



Building Communities of Practice for Educators

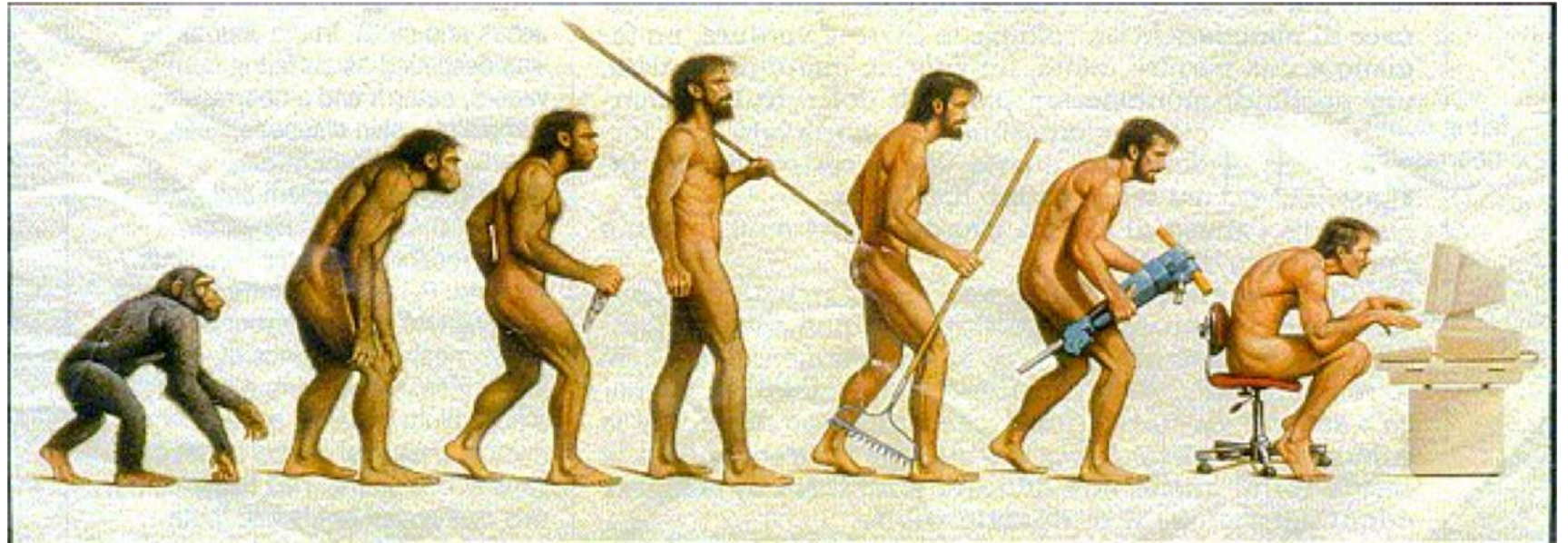
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Educators and industry in innovation partnerships

Knowledge, research and thought leadership

- ▶ Established in 1992
 - ▶ 20 years experience defining ICT in Education.
- ▶ Over 1,000 fellows in over 80 countries
 - ▶ Global community of experts defining the future of pedagogy



The MirandaNet website is a repository of practitioner signposts, knowledge and classroom findings

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Innovation for Education Futures

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MirandaNet: an International Fellowship

Innovation and Research in Education



Working with MirandaNet's Indian chapter.

Founded in 1992 the [MirandaNet Fellowship](#) is an international community of professional educators which has forged a unique approach to continuing professional development (CPD), education, innovation and research. In partnership with practitioners, researchers, agency

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Sharing experience and expertise

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Diary

No current diary items for March 2021.

[Diary](#)

Research Exchange

The Future Learning research exchange aims to influence policy and practice in educational innovation.

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Hands On ICT

MirandaNet is a partner in the EU LLL Hands-On ICT Project that aims to facilitate the integration of ICT tools in teaching and learning.

