

**Title of Session:** Kaitlyn's Professional Development Resources

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**KaitlynS:** Looks like we have a lot of ESL teachers online tonight.

**BJB2:** I think I've made this room open and given all group members edit privileges so you shouldn't have any trouble adding resources

**KaitlynS:** sounds great

**BJB2:** yes, the webheads are holding their annual training session...Becoming a Webhead: Electronic Village Online

**BJB2:** they offer some great stuff

**KaitlynS:** I'll have to check it out.

**BJB2:** might even be something to list as a resource for prof development...let me get you the url

**KaitlynS:** thanks

**BJB2:** <http://evosessions.pbwiki.com/>

**KaitlynS:** super

**BJB2:** [http://evosessions.pbwiki.com/Call\\_for\\_Participation09](http://evosessions.pbwiki.com/Call_for_Participation09)

**DanaMB** joined the room.

**KaitlynS:** Hello Dana

**BJB2** waves hi to Dana

**BJB2:** Here for the pd discussion, Dana?

**DanaMB:** Need to review commands

**DanaMB:** Yes!

**BJB2** . o O ( colon action to emote type :waves )

**DanaMB:** I just noticed it today. Sounds interesting

**BJB2:** we'll start in about 5 minutes, Dana

**KaitlynS:** Super! We'll be starting in about 10 minutes or so. I'm looking forward to sharing my ideas, but would love for others to share as well.

**DanaMB** waves, jumps up and down, runs in circles

**KaitlynS:** 5 Minutes yes...

**DanaMB:** thanks B.J

**KaitlynS:** I see you're a librarian Dana. Have you seen planetesme.com before?

**DanaMB:** No I haven't

**KaitlynS:** She's a children's author and former school teacher/librarian. Has a plethora of sorted books, activity ideas, and daily blogs on children's books.

**KaitlynS:** She did (and maybe still does) run a children's reading room in Chicago.

**KaitlynS:** I have her book - How to get Children to Love Reading- which is a fabulous activity based resource as well

**DanaMB:** That's the book I need. I work with middle schoolers, and it seems that reading is just not their thing.

**BJB2** waves hi to Diane

**KaitlynS:** Hello Diane

**DanaMB:** I used to get lost when I was here.

**DianeDP:** well here we all are again

**DanaMB:** Hi Diane!

**DianeDP:** hi there

**BJB2:** we usually start most Tapped In discussions with introductions...want to do that, Kaitlyn?

**KaitlynS:** Sure

**BJB2** . o O ( a reminder also to go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select DETACH )

**DianeDP**: I am a retired teacher now an asst prof of ed at Shenandoah University

**BJB2**: I'm a retired communication and art teacher located in Pennsylvania

**DanaMB**: I'm a middle school librarian, with 7th and 8th graders

**KaitlynS**: I'm Kaitlyn and have taught middle school and high school Deaf Education for 5 years. I'm currently in the United Kingdom doing a 1 year internship at a school for students with a variety of learning needs.

**KaitlynS**: I have a list of ideas to share, but would love to hear your ideas as well. So please do not hesitate to jump in the discussion.

**KaitlynS**: The first website I wanted to share is <http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/>

**DianeDP**: Kaitlyn- I will be teaching a Global Awareness class in the fall and want my students to connect with special educators worldwide. Good to know about your situation.

**KaitlynS**: Has anyone been to this site previously?

**DanaMB**: no--is there a way to go to the site without losing myself?

**DianeDP**: long ago

**KaitlynS**: I have a class here at my school that may be interested in that. We'll have to chat Diane

**BJB2**: hold down the ctrl key when you click on the url, Dana

**BJB2** . o O ( a new window should open for you )

**DanaMB**: Thank you

**KaitlynS**: Everyone there?

**BJB2**: yes

**DanaMB**: yes

**KaitlynS**: The basis of this site is to provide online video workshops from a variety of educators. It offers extension activities and a quiz. After taking the quiz, it emails you a certificate you can then use for documentation for your Professional Development points.

**KaitlynS**: you do have to register for this site.

**BJB2**: very nice. Is there a fee?

**KaitlynS**: I have taken several of the English/Reading workshops and they are fabulous

**DianeDP**: This is good to know for those wanting to earn re-cert points

**KaitlynS**: Best thing is, it is absolutely free.

**KaitlynS**: On the left, you will see requirements based on State.

**KaitlynS**: Click on that

**KaitlynS**: You will then see a blue map

**KaitlynS**: click on your state and you will see the process for your particular state

**CindyAM** joined the room.

**KaitlynS**: Hello Cindy

**BJB2**: good, Cindy. Kaitlyn just showed us <http://www.paec.org/teacher2teacher/>

**CindyAM**: Hi Kaitylyn

**DanaMB**: Wow this is great!

**KaitlynS**: The workshops are very quality and you can watch them on your comfy sofa.

**KaitlynS**: Any thoughts on these?

**KaitlynS**: Any questions?

**BJB2**: I like that certificates are issued

**DianeDP**: I am glad to see several that apply to the inclusive classroom setting

**BJB2** . o O ( there's also a special ed group in Tapped In, Diane )

**DianeDP**: Also one on data for information

**KaitlynS**: Very much so. Several of the implementation can be used within the diverse classroom

**DianeDP:** I might as well just stay in this seat and not go anywhere. TI has all that I need

**KaitlynS:** Ha :)

**BJB2** smiles

**KaitlynS:** I will be posting the link on here and after this discussion you will receive an email as well of the full discussion.

