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What were the best things about the 2006 K-12 Online Conference?

1. 1.step-by-step guidance to using web tools for classroom 2. learning community aspect

2. Opportunity to go back and look at sessions and pull on resources. The connection to many people around the world. I feel like the learning doesn't stop like when you leave other conferences.

3. I really enjoyed the different edtech viewpoints form colleagues all over the world. Its great to be a to have asychonous conversation.

4. The ability to work around my schedule...as David said in his keynote...the information waits for you...:) The innovative and exciting ideas that I can take and utilize with teachers in my school. I will be archiving the presentations on CD for sharing with teachers.

5. Well respected presenters with good info to share.

6. Because of the different time zones I liked it when the presentations were left on the web site. I could look at them at my leisure.

7. In my opinion, I think the webcasts were awsome.

8. The variety of cool, useful, exciting tools which were used to present the information and which were demonstrated in the various sessions(?).

9. Having access all of these wonderful resources in one framework

10. The diversity of the topics, approaches, presentations eg, use of Web2.0 tools; (loved the conference blog and 2 podcast feeds) the flexibility it offered, especially for busy educators and administrators to participate and access presentations and converse with a global audience and, most of all, the depth of talent and obvious effort made by the range of presenters. Awesome!

11. Variety of information and presenters; topics that you can choose that relate to specific areas of interest; timing and location-can attend anytime anywhere

12. asychronessness... taking part where, when and how I wanted. The Skypecast at the end

13. Seeing the logistics of an online conference unfold. Learning the different methods for delivering

asynchronous instruction.

14. DWarlick, Bud Hunt, the credits!

15. RSS feed Basic and advanced and the piece on wickis by the tech teacher and Georgia. Also, David's keynote speech.

16. The fact that all the presenters were demonstrating the kind of teaching that marks the best of what web 2.0 can be.

17. The fact that I could take time with each presentation to get into it because I knew that other presentations would be available later.

18. It was very motivational to be able to participate in online learning with other like-minded educational professionals from around the world. I was introduced to lots of new "cool tools" that are readily available for use in my classroom. I look forward to continuing to peruse the many conference presentations.

19. I can sample a little bit of each conference and it is not rude to "walk out" half way through a presentation. The conference materials are available electronically and waste no paper.

20. Learning opportunities are available when convenient for me. I enjoyed "meeting" the presenters and hearing their ideas and thoughts about ed tech.

21. accessibility on demand, variety of presentation styles, MANY leaders in Web 2.0 as presenters while lots of positive encouragement for beginners to contribute their experiences, free, archived materials so we can continue to revisit and learn, excellent topics/content for all abilities

22. Though this was an "online" conference I felt that the human side came through - I mean because of the video and audio presentations, it didn't just feel like information. Personality and passion came through and that was a nice surprise. I also love the fact that we can go back and revisit the presentations - I plan on using this conference as part of our school technology professional development.

23. Knowing I will be able to attend every session (in time) and knowing that it will continue to be available. Having the conference free for all who wished to attend! The concept of a conference that truly was open to all, created by people who were willing to share, and led by a group that really strived to make it meaningful for all. I've said it before but it was a conference of, by and for the people. People could choose what they wanted, attend when they wanted, attend from the comfort of your own home or anywhere you wanted, and it had so many choices of ways to participate. The opening keynote was incredible and set a wonderful tone for the conference. The professionalism displayed by the conference organizers - a top-notch event!

24. Being able to interact with like-minded people without the time constraints of an in-person conference. The Elluminate Sessions were by far to me the best way to interact. Having online synchronous communication (I am sure skype was the same I just didn't participate) was really beneficial.

25. Meeting new people, the fact that all presentations can be viewed and accessed after the event, gives those of us trying to move things forward in our schools solid resources and examples to show those who need to know.

26. Practitioners' sharing experiences with the tools with real students in the classroom in ways that made it sound do-able; mp3 files; "tutorials" for tools for newbies

27. I loved Wiki with Vicki. The interaction and collaboration was terrific! I also like the fact that I canview/listen to all of the seesions when it is conveinant for me.

28. Sharing ideas, session topics, quality of presentations.

29. All of it was awesome.....I can't say enough good things about it! Thanks so very much to the organizers, keynote speakers, presenters, etc.

30. Talking to the presenters and doing the wiki project.

31. cost, the permenant posts that give me time to view it all

32. Great, timely and practical information that made me think.

33. Diverse and good presentation of practical applications Enthusiasm was palatable Well organised and realised Very interesting subject material

34. It allowed me to access professional development when I had the time to do so. It gave me access to some of the best folks in the field. And it was a style of presentation that is static...I can go back and watch again or click the links again.

35. can watch whenever, in my leisure time

36. Diversity in presentations, presentations that were way ahead in pushing the web 2.0 window

37. As a nano-newby, several presentors made an effort to draw me in and related the new tech. in a way that I could understand & see a need for. The casual approach encouraged me to try my daughter's ipod for the first time and noe I've taken it over and listen to podcasts while walking the dog. I liked this conference, because the presenters did not presume the audience already knew it all. The presenations I heard,saw were very patient and gracious with explanations and reasoning.

