community - a feeling of collegiality and (as I said to our principal) we're co-creating our own PD, usually just in time instead of just in case	brought me out of my "silo" given the techy "go to guy" people to go to brought me out of my shell... well maybe not I've always been a bit gregarious... more like encouraged my "voice" especially online helped me meet awesome educators and facilitators face to face and am looking forward to meeting many more made me more of a sharer	Both	Give it time...lurk a little ... give a little ... take a little (sounds like we should burst into song about here) and, oh yeah, have a laugh now and then!	@allanahk @timbuckteeth @dragonsinger57 @tonitones & me @teachernz	ignore things or hea media "get" t doesn' sense. difficult sign up for you	

03/06/2009 20:46:31	michelledodd	lecturer access and participation	14months	collaborating connecting contributing learning	great links and networks	Both	its not something you instantly get but when the penny drops you realize the initial investment of your time and energy pays off multiple times	I would be as presumptuous as to suggest who to follow..begin by followings lots and the cull to your interests pretty soon you r twitter flock will self populate	warnin be acc
03/06/2009 20:55:53	deangoom	To make people think harder than they want to	18 months	im paranoid people hate me, and its less effor than email	pulls content to me	PLN is a myth	yeah, start with Digg, then move to Twitter	@jokay @heyjudeonline @middleclassgirl @kerryj @akpc	nope
03/06/2009 20:56:02	BiblioKat	teacher librarian		To share information mainly about education, teaching and technology To receive information about above As a help in finding information about ...	I have used it a a lot for finding out about all sorts of things above	Both	Don't try to follow too many people. Use a tool such as tweetdeck to help organise your tweets	This is difficult but betchaboy (Chris Betcher) AngelaMaiers (Angela Maiers) dkuropatwa (Darren Kuropatwa) pdonaghy (Patricai Donaghy) coolcatteacher (Vicki Davis)	
03/06/2009 21:03:06	tracyolo	Resource teacher: Literacy	just month or 2	* to find out what others thinking/ doing IT wise. * to keep linked to other educators. * to link to blogs and updates on blogs - which means the top 2 points are covered. * links to ideas etc that otherwise I would not know about.	* keep me up to date with lots of ideas thru links and blogs. * find out about PD opportunities, ie. un conferences. * read stuff via links that otherwise not know about. * tried things out on computer that found out about that wouldn't know to do otherwise. * thru links/blogs get ideas for developing literacy thru IT.	Both	Don't just follow people because they follow you - some are people trying to sell you stuff. Look at other educators followers and once found 1-2 that think have good links and ideas for blogs, links - start following who they follow.		I find it others same etc an other i and as - not a these i - have confer attend Literac and bu to ulea etc....! So altt of 'eve and fir - I find really r my twe ok, big And I t do off as ver, respor if wortf anyone to chei not su
03/06/2009 21:06:14	kvnmcl	Primary Teacher	2 years but have been a firm Twitter user for the past 2 months	*Connecting with other teachers/educators who have the same vision in using technology in their classrooms to enhance their teaching and the learning of their pupils *Finding links to great web 2.0 resources *Learning from others about what they do in the classroom	I am following many educators who are either at the top of their field or moving towards it, as well as those like myself who wish to learn more. I am learning new techniques, new ideas and new uses of technologies in the classroom everyday and this is improving my approach to teaching. It has also given me the inspiration to finally create my own education blog and organise a TeachMeet.	Both	Don't jump in without taking time to watch how it all works. Follow a few educators to begin with, ask as many questions as you wish as we are all welcoming and want to help. MrTweet is a good to try as it will give you a list of like minded twitterers.	@dajbelshaw @josepicardo @tombarrett @markw29 @russettarr	Twitter fantast and or wasn't about ; beginn use da
03/06/2009 21:07:21	Emmadw	Senior Lecturer/Faculty e-Learning co-ordinator.	Since Nov 2007 (had account) Nov 2008 (actually used the thing!)	Right now ... avoiding marking! Most of the time: 1: Quick info - seeing what's new in the eLearning	See many of the reasons above - have been able to get quick answers & keep abreast of things - somehow easier than using	Both	Don't be afraid to stop following those that you don't feel add to your learning; you only have so much time! Tools like	That's way too hard to answer. I have way more than 5 educators that I follow - some are good for somethings, others	Don't v people you ba don't v needin evercy follows

