

Simple Online Tools for Local, National and International Community Building

Resource Handout

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K12Converge: <http://www.k12converge.com>

(Has both handout and presentation slides available for download.)

Oregon Episcopal School Main Web Site: <http://www.oes.edu>

(Has calendar and classroom links to SharePoint sites.)

Microsoft SharePoint Services:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/windowsserver/sharepoint/default.aspx>

(Free add-on to Windows Servers for database driven collaborative web pages.)

VBulletin Software: <http://www.vbulletin.com>

(Inexpensive, powerful bulletin board software.)

PhotoPost Pro Software: <http://www.photopost.com>

(Can be integrated into VBulletin system.)

Gallery Software: <http://gallery.menalto.com>

(Stand alone open source photo gallery software. Cross-platform client software.)

Edline: <http://www.edline.com>

(Off-site, online course management software system.)

What Are Bridge Blogs?

http://www.globalvoicesonline.org/wiki/index.php/Bridge_Blog_Index

Independent Schools Educators Discussion List: <http://www.milton.edu/ISED-L>

(Ongoing discussions about Independent School topics with about 800 individuals on a listserv. Has a searchable archive.)

International Educational and Resource Network: <http://www.iearn.org>

(20,000 Schools in 115 countries. Over 150 projects.)

Creative Connections: <http://www.creativeconnections.org>

(Creates one-to-one “sister classrooms” in Social Studies and Language Arts courses.)

Intercultural Email Classroom Connections: <http://www.iecc.org>

(Has facilitated 28,000 requests between teachers since 1992.)

KidLink: <http://www.kidlink.org>

(Projects based on “many to many” exchanges and sharing, instead of classroom to classroom.)

Teachers’ Guide to International Collaboration on the Internet:

<http://www.ed.gov/teachers/how/tech/international/index.html>

(A federal government site with recommended procedures and resources.)

Global Voices Online: <http://www.globalvoicesonline.org>

(Ongoing selections from international bridge blogs.)

China Mash Photoblog: <http://chinamash.com>

(Ongoing photo blogs of images of everyday life in China.)

4 Generations Film:

<http://www.jazzviolin.com/china/2007/01/16/4-generations-water-buffalo-movie-here>

(8 minute film about the gift of a water buffalo.)

Bluehost: <http://www.bluehost.com>

(\$8 a month web hosting service with auto-installs of WordPress, Gallery, Moodle, and other open source software.)

Challenge 20/20:

<http://www.nais.org/conferences/index.cfm?ItemNumber=147262&sn.ItemNumber=148035>

(A NAIS collaboration project for connecting schools between different countries.)

ePALS Classroom Exchange: <http://www.epals.com>

(122,003 registered classrooms in 191 countries.)