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BjB waves hi to Holly

BjB . o O (small group here today!)

HollyY: Hi, I'll need some guidance...this is my first 'workshop'

BjB: cool. Welcome, Holly!

BjB: if you're the only one who attends this discussion, you'll have LOTS of guidance.

HollyY: I see the info above...is this outline for tonight?

BjB: Are you participating as a requirement for a class?

BjB: the info above this chat window is resources that the group has contributed

HollyY: no...but I am a member of our grant committee at school.

HollyY: thought this would be a good place to collect info

BjB: oh, terrific. Let's get you joined up first and then we can go from there

BjB: above this chat window is the welcome note...

BjB: scroll down to the green i next to Grrreat Grants

BjB: do you see that?

HollyY: yep!

BjB: click on the green i

BjB: that will give you the group ID page

HollyY: ok

BjB: at the top of the ID page is a place to JOIN THIS GROUP

HollyY: see it...

BjB: once you click on join this group...

BjB: the group will be added to your pull down favorite places menu in the top right of your screen

BjB: as a member of the group...

BjB: you will be able to add to the resources...

BjB: and post to the discussion board

HollyY: any time?

BjB: yep

HollyY: that's cool!

BjB: most group rooms are primarily resource rooms

BjB: groups usually communicate via the discussion board

HollyY: ok...sounds a lot like a forum

BjB nods

BjB: however, there is also this real time chat feature which some groups use

HollyY: Should I go back into the grants room?

BjB: we usually start all the discussions here in Tapped In with introductions...my apologies

BjB: you're still in the grants room...

BjB: just click on ROOM VIEW at the top of your screen to see the welcome page

HollyY: ok got it.

BjB: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In, Holly

BjB: can you tell me a little about yourself?

HollyY: I grew up in PA...York!....

BjB smiles. I'm in New Bloomfield

BjB . o O (small world ;-)

HollyY: I am now living in Illinois, teaching in Elgin, 7th grade science

BjB: cool. There is an excellent science group that you might want to join

BjB: they meet on the first Tuesday of the month

BjB: I assume you know how to look at the calendar of events?

HollyY: Yes.

BjB: and have set the calendar to your time zone?

HollyY: yep

BjB: one more hint...if you want to see the screen above this chat window...

BjB: and want to be able to read the text in the chat...go to **ACTIONS** in the top right of the chat window and click on **LARGER TEXT**

HollyY: already did that! :)

BjB: oh...and, I'm assuming Holly is a female name?

HollyY: yep!

BjB: I'll show you why I ask...go to the **HERE** tab to the left of this chat window and click one time on **HollyY**

BjB: and then click on the green **i** at the bottom of the frame

BjB: see your male icon?

HollyY: over on the right?

BjB: yes

HollyY: how do I change that?

BjB: to fix that, go to the **ME** tab at the top of the screen

BjB: and then go to **SETTINGS**

BjB: and edit your profile

HollyY: ok

HollyY: changed my gender! :)

BjB laughs. A sex change!

BjB: feel better?

HollyY: Yikes...glad it was virtual!

BjB nods solemnly

BjB: so, how did you learn about Tapped In, Holly?

HollyY: From an Engaged Learning class that I am taking...

BjB: ahhh, cool.

HollyY: at Fermilab...Laura is the instructor....

HollyY: we had a tour of Tapped In last Monday.

HollyY: It was hard to follow at times with people coming and going...

BjB: so you're a bit familiar with the interface

HollyY: yep

BjB: yes, I agree. That's why you moved to a more quiet room

BjB: reception is a bit nuts at times

HollyY: this online chatting is fairly new to me...

BjB: do you have any specific questions?

BjB understands. I'm not a chatter by nature.

BjB . o O (which is why I don't like chat rooms)

HollyY: the course at Fermilab is online this Fall and I find it hard to keep up sometimes.

HollyY: Yes, I do have a few questions.

SeanS joined the room.

BJB: it's different taking an online class. I'm taking two and am also having trouble keeping up

BJB: Hi, Sean. Welcome

SeanS: Thanks-

BJB listens to Holly's questions

HollyY: With the resource rooms, how do you find out....

HollyY: what rooms (groups?) are best suited for you and your students?

BJB: if you are talking about K-12 students, you won't have a decision to make...