				field. 2: Quick info - asking questions & getting the answers. 3: Replying to others who post queries - given that they've often answered mine.	Google Reader, though I do still use the latter. More personal, I guess, as Google reader picks up when someone's updated their blog; Twitter picks up when someone else thinks it's interesting & worth reading. I rarely read blog posts if poster tweets - unless I know them well & know they're worth reading.		"Tweetdeck" can help you by putting people into groups, so that you can read selected types of posts (though note that few people have posts that all fall into the same category - e.g. one post about something radical in the eLearning field, next post about imminent trip to the beach to make the most of the weather!)	for others. However, off the top of my head (and, I'm now "actively" excluding those that I know have many followers, and thus are likely to be mentioned here) cristinacost flash_ahah JaneChandler FrancesBell JosieFraser As I say, that's only a v. small subset - and I'm trying to avoid those that have large fan bases (OK, so my last choice fits into that category!) - but mostly these are people who's posts I find generally useful.	Don't v takes : "get"; j everyc Don't r much i that sa and "n tweetir bound that sa opposi suits y learnin not an
03/06/2009 21:08:00	Rashkath	Teacher	2 years	1. Motivation for learning 2. New ideas and strategies 3. Quick responses 4. Easy to work 5. Connectivity with like minded people	Added to my knowledge a vast pool of tools/resources /ideas/strategies which has proved to be beneficial in improving teaching learning.	Professional Learning Network	Be specific to your goals. Have a reason before to start twittering.	From my network @maggiev @lekahe @pdonaghy @evelynsaenz @kaferico	Thank
03/06/2009 21:25:29	dhellam	KS3-5 ICT specialist	6 months	1) Trivia quizzes 2) Trawling recommended links made by other educators 3) Getting updates from sites I visit 4) Beta-testing one-liners from stand-up comedians 5) Low-key networking with former colleagues and other teachers	Brought me into contact with a wider range of elearning specialists from different disciplines and educational systems.		If you wouldn't post it up on your classroom wall, don't tweet it in public.		I can s of use: microt in edu on it's magic that wi everytl
03/06/2009 21:31:09	weezyg	assistant principal	3 months	1. professional netwking 2. getting advice and ideas 3. catching up with friends	advice, ideas, sharing	Both	dont follow everyone who follows you NEVER put stuff abt kids on twitter or your job as employers google you!!!!	betchaboy dajbelshaw dannynic mscofino activeducator	no
03/06/2009 21:47:33	Jillyanmurphy	Learning Consultant	4 months	Keep in touch with what is going on in the outside world. Sometimes feel isolated as a freelance. Fun and enjoyment. Lots of brilliant ideas, edu blogs and new developments in ICT that I get to experience.	I haven't had any professional ICT training so I just learn things ad hoc and the people on Twitter share ideas and new innovations. Twitter fits my learning style in that interpersonal and intrapersonal are two of my strongest styles and learning through communication in a very self directed way makes it feel more like a hobby than professional ICT development.	Both	I would tell people to have a code of conduct for themselves ie beware your words are 'out there' and so self edit. Having said that, I enjoy the spirit of fun and community. It's relaxing to get involved in the jokes and humour the comedians put out there as I believe it's really important to have a work life balance.	Sir Ken Robinson (just because he's great) mscofino (Teacher in Thailand international school) Brian Lockwood (International School) Japan Tom Barrett (UK) Genkiu (Japan)	Very b with yc
03/06/2009 21:47:41	MoreThanMaths	Teacher (Maths & ICT, 11-16 year old students)	as moremaths, 437 days (bit.ly/3eWO8)	- learn from other educators - share great links/resources /ideas - get great ideas from other people - searches people,	- Lots of really great ideas that I've used in lessons have come from my network.	Both	1. Before you start following people, put something in your profile, even if it just says "I'm a teacher trying this out". The power of Twitter is as a	Only 5?! @tombarrett @dajbelshaw @angelamaiers @dannynic @maggiev	

				not web pages. Eg If I tweet a question, someone always answers - pick up on stories & events that I would probably miss - chance to make connections and collaborate with people. Can do this offline, but Twitter opens up so many possibilities.			network, so you need followers to get any value from it. No-one is going to return a follow from a completely anonymous person! 2. If you know someone who already has a good network, ask them to tweet an introduction to you. You'll probably 'meet' quite a few people that way.		