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MirandaNet



MirandaNet News

Farewell to the old, greetings to the new!

This MirandaNet web site is now in archive, using the URL [mirandanet.org.uk](#). A brand new site is available from our original URL [mirandanet.ac.uk](#), but you will be able to browse this archive version (which itself contains archive material!) for the foreseeable future.

And it is not an entirely 'dead' archive! Members can still log on (request a password or username reminder if you have forgotten these) and update their profiles, which are still an active feature of this site. The case studies and articles are still live, and can be edited and new ones can even be added. But the main focus of MirandaNet now is the new site, where news and diary items will be published.

Thanks to everyone who has supported me in my editorship of this wonderful organisation over the past 15 years. It is time to hand over to younger blood.

Francis Howlett
Former MirandaNet Editor
10th May 2015

Fellowship

For 20 years more than 750 MirandaNet Fellowship members in 80 countries have committed to sharing their experience and expertise in educational innovation using digital technologies by publishing new professional knowledge in this fast moving field. Membership is free, and members ...

[Fellowship](#)

iCatalyst

The iCatalyst Educational Innovation Consultancy draws on a team of experienced MirandaNet Fellows to undertake international research, development and dissemination projects. A particular expertise is action research-based professional development programmes for schools, ...

[iCatalyst](#)

World Ecitizens

MirandaNet Fellows built the World Ecitizens website after the events of 9/11 in New York to provide students from all nations and cultures with the opportunity to express how they will 'Create the World WE want'. One development in this area is the Peace Room where students can nominate the ...

[World Ecitizens](#)

Associates

MirandaNet works with valued associates who support the Fellows in their action research projects and knowledge exchange activities.

Who is Miranda?

