



## Connecting 'Across the Ditch' and Beyond

Take charge of your own professional  
development.

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### **Why should you use the Internet to develop a PLN?**

- ⊙ To 'meet' teachers from around the world and exchange ideas with them.
- ⊙ Keep up-to-date with all the latest developments in TESOL.
- ⊙ Access an infinite pool of resources through links given by other teachers.
- ⊙ Enter a virtual staffroom which is available 24/7 to get answers to questions or inspiration for lessons.
- ⊙ Learn about webinars, conferences and other (free) online PD.

### **How can you use the internet to develop a PLN?**

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| ⊙ Twitter            | ( <a href="http://www.twitter.com">www.twitter.com</a>                       |
| ⊙ Facebook           | ( <a href="http://www.facebook.com">www.facebook.com</a>                     |
| ⊙ Linked-in          | ( <a href="http://www.linkedin.com">www.linkedin.com</a>                     |
| ⊙ Google +           | ( <a href="http://www.plus.google.com">www.plus.google.com</a>               |
| ⊙ aPLaNet            | ( <a href="http://aplanet-project.org">aplanet-project.org</a>               |
| ⊙ EFL Classroom 2.0  | ( <a href="http://community.eflclassroom.com">community.eflclassroom.com</a> |
| ⊙ Blogs              | (  |
| ⊙ Webinars           | (  |
| ⊙ Online conferences | ( see links over page  |
| ⊙ Online workshops   | (  |

### **Connect with Us**

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## Useful links

### Twitter Hashtags & Chats

WHAT	WHEN	LINK	BLOG	FACEBOOK
AusELT	1st Thurs/month	<a href="#">#AusELT</a>	<a href="http://auselt.com/">auselt.com/</a>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/AusELT/">www.facebook.com/groups/AusELT/</a>
ELTchat	Every Wednesday	<a href="#">#ELTchat</a>	<a href="http://eltchat.org/wordpress/">eltchat.org/wordpress/</a>	<a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/eltchat/">www.facebook.com/groups/eltchat/</a>
EAPchat	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	<a href="#">#EAPchat</a>		<a href="http://www.facebook.com/EAPChat">www.facebook.com/EAPChat</a>
AsiaELT	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	<a href="#">#AsiaELT</a>		
KELTChat	Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	<a href="#">#KELTchat</a>	<a href="http://keltchat.wordpress.com/">keltchat.wordpress.com/</a>	

**ELTPics** – a really useful resource – photos shared by teachers from around the world and organised by category to be used in classrooms.

- <http://www.elpics.com/indexelpics.html>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/elpics/>

### Webinars & Other Free Online CPD

The following organisations offer free webinars for teachers on a huge

- Cambridge English Teacher - <http://www.cambridgeenglishteacher.org/>
- Pearson ELT - <http://www.pearsonelt.com/professionaldevelopment>
- Oxford University Press ELT - <http://elt.oup.com/feature/global/webinars/>
- Macmillan webinars - <http://www.macmillanenglish.com/webinars/>
- American TESOL weekly webinars - <http://americantesol.com/tesol-lectures.htm>
- EVO Electronic Village Online – <http://evosessions.pbworks.com>
- SEETA - [www.seeta.eu](http://www.seeta.eu)
- International Teacher Development Institute (iTDi) - <http://itdi.pro/itdihome/index.php>

### ELT Bloggers

There are too many terrific blogs to recommend them all, but here are some lists you can consult to find some other teachers recommend:

- <http://www.teachingvillage.org/blogs/>
- <http://www.eflclassroom.com/eltblogcarnival/elt-blog-roll/>

### More about Connecting

- The Best Ways ESL/EFL/ELL Teachers Can Develop Personal Learning Networks - <http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2009/11/07/the-best-ways-eslefl-ell-teachers-can-develop-personal-learning-networks/>
- Online Professional Development for English Language Teachers - Connect, Communicate, Collaborate, & Create! Learn about a variety of resources and courses for teachers' professional development - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1S4kK-cCmoA>