03/06/2009 22:00:33	elonahartje	teacher	<1 year	keep in touch share resources for in and out of classroom find resources	yes- valuable resource that helps me improve my teaching	Both	use Twitter as a quick and easy mentor		
03/06/2009 22:00:57	elonahartjes	teacher	<1 year	keep in touch share resources for in and out of classroom find resources	yes- valuable resource that helps me improve my teaching	Both	use Twitter as a quick and easy mentor		
03/06/2009 22:27:58	Keamac	teacher	19 months aprox	Share thoughts & ideas with like minded others. Professional development. Social interaction. Global communication & collaboration.	It has broadened my knowledge & skill base in the area of ICT. Developed a collaborative, professional network. Exposed me to opportunities I might not have had otherwise e.g. being a presenter at ULearn, unconference participation. Allowed me to organise global, collaborative activities for my class.	Both	Jump in and say hello - it helps you to become part of the Twitterverse. Twitter doesn't make sense unless you are following a few people so that you have some conversations to follow. Always remember - even if you password protect your account, what you say online, stays online where it can be read & retweeted by others.	Allanah King Amanda Signal (Hey Milly) Chrissy Hellyer (NZChrissy) Will Chamberlain Dorothy Burt	Twitter addict! remerr in ever good & your c now ar Twitter still be
03/06/2009 22:35:38	dogtrax	sixth grade teacher	one year (roughly)	1. Resources -- great sharing mechanism 2. Networking -- great people 3. Writing -- it gives me another chance to be a writer during the day	Well, it has provided resources and connections.	Personal Learning Network	Lurk for a bit and then write for a bit, and then find some balance. Share what you know.	Too many to count, but Larry Ferlazzo is a great resource. And Sue Waters, too.	Twitter everyc worth : a poer about I Drear (listen podca: http://v /share /gqkae I drear in 140 that cu though they ai and th why 14 Ten m would right as I wr what I that m in time connei the wo many i shackl charac and I r amaz deep t can be I find it eaveest conver between

									when I read it and it's like I've put my words in someone's mouth. Whose watch is it? Twitter expanded my tentacles and I'm drawing in my neighbors and a similar echo in my silence. I dream in 140 characters and I'm doing it right at this moment. -- Kevi
03/06/2009 22:42:55	Teachntech00	spec we teacher	1 year	To get new resources Ask questions Collaboate with other educators	Collaboration has helped me try new ideas in the classroom	Both	Follow first, and just listen	Karenjan Budtheteacher Rmbyrne	
03/06/2009 22:58:09	lparisi	classroom teacher	2 years	-instant access to brilliant minds -a wealth of educational information - links, live webinars, ustream shows worth joining, etc -24/7 access to collaborators	I have actually won awards working on collaborative projects with twitter connections. Also, I have found a vast amount of helpful tools, blogs, and websites for use in my classroom.	Professional Learning Network	-Add to your profile and be specific about what you teach -get involved - follow lots of people and retweet interesting information	jennyluca lthumann mcleod dlaufenberg joycevalenza	
03/06/2009 23:11:02	minhaaj	consultant	about an year	networking sharing learning	been a prolific medium. i have lots of professional links, PLN and friends.	Personal Learning Network	try to find people who ACCENTUATE your interests and not a plethora of people	@coolcatteacher @jutecht @lparisi @jarche @dougpete	
03/06/2009 23:13:19	jennyluca	Media/library specialist	16 months	Establish connections with other teachers Learn from these teachers Share what I can	Enormously. I know what is new, I benefit from the connections I have made and so do my students. By far the best staffroom I have ever been a part of.	Both	Share what you know. Retweet what is good. Support others when they need it. Be kind.	@paulawhite, @scmorgan, @etalbert, @jutecht, @suewaters	
03/06/2009 23:13:35	jswiatk	Geography teacher	2 years	incredible resources can be found Love having a worldwide group of people to bounce ideas it's great having contacts all over the world for various projects	Professional Development. Through Twitter, I have been made aware of many professional development opportunities that were being streamed via the web.	Both	Stick with it. It will seem very strange at first, but the magic WILL happen...	willrich45 rmbyrne larryferlazzo bengrey joeevans	
03/06/2009 23:13:46	magistrum	Latin teacher	6 months	build connections with educators around the world, answer questions on the spot, share ideas and opinions, find out what others are reading/writing	I feel more connected and more confident in what I am doing - and sharing - with my classes.	Professional Learning Network	Be active - don't just lurk, it isn't as meaningful if you don't participate. Don't protect your tweets - others won't follow you if you make it a challenge. Be sure to have a complete profile so	@Larryferlazzo @willrich45 @bengrey @suewaters @teachpaperless	

							others know who you are and what you're writing about.		