'O brave new world that has such people in IT'. The Tempest Shakespeare

The Facebook of the global ICT profession. *Becta*

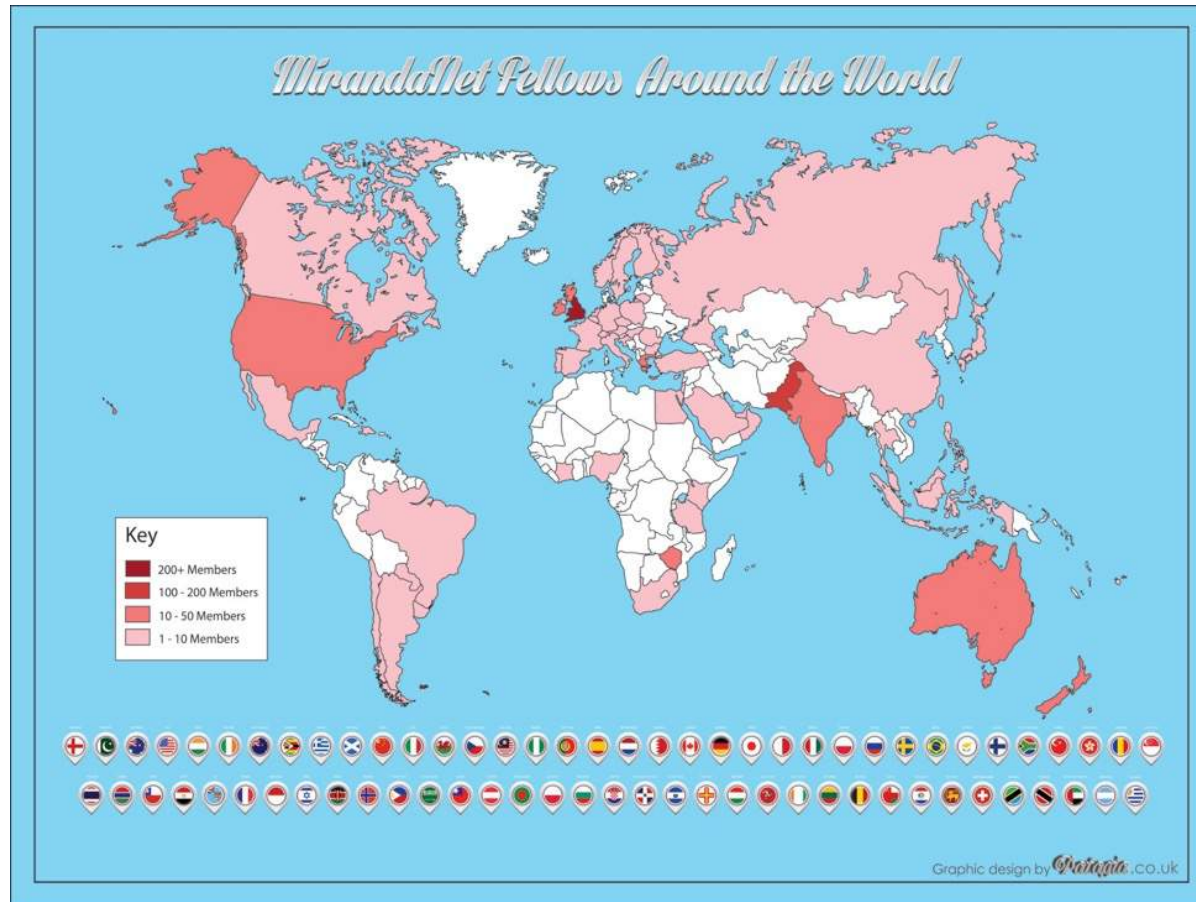
The Robin Hood of ICT CPD. *UNESCO*

A community of practice that takes my concept a stage further by engaging members as co-researchers including company partners

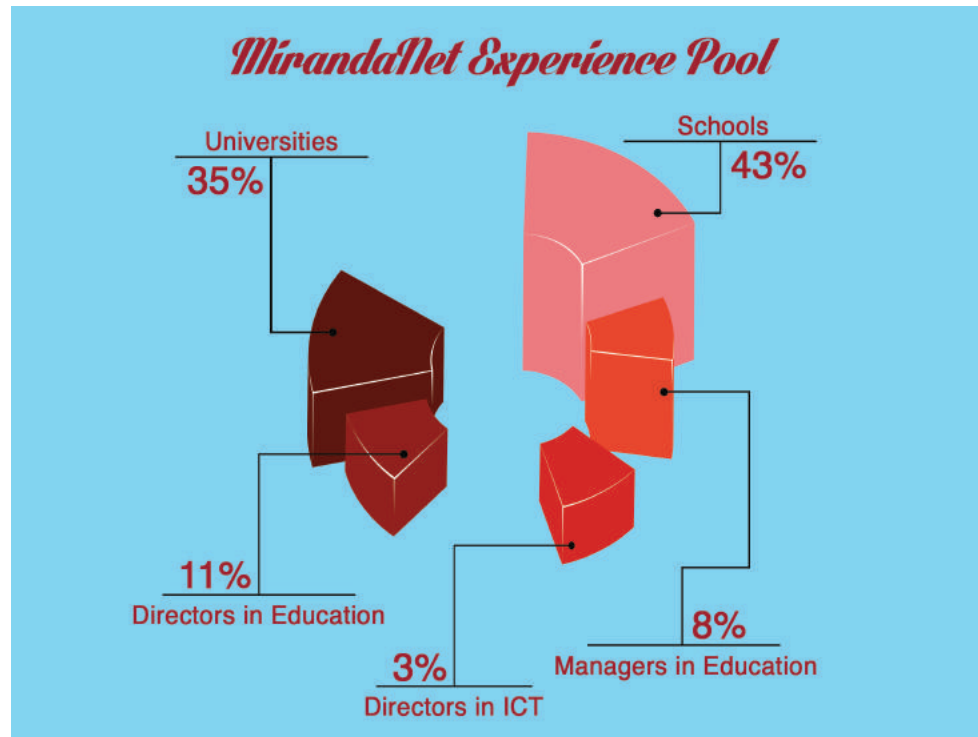
Étienne Wenger

A very useful barometer of what is concerning the Educational Technology community and have a great deal of respect for the members – both those I have met and comments from those I only know virtually. *Doug Brown, Former Head of DFE Schools*