BJB: you will bring your students to the student campus

BJB: but, if you want to look at the list of groups...there are over 800, go to the tapped in tab at the top of your screen and then click on groups

BJB: an easier and less overwhelming way is to use SEARCH and the subtab groups to look for groups related to a specific topic

HollyY: ok....I started to do that and found a few groups.

HollyY: When I bring students to the student campus, does it matter on the time of day?

BJB: no, you can go to your group room at any time...

BJB: let's get you started on that

HollyY: that's nice!

BJB: go to the tapped in tab and click on groups

BJB: you'll see two kinds of groups

BJB: click on new K-12 Student group

HollyY: ok, got it

BJB: follow the prompts

BJB: start with 50 members

BjB . o O (you can always add or delete)

HollyY: Our team is made up of 130 students!

BjB: are you the only teacher?

HollyY: Ah, no, there are 5 of us.

BjB nods...then each teacher can create a group

HollyY: that makes sense.

BjB: and then you can collaborate so you can enter each other's group rooms

HollyY: I can already see some of my students not being allowed to use this site! :(...#5

BjB: what you might want to do is only allow your students to enter your group room

HollyY: GOOD IDEA!

BjB: and then have them earn the privilege to move to a studio or another room

HollyY: just like in the classroom!

BjB: it will have to be a whole class decision

BjB nods

HollyY: Can you give me some ideas of how Tapped In can be integrated in the curriculum?

BjB: my plan is to bring in guest speakers to the studios in the student campus

BjB: scientists that the students can interview

BjB: or the next science discussion is going to take place in the student campus

HollyY: Are these scientists already members or do you have to introduce them to Tapped In?

BjB: it's just in the planning stages at this point

BjB: but there are already some scientists who are TI members

HollyY: How do you go about meeting other classes doing similar work in which you

can compare data, info, etc?

BjB: I suggest you join the K-12 students in Tapped In group

BjB: that is a group for teachers interested in bringing their classes to Tapped In

BjB: want to know how to join that group?

HollyY: Sure!

BjB: . o O (then you can post a request to the discussion board in the group room)

BjB: go to SEARCH in the top right of your screen

BjB: then click on the subtab GROUPS

HollyY: ok

BjB: enter K-12 STUDENTS IN TI

HollyY: 6 groups came up

BjB: click on the green i next to yellow circle with the check in it

HollyY: ok

BjB: you should now see the group ID page

HollyY: yes

BjB: at the top of the screen is JOIN THIS GROUP

BjB: . o O (just like when you joined grreat grants)

HollyY: yea, I have successfully joined the group

BjB: once you join the group, click on room view

BjB: then go to the pull down favorite places menu

BjB: and you should see the group listed

HollyY: got it!

HollyY: Thanks!

BjB: you also should have your student group listed there if you finished creating it

HollyY: I think so.

BjB: I don't see it listed in your ID

BjB: no problem. Just means you need to try again

HollyY: oh, did I miss something when I joined?

BjB: you joined the groups just fine...

BjB: I was referring to the K-12 group you created

HollyY: hmmm, I am confused now.

BjB: remember when you went to the tapped in tab and then groups and clicked on new K-12 Student group?

HollyY: yes, I did not check the agree box and continue...

HollyY: should I?

BjB: up to you, Holly

BjB: I'd do it and play around with it before you try bringing any kids in

VictoriaJS joined the room.

VictoriaJS: thanks

BjB: good job, Victoria!

HollyY: I was just thinking that....and then I can show the other teachers on the team as well.

BjB: exactly

BjB: see the resources, Victoria?

VictoriaJS: yes.

VictoriaJS: I was just put in charge of a new cadre and one the teachers was looking for grants for k4 and k5 classrooms

BjB: if you don't see anything here, join the group and post to the discussion

board, Victoria

BjB . o O (use the members to network)

VictoriaJS: I'll need to come back when I have more time and really look around.
Thanks Bj. I will.

VictoriaJS left the room.

BjB: any other questions, Holly?

BjB . o O (if not, it's bedtime for BJ ;-)

HollyY: I was looking over the grant info and no more questions!

BjB waves goodnight.

HollyY: me too....my son just finished his bathtime

HollyY: Thanks for all your help!

BjB: ok...off to bed I go. Take care. It's been delightful talking with you.

HollyY: Good night!