**KaitlynS:** The next site I wanted to show you is

**KaitlynS:** <http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/concept2class/>

**KaitlynS:** Let me know if anyone has any trouble getting to this site

**DianeDP:** Now this is new to me

**KaitlynS:** This site has a variety of step by step implementations for the classroom

**KaitlynS:** It also at a prewritten letter for your administrator as a way to HELP get those points!

**BJB2:** sponsored by an ed TV group, I think

**KaitlynS:** If you click on the red link after school programs

**KaitlynS:** After that has opened, you will see on the far right, in red, GET CREDIT

**KaitlynS:** This is where the letter to your administrator is.

**KaitlynS:** This website offers readings, some videos, and a rubric for implementation.

**KaitlynS:** Any thoughts or questions?

**BJB2:** very nice

**DianeDP:** well thought out

**BJB2** . o O ( we've been trying to get TI members to support certificates for participation in the TI events )

**KaitlynS:** I have found that the "certificate" part of it gives it formality and is a bit more convincing for my former principal.

**DanaMB:** It's certainly better to have the certifications than turning in all the paper work...

**BJB2:** absolutely!

**DianeDP:** state departments sometimes require prior approval

**KaitlynS:** Agreed!

**DanaMB:** But I shouldn't complain. Tapped In has been approved at the district level.

**BJB2:** that is great, Dana....and something we hope other members will look into

**KaitlynS:** The way I did it within my school was by having a pre-meeting with my principal discussing my goals for the year. I already had the websites with me to give him in the pre-meeting

**DanaMB:** Hopefully by the end of next week I can get these others approved.

**SusanR** joined the room.

**KaitlynS:** Hello Susan.

**BJB2** waves hi to Sue

**KaitlynS:** Right now we are looking at

**KaitlynS:** <http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/concept2class/>

**SusanR** waves back

**DianeDP:** I have been online since 1 pm and need to log out- my husband needs me for something. I am glad to have met everyone online.

**KaitlynS:** Before I introduce anymore sites, I'm curious specifics on what everyone is looking for in regards to professional development

**DianeDP** left the room (signed off).

**KaitlynS:** Also, I'm curious if anyone has ideas to share.

**BJB2:** I have a site to share

**KaitlynS:** Sure.

**BJB2:** [www.nortellearnit.org](http://www.nortellearnit.org)

**BJB2:** I'm taking a pilot course there now...interesting resources

**DanaMB:** I'm just looking for alternative ways to help myself and other teachers

**BJB2:** Nortel has a lot of information on PD for integrating tech into the curriculum

**KaitlynS:** I'm looking at the site now.

**KaitlynS:** Are the tutorials free?

**BJB2:** yes

**BJB2:** Sharon Bowers who is a TI member is one of the presenters of the pilot program I'm taking. She'll be having a TI session on the Nortel lessons when they're done

**KaitlynS:** Wow! An assortment of lesson plans by technology.

**SusanR:** and they have a grade 3 to 5 focus

**DanaMB:** This sight looks like fun.

**KaitlynS:** Seems to involve a lot of reading and writing within the technology based learning.

**BJB2:** there are also videos

**KaitlynS:** Some of you may have heard of the next one, but it has definitely help me out with teaching the writing process with my students. <http://4teachers.org/>

**KaitlynS:** Has anyone had any success with this website before?

**DanaMB:** I've used the rubistar before...I guess I didn't know they had other information

**BJB2:** I think they have a group room in TI

**BJB2** checks

**KaitlynS:** The think tank and persuade star is quite nice for writing.

**BJB2:** Purpose: Facilitate learning various 4teachers tools: Trackstar, Rubistar, Quizstar, etc.

**BJB2** . o O ( that's the 4Teachers group )

**KaitlynS:** Students can create a user name and password that are all sent to the teacher.

**KaitlynS:** Teachers can constantly monitor the progress of the students work and send

them editing messages as well.

**KaitlynS**: Also, with the quizstar, you can create video based (1 minute per question) questions.

**JeffC**: back... yup... we have a 4teachers group here at Tapped In.

**KaitlynS**: There is also a link for video tutorials on how to use several of the tools

**JeffC**: How much does QuizStar cost now? I know it used to be free, but when the feds pulled their funding, I know they had to change over to a fee based system.