MirandaNet is international



Breakdown of inclusive membership



1,200 fellows in over 80 countries: free to join

Global community of edtech leaders in academia, schools, advisory services and associate companies
Accreditation for publishing on the website for others
A range of edtech professional development programmes for educators and associates

Established in 1992 www.mirandanet.ac.uk

6,000 unique visitors per month and over 400 visits per day
2,300 pages viewed per day, up to ten screens read by visitor

Europe, 49% - UK, 28% - China, 18% - USA, 16%

Year on year growth currently at 12%

Impact – Knowledge Hub

- ▶ MirandaNet is unique in offering a global view of technology and education with contributions from many of our 1500+ members in 80 countries. We promote our research at conference and run our own events for members as well as joint events with Naace and ITTE and debates on mirandalink. Associates can publish in the Knowledge Hub and also create their own MirandaNet web pages as well as having their logos as an endorsement on the website.

- Associates Research
- Blogs
- Book reviews
- Practitioner case studies
- Newsletters
- Conference papers
- Trending Topics
- White Papers

<https://mirandanet.ac.uk/knowledge-hub/>



*AN INNOVATIVE GLOBAL PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME THAT PROVIDES
EVIDENCE OF LEARNING FOR SCHOOLS AND FOR
PRODUCT DEVELOPERS*

Agile qualitative research process to deliver results to all the participants

- Low intrusion and high impact

- Conducted in working time

Working with

- School teachers, pupils, parents as appropriate

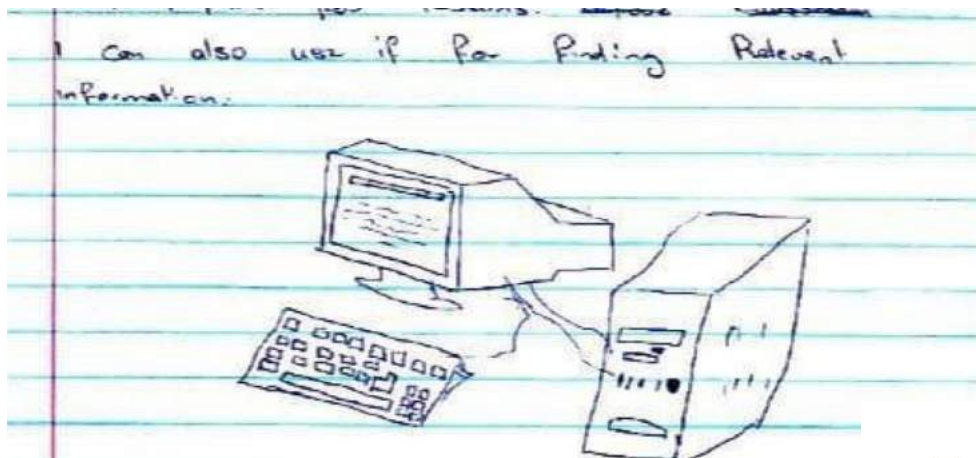
- University researchers, advisers, mentors and consultants

- iCatalyst funders in government agencies, charities, funding bodies like the EU and companies