03/06/2009 23:14:28	k8tra	English Head Teacher	about 3 months	Interest. Curiosity. Finding out groovy new things.	Hasn't really. I'm new?	Both	Not really, I've talked about it with my kids. Have had them write Wuthering Heights as a tweet (interesting results). They're generally not really into it. Isn't the profile an older generation? They tend to be facebookers, my space etc.	mashable others come and go in terms of relevance and interest	Let us you gc
03/06/2009 23:14:31	nsharoff	K-4 Tech Facilitator	less than 1 year	1. Living in rural location & being only Tech Facilitator I'm able to connect easily w/ like positioned individuals 2. IMMEDIATE answers to questions 3. Sense of another 'extended family'	1. Get answers IMMEDIATELY to issues in my classroom 2. Links to websites I would never have run across 3. Expanded my reflective practices beyond the 'day to day' grind of a classroom	Both	PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE fill out your profile. Many of us check that before 'following' newbies back.	@RiptideF @TeachaKidd @CLykowski @woot @mmkrill	nope!
03/06/2009 23:15:07	hopkinsdavid	Learning Technologist	n/a	networking, experience, testing, time-wasting, research, wider reading	networking, experience, testing, time-wasting, research, wider reading	Both	before you start, work out what you want to get from Twitter, otherwise it'll be a waste of time.	@ProBlogger, @JayCross, @timbuckteeth, @tonykarrer ... and me!	don't a get flai unfollo quickly
03/06/2009 23:17:20	ernieeaster	Middle Level Teacher	11 months	1. Twitter is my Professional Learning Network 2. All the wonderful resources tweeted 3. The quick feedback when I need help 4. The world wide perspectives on education 5. Twitter never sleeps - some one is always on. Somewhere in the world it is morning. 6. All the great professionals I tweet with.	I send out the links to people in my building who do not twitter. People always ask me where I find such great resources and I always say, "On Twitter."	Both	Start small & follow people that others who you know follow.	@rmbyrne @LParisi @ernieeaster @suewaters @TeachaKidd @skipz @bobsprinkle	I've go PLN g followi people twitter page.
03/06/2009 23:19:28	teachercookie72	Middle school teacher	2 months	1. personal learning network 2. social network available at school 3. momentary diversions to relieve stress	It has connected me to many educators who post websites useful to enhance my teaching practice.	Both	Connect with as many educators as you can. They say you really start to get the benefits from Twitter when you follow 150 people. Get to 150 as soon as you can and visit Twitter at least daily, if not more. They'll post, you follow, and you'll receive plenty of thoughts and ideas to help you.	@voicethread @angelamaiers @stevehargadon @howtomakemyblog @coolcatteacher @alicebarr	
03/06/2009 23:20:54	murcha								
03/06/2009 23:20:55	murcha								
03/06/2009 23:25:11	murcha	Secondary ICT teacher	20 months	Establish a personal learning network Keep up to date with the latest in web2.0 tools Maintain my e-colleagues Share resources	Twitter has given me a personal learning network, that has helped me introduce the emerging technologies into my classroom. It has introduced me to many wonderful global projects that my students have been involved in.	Both	Lurk in twitter, follow other educationalists. Get a friend to advise you of people to follow. Ensure that you have your personal profile available.	suewaters kimcofino coolcatteacher etalbert lenva	

03/06/2009 23:25:43	@hbaille	ICT Coach/Teacher Librarian	8 months	Connections, information, resources, fun	Given me access to a vast array of information and opinions	Professional Learning Network	Don't protect your updates - how will I know if I want to follow you	suewaters, deangroom, betchaboy, mrpbps, tobarrett	
03/06/2009 23:25:48	musictechie	music teacher	18 months	1- Getting new technologies in my classroom 2- Up to date on ppl I know 3 - Cool websites	It is one of the main reasons I have moved ahead in education.	Personal Learning Network	Jump in!	It is different for others. If you want to see who to follow = http://twitter4teacher	
03/06/2009 23:31:21	lparren	Ed Tech coordinator, teacher, electronic portfolio coordinator	? over a year	Staying up to date with tech uses in ed. Getting answers to ed tech questions Looking for collaborators for my teachers	see above	Professional Learning Network	Be selective in the people you follow.		
