

Title of Session: BlogStreams Salon

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Room: Bee Dieu's Office

AaronPC joined the room.

BeeD hugs Aaron good morning

AaronPC: Good evening.

BJB2 waves hi to Aaron

EmilyW joined the room.

BJB2: hi, Emily.

AaronPC: Hi Emily

BeeD welcomes Emily

EmilyW: Hi

BJB2: Emily, you'll have to tell Bee and Aaron about your experience with WebTools

BeeD listens to Emily

EmilyW: the webtools session was about educational blogs or blogging

EmilyW: and it started off by asking if anyone had a blog

BeeD: here at Tapped In?

BeeD: or at the university?

BJB2 Nods

EmilyW: well I was the only one (of the few that were there)

EmilyW: TI

BJB2 . o O (here in TI)

BeeD: I missed that one

EmilyW: so they all looked at my blog

BeeD: you were the only one with a blog?

EmilyW: yes

AaronPC: I'm not sure that I have your blog URL Emily.

BJB2: Pam Berger, who leads WebTools was interested in joining one of your BlogStream sessions

EmilyW: she might have a blog

BJB2: Pam's site is www.infosearcher.com

EmilyW: she didn't know about blogstream

AaronPC: What is WebTools exactly?

BeeD: When are the webtools sessions?

BJB2: it's a discussion group that looks at different search engines or sites that educators can use

BJB2: the last one was May 12

BJB2: . o O (not sure if she'll do any during the summer)

AaronPC: I wonder what kind of questions they asked you about your blog Emily?

EmilyW: they didn't ask questions

EmilyW: they just looked at it

AaronPC: oh

EmilyW: and made comments

BeeD: Oh...no questions?

EmilyW: like really good posts

EmilyW: not really

AlejandraW joined the room.

BeeD: what other tools did you explore in that session?

AaronPC waves to Ale

BeeD hugs Ale

BJB2: hi, Alejandra. Welcome

AlejandraW: hi, how r u?

AlejandraW: hate to have missed you at Alado, Bee

AlejandraW: I read all the comments about the session with your students

AlejandraW: and know it was very successful

AlejandraW: will download the session later

BeeD: Oh...I have not heard it again either...went away for the weekend..was exhausted

AaronPC: I bet you were!

AlejandraW: I imagine ... all these things take lots of planning

BeeD: It was the most glorious weekends...one of those you celebrate being alive

BeeD: I am uploading the pics to Flickr

AlejandraW: I am uploading some too

AaronPC: Can't wait to see them

BeeD: my soul was washed and cleansed

AlejandraW: for the blog we are using with Clair Taylor

BeeD: and my heart is singing

AlejandraW: ur house in the country?

BeeD: Oh...you're doing a project together?

BeeD: Yes...we have a house in the country where we run away from the pollution and stress

AlejandraW: yes, saw the pics of the place, lovely

AlejandraW: yes, we are doing a project together

AlejandraW: some e-mail and in the future we plan to do some collaborative writing using webcollaborator

AlejandraW: and our blog www.kobebahia.blogspot.com

BeeD: let me have a look

BeeD: how old are the stds?

AaronPC: Looks like a fruitful collaboration in the works.

AlejandraW: mine go from 15 to 20

AlejandraW: hers are in the first year of university

AaronPC: Clair took part in the EVO Weblogging sessions this year.

AaronPC: Is that where you met her? Or did you know her from before?

AlejandraW: Clair has had to teach them from the start

BeeD: I think blogs are much easier for collaborative work than emails

AlejandraW: even how to open a hotmail account

AaronPC: I like the pics on the site too.

AlejandraW: yes, we just want them to get to know each other via email and then go to webcollaborator

AlejandraW: they are enthusiastic about the project

BeeD: do you have a topic or a theme?

AlejandraW: but they take their time

AlejandraW: when we start with the collaborative writing it will be an article on a city

BeeD: After the introduction period, I have often worked with themes

AlejandraW: Clair has suggested using some chapters from a book she is using

BeeD: yes...I did this with my stds last year

AlejandraW: yes, they do need a theme to carry on

BeeD: if you want to have a look at the production

AlejandraW: sure

AlejandraW: I joined the academic writing yahoo group today

AlejandraW: I didn't know it existed, read about it in one of Elizabeth's emails today

AlejandraW: I think that will help too

AlejandraW: Aaron, how old are your students?

BeeD: yes..Elizabeth has prepared some great material

AaronPC: They are all around 18 to 19 years of age

BJB2: there is also a group in TI that is good for writing...WriteTalk

AlejandraW: I joined this afternoon and still waiting for approval ... so will find out during the week

AlejandraW: oh, ok, thanks BJ

BeeD: This is the project I wrote for stds from different countries...for WKTO in France
<http://wkto.free.fr/as/wktoEJ19.htm>

AlejandraW: thanks ... going there

BeeD: and this is some of the production from different classes around the world
<http://ejournal.eduprojects.net/ipmtools21/>

AlejandraW: so this was last year's

BeeD: we are doing a new one this year

BeeD: on art

AlejandraW: wow, impressive Bee

AlejandraW: I wonder how you find time to do all this

BeeD: in class

AlejandraW: you run so many projects simultaneously!

AaronPC: Yeah...this is an excellent way to collaborate cross-culturally

BeeD: I have many classes

AaronPC: I never knew about this work you had been doing, Bee.

BeeD: I just weave them into my programme

AaronPC: What was the communication medium?