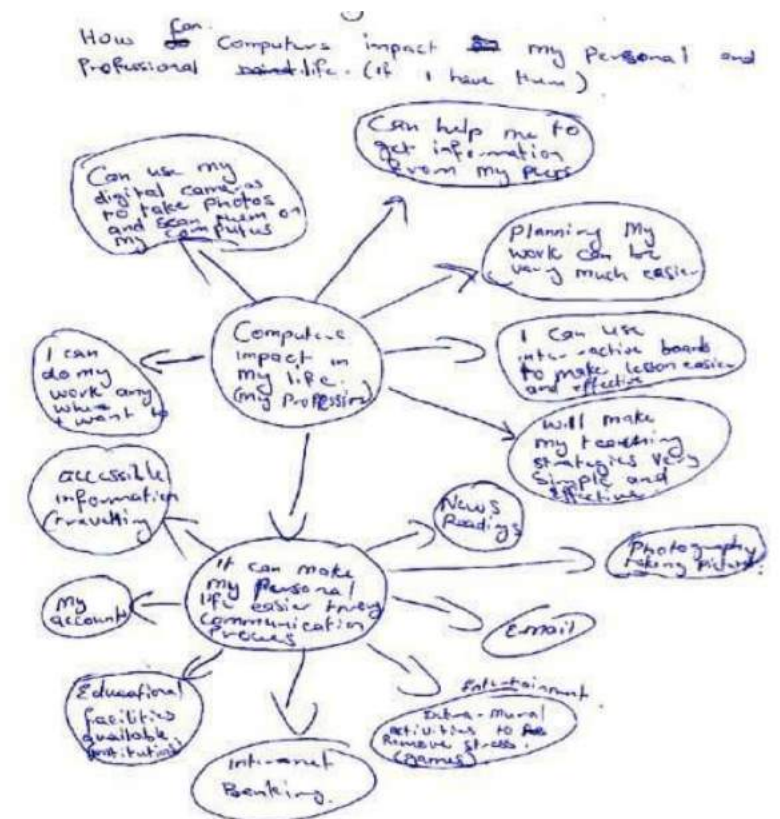
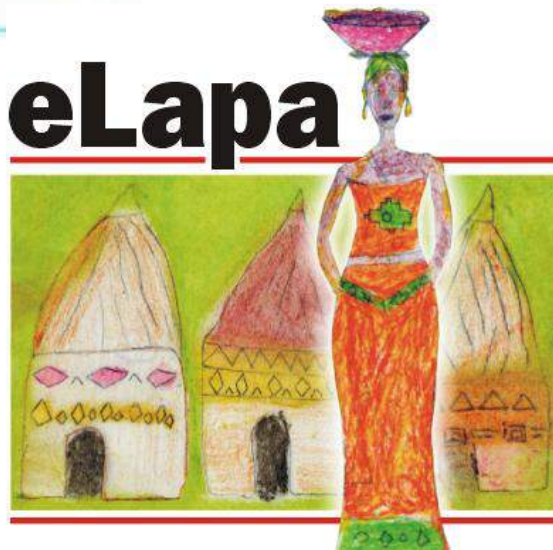
Producing and publishing evidence of change and impact for the school, the teacher and the company that is properly evaluated and validated

Collaborative authorship and multimodal publications encouraged e.g. video clips, visuals etc.

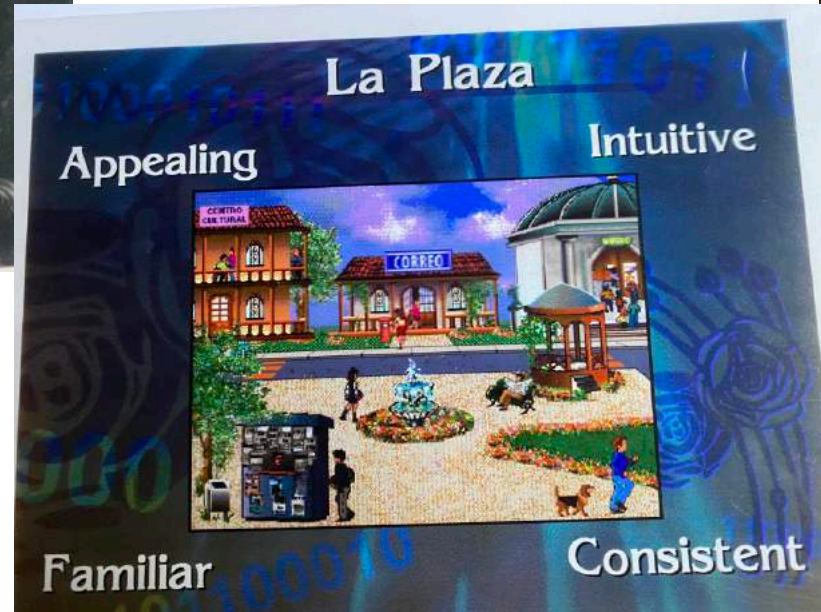
iCatalyst INSIGHT projects in: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, China, India, Mexico, The Netherlands, South Africa, UK