38. * the fact that it took place at all * the variety of presentation styles * relevance of themes and topics within those themes * collation of materials in one place * access to a number of experts in one place * thought had gone into execution * availability of how-to videos, eg Wes's one on skypecasting

39. I am still viewing them...and they are still up. So, I don't know right now...Thanks

40. A good range of presenters with a wide range of experience. Entertaining Presentations. Strong discussion through blogs and technorati links.

41. The quality and relevancy of the presentations. The ability to network with like-minded educators from across the globe.

42. Seeing so many people around the world take part Forced me to upskill in certain software applications. The workshops. Having so many presneters form all over the world

43. The best part was the connections and conversations that were made with other educators from around the world. This is also a great resource not only for us to learn but to then take it to the masses in our schools and disctricts.

44. Formats that allowed me to tune in where and when, and at a pace, that was convenient.

45. having a blog and wiki for the conference

46. I was part of Jeff Utecht's LAN party. I appreciated the discussions we had about the keynote speakers and the sessions we viewed. I liked the variety of sessions. Some were skewed for high school, other middle school, and other for elementary, which gave everyone something of value. The mix of philosophy and "how-tos" were good.

47. that I could download the presentations and watch them at my convenience; that I could replay them.

48. The enthusiasm of the presenters. Every topic was interesting and worth listening to. The fact that everything remains available to be checked out later.

49. The community it built

50. The quality of the presentations--especially Mark Wagner's. The fact that I could "attend" when it was convenient for me. David Warlick's Keynote address was great!

51. The first week was truly awesome. I picked up the incredible ideas and information that worked for me.

Guidelines on how to use wikis, podcasts, and blogs were exactly what I needed to know.

52. interactivity ability to participate when it was convenient

53. Really enjoyed the live discussions.

54. I had just learned about how a wiki worked, and was excited to see an online project. So I participated in the project and now feel more comfortable. In fact, I just set one up for our teachers.

55. Free! Available at any time! No babysitter required! It will never really be over. I can "attend" every session.

56. Access to them in my own space and time. Being able to download them in order to share with non-tech savy colleagues.

57. That I could learn at my own pace, looking at the examples given by the presenters. I liked being able to hear new ideas from people all over the world.

58. Non-time restrictive. I could utilize the professional development at times most convenient for me

59. The live events were interesting and challenging The variety of presentations

60. Worldwide perspectives with the ability to review sessions anytime. Great to fit into my scedule. Awesome conference.

61. Being able to watch the presentations when it suited. Being able to download them. Exposure to best practice internationally.

62. Live events, quality presentations, Vicki's Wiki worshop with project.

63. Downloadable videos Variety of topics Asynchronous access

64. free exchange of ideas multiple, global, perspectives heavy emphasis on learning and conversation--tech as tool to facilitate and the end goal

65. info from those in the trenches with us

66. David Warlicks Keynote Selling Web 2.0 Terry Freedman Wikis in the Classroom Vicki Davis Also the two live events I attended and listen in on. I am sure there are many more which I will be exploring as time permits.

67. I loved the different kinds of videocasts. They helped me fit going to this into my crazy schedule.

68. Meeting others in the "tech" community worldwide who are interested in the things I am.

69. 1.The presentations were relatively short and sweet which allows for me to use them easily within staff meetings. 2.It was/is flexible- easy to go back over content...can attend every session you want to attend. 3. The presenters did a great job making the presentations seem personal. 4. Something for everyone from a beginner to a more seasoned Web 2.o practitioner. 5.Overall it was one of the most practical and inspiring conferences i have been to in a long time. (in some ways i liked it better than NECC)

70. * The tremendous variety of presentations * The fact that this was a global event * How practical this all is * The great level of professionalism * The opportunity to learn about many tools * The opportunity to connect LIVE with people I admire so much * The networking, meeting and working with people from all over the world * The fact that all of this will be archived and continue to be available in the future. I can return and continue to learn and share.

71. The 24 hour culminating Skypecast - When Night Falls

72. The amazing collection of presentations. This wealth of resources all in one place makes it easier to teach about the read/write web. It allows people who are interested to really get an in-depth introduction

about the world of Web 2.0.

73. The information that was presented and the presentations themselves. Thanks for the podcast feed. I was able to listen to and from work.

74. The fact that I can come back and view the information and presentations again at a later date. Unfortunately, like live conferences real life got in the way of getting fully involved in this one.

75. D. Warlick keynote Vicki Davis presentation A Levine -- Flickr help Elluminate Fireside chats

76. Live sessions, the permanency of content, as well as the opportunity to see so much good stuff at my own pace.

77. The breadth and depth of the presentations plus the great variety of ways in which they were developed. The fact that most of them are also in a format that enables downloading for offline review makes the whole thing so much more appealing compared to traditional conference formats.

78. examples of student work

79. I can view all the presentations. During a face to face conference I always miss a bunch of good presentations because you physically can't attend them all. With the online conference I can go back and catch anything I missed and I can view the presentations I really liked again!

80. Ability to review content at my leisure, collaborative aspects such as "As Night Falls" and the wiki presentation by Vicki Davis

81. The availability of most presentations in a downloadable format so they could be shared with colleagues on an intranet.

82. Participants from a global audience. The ability to view and participate at one's liesure. The ability to review presentations as needed.

83. The movies which you can go back to and share with others.

84. Global participation, the fact that all presentations were/are available online so people can "attend" and take in EVERY session. It is also great that the presentations will continue to be available.

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