03/06/2009 23:46:37	minischaeff34	4th grade teacher	a year, but active about 6 months	* Connect my classroom to other classroom around the globe. *Gain/share great resources with other likeminded people. *Find great webinars to participate in online!	I have been able to tear down the walls of my classroom and give my students a chance to connect with people around the world. We have also worked with websites that I would have never found without my twitter pln!	Professional Learning Network	Start out slow. It's ok to just take the information that others are giving you at first. Once you get your feet wet, you will be able to share just like the other share with you.	@suewaters @dianadell @pinaugle @larryferlazzo @elemenous	Jump i be intr Here's where collabc others collect resour twitter educal
03/06/2009 23:47:50	dwicksspu	Instructional technologist, teacher	1 year	Quick reflections about technology I am piloting Share important link with the community Promote a conference or workshop	Allowed me to link with other instructional technologists and quickly scan what they are thinking about.	Professional Learning Network	Twitter may not make sense until you follow tweets in your own discipline and use a tweet aggregator tool like TweetDeck.	@doug_holton @soctecnologist @hopkinsdavid @jrhode @sidneyeve	Would the res survey
04/06/2009 00:09:34	Josteen	JH language arts	3 years	Connections Information Connections	Increased my network	Both	Don't give up	Willrich45 Durrff Lparisi Ldeisley Shbeach	
04/06/2009 00:29:26	Didactylos	Director of a CLC	3 months	Networking with colleagues Keeping up to date with ideas Sharing in discussion	Loads of new ideas Loads of experts ready to help	Both	Get involved	@russelfarr @tombarrett @pdonaghy @dajbelshaw @courosa @mrslwalker	Its brill about you ha etc etc
04/06/2009 00:52:31	@mswojo	classroom teacher	1 year	I retweet great resources I find I want to be in contact with like-minded teachers (pro-technology) I want to know what's going on in education in other parts of the world	I get a new resource EVERY day. Twitter has helped me become more thoughtful about my practice.	Professional Learning Network	Welcome to the Twittiverse! Ask for recommendations, ask for resources, share your knowledge. Use a third party tool like TweetDeck (I like how I can organize tweets by category).	I know there's six! @larryferlazzo @coolcatteacher @kjarrett @tombarrett (he does great collaborative Google Presos with web 2.0 tools) @teachakidd	My stu tired of about cool ne inform: great r they a: did you this?" respor chorus course
04/06/2009 01:15:30	merimom77	school librarian	1 yr.	1. I am the only elementary librarian. I like to have a PLN to bounce ideas off of. 2. It is a quick way to stay in touch with other librarians	I have found that Twitter is an almost instantaneous way to contact librarians and other educational professionals around the world.	Professional Learning Network	Find some very good people to follow and try to avoid those that seem to be only there for commerial success. You can	marykG, k3teachers, bcdtech, mmmkrill, and AngelaMairs,keisav	Many Twitter teache on in tl and ev

				in my state. 3. I get to share fabulous ideas that I find and learn from others.	Due to the declining economy, it is difficult to find funds to attend professional development workshops. Instead, I depend on Twitter to learn and grow with my peers.								
04/06/2009 01:27:29	LearningTech1	Learning Technologist	Few months	To get teaching / learning resources that I can pass on to staff in the college. To keep abreast of other new technologies out there that may be relevant to my job. To help with research areas that I may be developing.	With all three of the reasons above!	Both		tell by the number of followers vs. the number of people they are following. Have a reason for using twitter. Whether it be to get resources, or to have a support group of similar people, you need to have a reason. Follow the right people. Use a client such as tweetdeck, and have searches running with keywords relating to your interests. Be prepared to follow and unfollow people when first setting up.	Me! (LearningTech1) Jane Hart Russeltarr Don't really want to recommend any more as I feel educators should find people suitable for what they need.			Persever Don't j celebri stuck & now or most u have.	
04/06/2009 01:42:24	ashleygarner	6th math teacher	6 mos	1. Gain knowledge from other teaching professionals 2. Get answers to questions 3. Keep up w/ new ideas	It has helped me to find new ways of doing & thinking about something.	Professional Learning Network		Stick with it. It takes a while to build up a PLN, but it's worth it in the end.	1. @kellyhines 2. @paulawhite 3. @mcarls 4. @tombarrett 5. @mashable				
04/06/2009 01:45:29	DebbT	Educational Consultant	1 1/2 years	Resources Ideas Up to date with what others are doing with technology in education	Given me lots of ideas and resources. Pointed to various articles of interest.	Professional Learning Network		Look at who people are following to get ideas of who you can follow.					