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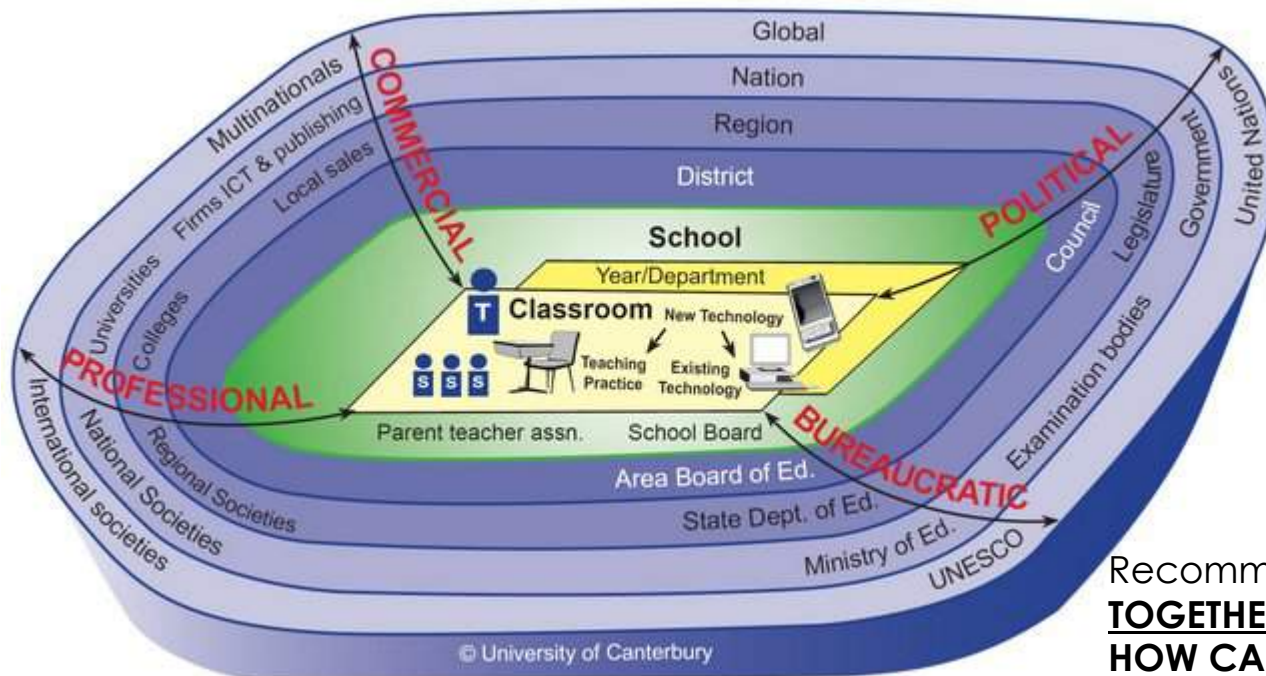
Chile 1995



Informal learning spaces



The theory of building communities



Preston and Davis' Arena
@ 2011 EduSummit

A teacher in the global
educational biosphere

Recommended paper attached **LEARNING ALONE OR LEARNING TOGETHER?**
HOW CAN TEACHERS USE ONLINE TECHNOLOGIES TO INNOVATE PEDAGOGY?

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Professor Sarah Younie, MirandaNet Fellowship, De Montfort University
Alison Hramiak, University of Sheffield Hallam
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Why is this logo design relevant to the MirandaNet philosophy?