**KaitlynS**: Did they?

**JeffC** nods sadly

**KaitlynS**: I haven't used it at all this year with my current teaching placement.

**JeffC**: I'll check.

**KaitlynS**: Thanks Jeff

**KaitlynS**: 60 day free trial

**JeffC**: QuizStar requires a subscription. Start your 60-day free trial now, and choose from subscriptions as low as \$3.25 a month. Rates

**KaitlynS**: QuizStar definitely enhanced the way I assessed. Even though there is a charge, I would recommend it.

**SusanR**: I have been a huge fan of trackstar for many years

**JeffC** agrees with Kaitlyn and Susan.

**KaitlynS**: Depending on the population of students you teach, a great resource on autism that I found is <http://www.autismnetwork.org/>

**KaitlynS**: It does not offer a certificate, but I really like the set up of this online resource.

**SusanR**: Please excuse me I have to pop out for an exercise class! Thanks for the resources Kaitlyn and welcome to the TI community.

**BJB2** waves bye to Sue

**KaitlynS**: With the business of our world, online learning or should I say Free online learning has really enhanced my teaching



**KaitlynS** : bye Sue

**BJB2**: whoops

**KaitlynS** : Cindy- I see you are an elementary teacher. Dana and I were discussing planetesme.org site

**BJB2**: [www.planetesme.org](http://www.planetesme.org)

**BJB2**: no results, Kaitlyn

**CindyAM** : tried connecting to that site - says can't find it

**KaitlynS** : oops my fault

**KaitlynS** : [www.planetesme.com](http://www.planetesme.com)

**KaitlynS** : .com not .org

**KaitlynS** : Sorry

**BJB2**: ahhh, thanks

**JuliaV** joined the room.

**BJB2**: hi, Julia. Welcome

**KaitlynS** : Welcome Julia

**JuliaV**: hello

**KaitlynS** : We've been looking at several sites all of which will be posted. We are looking at [www.planetesme.com](http://www.planetesme.com)

**DanaMB**: Thanks

**BJB2**: I'll add this to the K-12 Language Arts group if I haven't already

**KaitlynS** : Thanks

**CindyAM** : I'll be adding this to the custom google search on my blog! thx

**KaitlynS** : As I said before, her book How to Get your Child to Love Reading is a definite must!

**CindyAM**: BJ what about knowschools?

**KaitlynS**: It is very activity based reading.

**BJB2**: Knowschools is a good resource.

**BJB2** . o O ( but there is a fee for many courses )

**KaitlynS**: Cindy what's the link for knowschools?

**BJB2**: here's another reading one <http://chickenspaghetti.typepad.com/>

**KaitlynS**: Does anyone have any links to share that they have found to be successful?

**CindyAM**: Link to knowschools <http://knowschools.ca/moodle/login/index.php> sorry don't know how to actually link it. There is a cost if you're not a BC teacher (Canada)

**DanaMB**: A site that I have used, and has led me to tapped in...is [www.educationworld.com](http://www.educationworld.com). There is always something new there.

**CindyAM**: Oh, so that's how it links lol

**JeffC**: <http://www.shmoop.com>

**JeffC**: literary analysis, etc., excellent (in beta and free)

**KaitlynS**: Great thanks!

**BJB2** smiles. shmoop is in Beta, but I agree with Jeff that it's very cool

**JeffC**: I use it a lot when answer student questions at Yahoo Answers.

**KaitlynS**: I'm there now.

**CindyAM**: Oh boy, more stuff for my blog! Wonderful, thx Jeff

**KaitlynS**: I know we went through several sites. Does anyone have any questions?

**DanaMB**: No Questions, but a big thanks for sharing.

**BJB2**: a reminder that not only will all the sites shared be in your transcript, but Kaitlyn will also post them in the featured Kaitlyn's PD folder under featured links in this room

**KaitlynS**: Thanks for everyone's ideas as well.

**BJB2** . o O ( so you might want to join this group for easy access ;-) )

**KaitlynS**: Please do not hesitate to email me if you have any further questions. If I don't have the answer, I'll try to find someone who does!

**JeffC** suggests Kaitlyn create a Text Note instead of individual links (easier to edit a note and add links than adding each link individually).

**KaitlynS**: Thanks so much for sharing!

**CindyAM**: How do u join this group?

**BJB2**: thanks, Kaitlyn. Great job!

**BJB2**: Cindy, do you see the welcome note on the web window?

**CindyAM**: yes

**BJB2**: scroll down on the welcome note to the sentence This is the group room for edusources

**BJB2**: and click on the green i in that sentence

**BJB2**: on the group ID page you'll see a place to join this group...just click on that

**CindyAM**: got it, thx BJ

**CindyAM**: HA, now ur stuck with me

**DanaMB** waves goodbye

**BJB2** waves bye

**DanaMB** left the room (signed off).

**KaitlynS**: bye