04/06/2009 01:59:39	bgrundy	Grade 5 Lead Teacher & Community Outreach Coordinator	6 months	* A wealth of resources and links * To network with other teachers * To publicise links I find and blog posts I make	* Number one way has been the true networking with other teachers around the world. I gain resources and different perspectives about best practice teaching.	Both		Spend the time to make connections. Search your followers, followers to make new friends and make use of tools such as MrTweet.	@mscofino, @rhondacarrier, @julielindsay, @jutech, @intrepedteacher			nope :	
04/06/2009 02:11:46	msmithpds	Technology Specialist	1.5 years	1. I learn something new within 2 minutes of launching my twitter account. 2. Sharing and asking questions 3. Participating in hashtag conversations (#educhat #lmshtat) 4. Building relationships with other technology educators around the world 5. To share memorable occasions like the time I tried to pour out the inside contents of a beanbag in to a trash bag without help.	It is my number 1 major tool for professional development. I have learned about sites, read blogs, learned of podcasts to listen to, found out about beta programs to test out with my students, followed conferences though was not able to attend, and so much more!	Professional Learning Network		Give it many months to build your network. Follow as many as possible that have something in common with you. Fill out your profile so you don't look like spam. Participate, share, and ask through the twitter tool. Use a program to access your tweets.	kjarratt tombarret kellyhines ericcole durff				
04/06/2009 02:32:55	Todd_M	Teacher	About a year	1. Connect with other educators 2. Collect and pass along info to other teachers 3. Collect and pass along info to my students	I've been able to connect with other teachers I would never have otherwise met and I've gotten access to info I may not have found on my	Both		Definitely use a program like Tweetdeck, then once you figure it out, share Twitter with your students. Before you have them use Twitter,	Willrich45 Web20classroom Larryferlazzo Dianadell Teachpaperless				

				4. Demonstrate and teach my students how to use it appropriately and safely						
04/06/2009 02:46:07	nkogan	high school history teacher	1 year	1. Professional development 2. Connecting with like-minded educators 3. Develop public presence online 4. Connect with friends.	I have been greatly enriched by the variety of sources, ideas, innovations, etc. that I have gained from the network of people I follow. I've also begun incorporating Twitter into the classroom (but will do so more thoroughly next year) and have found the students very receptive and engaged by its potential, though I have yet to really discover its full potential.	Professional Learning Network	Build your network and read the suggestions widely--it is really invigorating intellectually and really emphasizes the importance of the role of classroom teacher.	@teachpaperless @academicdave @dajbelshaw @zemote @clioweb		
04/06/2009 02:56:00	BradnDeedo	Technology Teacher	1 month	Best source for collaborative information. I have discovered a community of like minded professionals. I can scan tweets quickly thus increasing the amount of valuable info without increasing time investment.	I have found volumes of information that is not only useful to myself but valuable to my colleagues and this is allowing us to restructure our classes to take advantage of Web 2.0 technologies.	Both	The key is finding strong people to follow. Some people will waste time tweeting about what they had for breakfast while others are constantly placing valuable links that challenge paradigms.	@russeltarr, @Larryferlazzo, @mrshoward118, @thecleversheep, @diannekrause, @michelledodd	Twitter reener teachir directic taking I have - I hav more \ inform; my Tw than in classe profes; develo years	
04/06/2009 03:03:30	cathywo	Instructional Technology Integrator	since 2007 NECC	Great links from others; notes about blog posts; to get help with questions	I'm the only one in my district who works at the elementary level and I have found others on Twitter so I can now collaborate, ask questions and share ideas.	Both	Follow a couple of people you have heard of or know and then see who they are following to see who you want to add.	Jeff Utecht, Wes Fryer, Will Richardson, Bob Sprankle, Liz Davis		
04/06/2009 03:29:42	mattguthrie	middle school math/science teacher	6 months	1 - share/collaborate /communicate with PLN 2 - keep track of personal interests/hobbies 3 - quick personal messaging to friends/family	It has given me access to master teachers and others interested in education. My access to additional resources has grown exponentially as a result. Twitter has also enabled me to participate in "Unofficial" PD as I am now exposed to more blogs, news articles, book suggestions, etc.	Both	Find someone who will help you build up some followers, copy their "Following" list and just listen to the conversation for a while to see what happens out there. Participate whenever possible with opinions when appropriate and share your own thoughts, stuff, etc. when you're ready.	@kellyhines @chadratliff @coletteamber @gardenglen @langwitches	Join th conver	
04/06/2009 04:25:58	readerdiane	7th grade teacher	1 yr	Find new information See what others are doing Be involved	Found great resources	Both		Wesfryer sharon peters		
04/06/2009 06:27:57	phoenixschool	teacher & head of school	5 months	• to connect my kids with other kids elsewhere in the world • to market our school • to form connections with teachers interested in the same things I am • to learn from	It has made me more aware of how to use technology in the classroom. Our kids are having great fun tweeting with kids in Wisconsin. I have connected to many interesting blog sites and gained professional	Both	Don't quit. Make connections and find people with similar interests. It does not have to be just about what you had for breakfast.	I'm still a newbie so I don't know yet. Love some ideas.		

