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Virtual Communities for Professional Development



Discovery Educator Network

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

The ***Discovery Educator Network*** is a global community of educators who are excited by the power of digital media and want to collaborate and share resources with other educators.

Available online: Educator Resources, Blogs (statewide & national), Discussion Boards, Calendar (sign up for state / regional / national events)

Teacher Leaders Network

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<http://www.teacherleaders.org/>

TLN is not just a listserv, not just a website, not just a professional growth opportunity. TLN is a true network, and we use every available tool to expand the roles of expert teachers in advocating for effective teaching and learning practices.

Available online: resources, articles, blogs, diaries, NBCT section, newsletter, links



Annenberg Media

<http://www.learner.org/index.html>

Teacher professional development programming for K-12 teachers FREE through our satellite channel and Video On Demand. Annenberg Media uses media and telecommunications to advance excellent teaching in American schools. Workshops and courses consist of video, print, and Web components that can be used in group sessions or on your own.



Tapped In

<http://tappedin.org/tappedin>

Tapped In is the online workplace of an international community of education professionals. K-12 teachers and librarians, professional development staff, teacher education faculty and students, and researchers engage in professional development programs and informal collaborative activities with colleagues (since 1997.) Available online:

- Plan and conduct learning projects with colleagues and students.
 - Participate in or lead topical discussion and groups.
 - Manage and attend online courses offered by TPD providers.
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Middle Web

<http://www.middleweb.com/index.html>

MiddleWeb provides a wealth of resources for schools, districts, educators, parents, and public school advocates working to raise achievement for all students in the middle grades. Ongoing chats called Literacy Workshop and Middletalk, diaries, blogs, resources and links. Established 1996.