



Building Communities of Practice for Educators

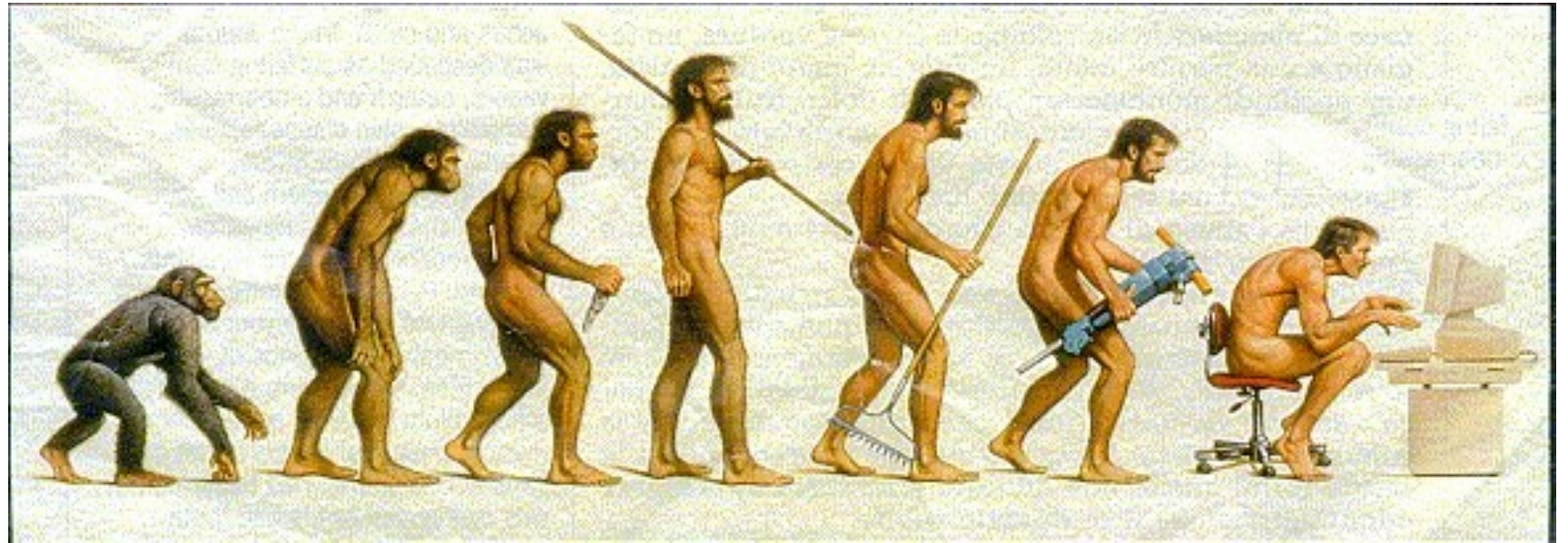
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Educators and industry in innovation partnerships

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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FELLOWSHIP 5.0

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.
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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*