				other people's tweets, especially their links	information. I am learning to do something new At 69 that's exhilarating				
04/06/2009 07:07:02	bmuench	music teacher	2 year	1. resources - to share them and get them 2. to connect to other techies 3. because it's FUN!	It has exposed me to new resources on the web. Twitter has connected me to other educators that I can collaborate with.	Professional Learning Network	Don't just try it for a week. Give yourself time to develop connections. It will seem like a waste of time at first.	1. langwitches 2. shareski 3. ddmeyer 4. teach42 5. stevehargadon	Just d
04/06/2009 07:28:29	Flexie	Classroom teacher/ Learning technologies team leader	18months	- keep up to date with what is happening in education - great at conferences to get real time reaction from/about speakers - great for getting random ideas for authentic learning - hitch-hiking ideas	See Above - Made me more aware that PLCs are an important part of authentic, just in time PD	Professional Learning Network	I wish I twittered more, but due to not having reliable internet access at home, it something that I don't have a huge amount of time left to do (regrettably). Participate actively and you will find that you build an amazing network of people - both professionally and personally	Ewan MacIntosh, elemenus, bcrosby, Will Richardson, any NZ educator	
04/06/2009 07:28:40	digitallearnin	deputy principal		1. connections with like minded educators 2. sourcing useful links and up to date pedagogy examples 3. being able to problem-solve and seeking help to solve ICT related problems	1. Fantastic links (esp. for 21C pedagogy) 2. Great to show my staff the links I have found to teachers/students doing great things (usually show cased in either their blog or wiki) 3. developing a network	Both	follow someone & check out who they follow & follow them If you know someone get them to put a tweet out to follow you. Start by making contributors/commer & replying to tweets	1. @jshe 2. @teachernz 3. @keisawilliams 4. @allanahk 5. @dragonsinger57	interes results blog al
04/06/2009 09:47:17	hmday	Deputy Principal/ICT Lead Teacher	9 months	to keep up with the developments in integrating ICT into teaching to seek help when i have problems with something ICT related to develop professional learning network	helps keep me in touch with the people who are outstanding role models in our education system gives me many thoughts and ideas to ponder about pedogogically keeps me abreast of new developments in Web 2.0 tools There are few educators in my part of the country who are prepared to share their knowledge so the twitter network is one way for me to keep up with what is happening in NZ education	Both	Lurk for a while until your discover the people who are worth following Don't be overawed by the people who have very high profiles. They have heaps to offer!	AllanahK dragonsinger57 jshe teachernz digitallearnin	
04/06/2009 11:17:15	Dragon09	Education Technology Adviser	1 year and a bit	3:02 PM Sep 24th, 2007 was my first post.. ish 1. Connecting with like minded individuals. 2. Supporting my own learning 3. Widening my perspective. 4. Helps with my teaching	Making connections to people I would never have heard of... With blogging some can be reading me and I'll never know. Twitter you HAVE to introduce yourself.	Both	A point of note: I have only searched out Wes Fryer when he came to L@S09. I have never looked for anyone other than him. People have found me. I have responded. I'm fololowed by 188 people now. I also have a filter for deciding if I will follow someone. Basically they either have to be in NZ or in Education.	Wes Fryer Jane Nicholls Cburell Betchaboy MrW00dy Me	Nope, thanks
04/06/2009 13:06:38	csitterley	Director of Instructional Technology	2 years	-share things I find -share things others find -learn -stay in touch with	-provided many resources that I have been able to share with staff -provided academic	Both	Talk to someone you trust who tweets and follow some of the people they follow	courosa wryer AngelaMaiers kjarrett technlibrary	

					paper links and articles that I use to stay informed		Be sure to complete your profile and let folks know that you are an educator		
				new ideas			Have fun with it Don't try to follow too many people -be selective Don't follow others just because they want to follow you Use it when it's the best tool -not when it isn't	Derek Wenmoth Richard Millward Hooked on Thinking Paul Stewart (@learningnews) Sir Ken Robinson	Nope
04/06/2009 15:40:41	boogieo	Deputy Principal/Dogsbody	Um... 4 months?	Links to educational leaders Catch new blog posts Colleague contact Links to interesting resources Follow interests	Keep up with what useful people are thinking/doing Get help on things I'm trying to do	Both			
04/06/2009 16:20:48	jshe	classroom teacher	one year	To promote my class blog. To get global connection with people. To see what resources others are using. To keep un touch with my friends.	I have discovered a lot of resources that I won't have known. I also got to know a lot of people.	Both		@Allanahk @Dorothyjbur @teachernz @jshe @digitalllearn	
04/06/2009 17:19:35	astrang	Special Education	6 months	#1) Participating in great conversations with fascinating people about improving education #2) Gaining a more global view of educational issues #3) Finding that others have similar concerns, struggles, and joys #5) Puts many of my concerns into a better context - better able to judge their size in comparison to the concerns in other places #6) Helps me keep up with posts on the blogs I follow #7) Provides me with recommendations to fantastic learning resources on the web	I speak about twitter in my presentations to let people know about the fantastic connections I have made. I have learned so much in my conversations with people I would not otherwise have the chance to. I seek information and pose questions on Twitter constantly in order to find information and resources to use with my students and to share with my colleagues.	Professional Learning Network	Find a few great people to follow. Don't spend time worrying about numbers. At first I needed to read everything that came in but I got over that quickly. I browse the most recent tweets when I get time. I still learn lots. People think alot about people's motives and the ways they use twitter - don't! - everyone should use it as they wish.	@irasocol @spedteacher @coolcatteacher @paulhami @wilrich45 That was hard - there are way more...	Hope t
04/06/2009 18:02:45	jiletze	Pri Teacher and ICT Lead Teacher	3 years	1) Keep informed on new ICTs 2) Communicate with my online network 3) Follow other educators thoughts and journeys 4) Receive up-to-date PD	- Professional development via blogs, readings, new sites, new web 2.0 tools - Keep in linked in with others	Professional Learning Network	Follow Tweets initially from a Twitter user you respect. Carefully choose who you will follow. Make sure you leave details about yourself when you setup your profile so that others know who you are. Share lots of links to sites that you have found interesting - don't be someone who just tweets about daily tasks - if you want to be professional - tweet professionally.	Depends on what type of network you want to create...	It can I break i beginn patient with ot tweete you ca togeth
04/06/2009 18:52:27	mrhnz	Intermediate IT Teacher	9 months	Information collection, keeping in touch with other educators, keeping up with whats happening in other schools.	Up-to-date information and tried teaching methods that other teachers are talking about. Introduced me to lots of web 2.0 teaching and learning opportunities.	Personal Learning Network		Heymilly tonitones mrwoody allanahk teachernz deangroom	
04/06/2009 19:42:34	gmacmanus	teacher and all round dogs body	2 years?	Communication with family and friends	I have a network of teachers that push me to think outside	Personal Learning Network	Don't say everything you are doing, ask	Sorry, depends on what you are into, follow this person	It is grn check find pe

				<p>To get ideas and put ideas out to a community</p> <p>To inform people what I am doing at present, either weekends or in class.</p> <p>At conferences it is so much fun, Flash Mob Games</p>	<p>that square, I have a couple in the States who I follow that provide curriculum ideas and development in the area of Digital technologies. It is a great way to communicate a conference and ask questions which you get many different answers with</p>		<p>questions, Lurk for a while and see what people are twittering about. And answer the question, what are you doing?</p>	<p>that started the survey and have a look at the friends.</p>	<p>confer encou tweet : find ou Blogge confer great g gather</p>
04/06/2009 22:13:22	janenicholls	Online editor NZC Online	about a year	<p>Connections Ideas Support</p>	<p>Answers many questions and puts me in contact with people who I can help and people who can help me</p>	Both			
05/06/2009 06:51:49	sharpjacqui	ICT Facilitator	3 months	<p>Globally extend my professional network interact with people from education that I would not normally have the chance to make regular contact with learn good tips and view recommended websites share my own insights through comments, links and my blogs</p>	<p>allowed me to follow 'gurus' in ICT education keeps me up to date with trends, ideas, websites, intellectual papers, others insights spread my own blogs, wikis and resources to a wider audience</p>	Professional Learning Network	<p>1. Give it a go 2. Lurk until you feel comfortable about saying something 3. Start off by asking a question 4. Keep it professional 5. Share good websites 6. Share your own blogs and wikis</p>	<p>@k3teachers @dianadell @catspyjamasnz @suewaters @c4lpt</p>	
05/06/2009 21:11:08	suebrownnz	teacher/leader	2009	<p>Networking Answer questions/ ask questions Learn new things from others Share tips & resources Meet and talk with others</p>	<p>Large network, who support, encourage and challenge in a safe environment Have had questions answered and direct contacts made Learnt lots of others ... through following them and their blogs Have meet and talked face to face with many.</p>	Both	<p>Keep it professional we don't want to know your every move</p>	<p>I struggled with this one ... I couldn't decide</p>	