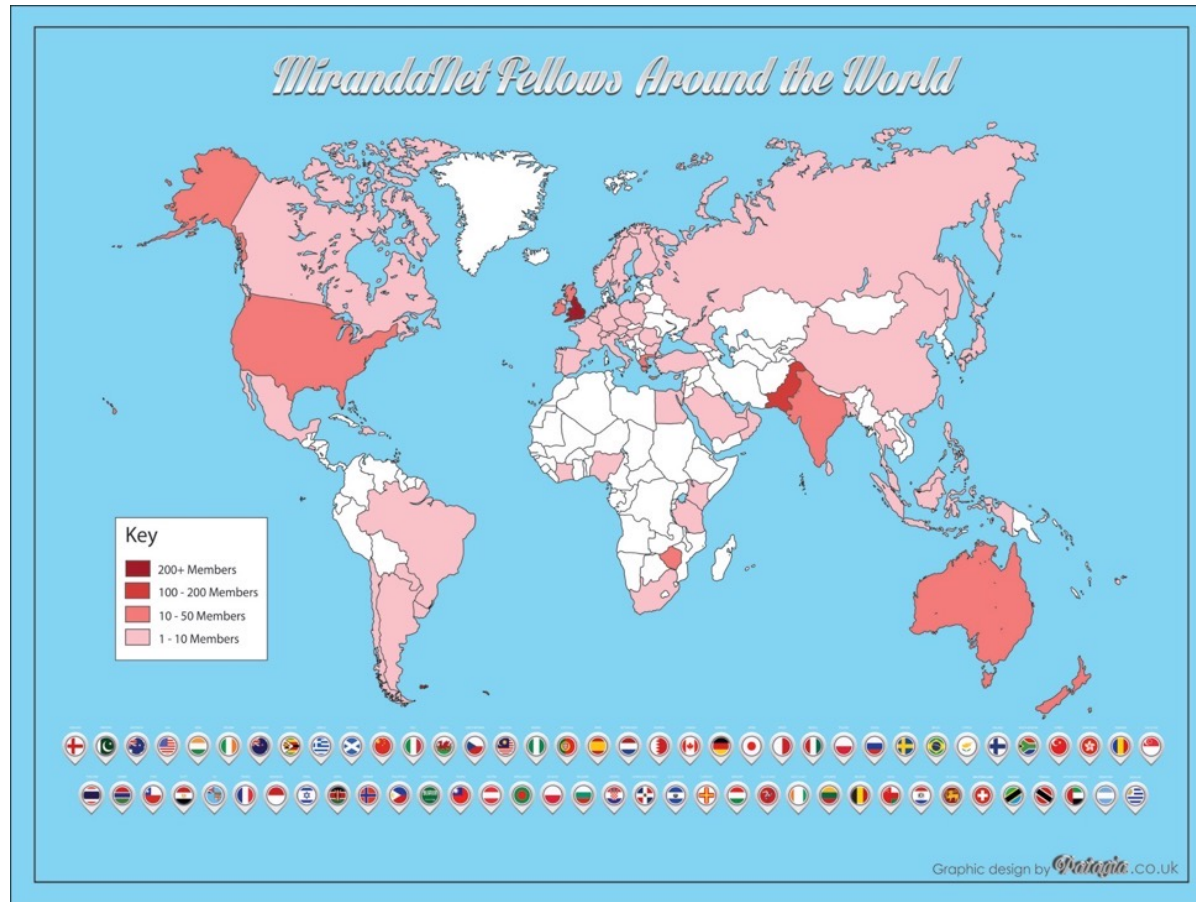
The Robin Hood of ICT CPD. *UNESCO*

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

Étienne Wenger

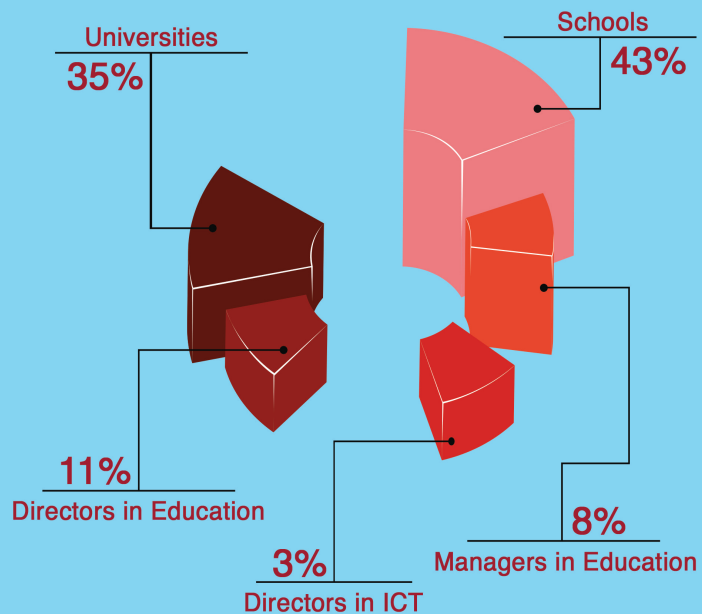
A very useful barometer of what is concerning the Educational Technology community and have a great deal of respect for the members – both those I have met and comments from those I only know virtually. *Doug Brown, Former Head of DFE Schools*

MirandaNet is international



Breakdown of inclusive membership

MirandaNet Experience Pool



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/>



At the end of the presentation you should be able to consider these questions from your own perspective

- ▶ **What is your history of personal use of computers and devices?**
- ▶ **List the social media platforms you belong to and who they are for**
- ▶ **List any other social platforms you know about and who they are for**
- ▶ **Do you know about any new social platforms that are being planned and the community they are expected to attract?**
- ▶ **List social media platforms that are dedicated to education**

What is important in building a community of practice?

The software?
The hardware?
The aims and mission?
the leadership qualities?
The financing?
The face to face meetings?
The roles of members?
The tasks?
The benefits and rewards?
Influencing policy?
Change management?

Analyse the success of any communities of practice you belong to in terms of the benefit you derive from this membership



Why is this logo design relevant to the MirandaNet philosophy?