BeeD: I have been doing collaborative projects since 97 Aaron

BeeD: At WKTO we used a wiki, video-conference and the Lip journal

AlejandraW: I will be giving a talk to some teachers from around my city on 27th May and will surely show them some of your work, if you don't mind ...

BeeD: Unfortunately because of the southern year

BeeD: we usually miss the video-conference (January we are enjoying our summer holidays)

AaronPC: Sorry...what is Lip Journal?

BeeD: [http://ejournal.eduprojects.net/ipmtools21/index.php?output=InfoPage\(\)](http://ejournal.eduprojects.net/ipmtools21/index.php?output=InfoPage())

BeeD: It is a publishing environment

AaronPC: Like a blog?

BeeD: well...sort of

BeeD: more like a newspaper really

AaronPC: IC

BeeD: but you can leave comments

BeeD: and rate the articles

BeeD: It's Finnish

AlejandraW: ic

AaronPC: Interesting.

AaronPC: Do your students respond well to using it?

BeeD: they have enjoyed it

RudolfA joined the room.

AaronPC waves to Rudolf

BeeD: but I feel that in this project they were not really communicating with the others...

BeeD hugs Rudolf

AlejandraW: Hi, Rudolf

RudolfA: waves back

RudolfA: hi

AlejandraW: any idea why not?

AaronPC: in what sense were they not communicating?

BeeD: Well...the wiki is an asynchronous tool

BeeD: and there were too many posts from different countries and students

BeeD: so you lose track...just like in a message board

BeeD: so it becomes impersonal

AlejandraW: I C

BeeD: I preferred the interaction that went on beonline

BeeD: with the Italian students

BeeD: where you would have a main blog for discussions

AaronPC: I wonder if an LMS like Moodle would be more appropriate?

BeeD: and then individual blogs for the students to go on chatting if they felt like

BeeD: The LIP journal is a nice experience for posting articles and finding out about the other cities...but there was no interaction place

BeeD: Some of my younger students enjoy Time project

BeeD: <http://www.timeproject.org>

AlejandraW: do you ask your students to assess the value of the different environments you use during each project?

BeeD: well...they tell me in class if they think it is boring

BeeD: lol

AlejandraW: ok

BeeD: they are talkative

BeeD: and they like to establish a connection

BeeD: with other people

BeeD: in Time project I have two or three Brazilians as top posters

AlejandraW browsing through the time project

BeeD: I think your students would enjoy it Ale

AlejandraW: so for what I see this is a project anyone can join

BeeD: yes

BeeD: The Unite the Nations game is much fun

AlejandraW: at this point my main problem is I am short of time

AlejandraW: last year I had 1 hour and a half more of classes with one of the groups

AaronPC browses through the site

AlejandraW: and could do a lot more than I can do this year

AlejandraW: I have several students who are doing a lot of work from home and parents are cooperating

AlejandraW: but I would really need to go back to that hour on Monday

AlejandraW: it looks interesting

AlejandraW: how old were those students who joined this project, Bee?

BeeD: From 14 to 17

AlejandraW: IC

BeeD: how old are yours?

AlejandraW: the ones I have at school are 11, 6th grade

AlejandraW: but at Cultura they are between 14 and 20

BeeD: Well...Time project is really a whole concept

AlejandraW: yes, I am still reading

BeeD: it's originally a Unesco ASP project

BeeD: but open to all schools and communities

AlejandraW: I will read about it in more detail

AlejandraW: I am sure the headmistress would be interested in taking part in it

AlejandraW: maybe if I plan things now we can join after the winter holidays

AlejandraW: do you work on one project at a time with each class, Bee?

BeeD: Different classes have different projects

BeeD: High school is blogging for the time being

BeeD: Juniors are on Bloki and will enter Time Project and probably Atlantis Quest if I manage to get hold of Brownyn

AlejandraW: do they have a topic or is it mainly reflecting on what they do in class?

BeeD: Both

AaronPC: Do you have a link to the Bloki work?

BeeD: only I link to my own bloki Aaron

AaronPC: How do they use Atlantis Quest?

BeeD: the juniors bloki is not public

BeeD: <http://bee.bloki.com>

BeeD: They have not started it

AaronPC: ic

BeeD: I was talking to Brownyn, who is responsible for it

BeeD: we enrolled

BeeD: but she disappeared

BeeD: so I am waiting for her to reconnect

BeeD: maybe after the July holidays

AaronPC: It looks like fun.

BeeD: yes...it's a 3-D environment

BeeD: with lots of different tasks

AlejandraW: is that the bloki or the quest?

BeeD: the quest

BeeD: the bloki is just used to train them online

BeeD: how to make links...insert photos

EmilyW: what is bloki?

BeeD: so they are ready for blogging the following year

BeeD: Bloki is an environment that comprises a blog, a wiki and a forum

EmilyW: never heard of it

BeeD: but unfortunately it is not open for new accounts anymore

BeeD: <http://www.bloki.com>

BeeD: Tell me Aaron

BeeD: Did you manage to view the Alado presentation online from home?

AaronPC: I stayed away from the net this weekend...so haven't seen it yet

AaronPC: I assume you are talking about the one last Monday?

AaronPC: I can check now

BeeD: yes

BeeD: Are you all posting in the same blog? Claire and you?

AlejandraW: yes

AlejandraW: students post comments

AaronPC: Doesn't work Bee.

AaronPC: I'm using Firefox on OSX

RudolfA: Does it work in Internet Explorer?

AaronPC: I just see mostly a blank page.

AaronPC: I'll try.

RudolfA: That's what I've been complaining about.

BeeD: does

BeeD: hmmm

BeeD: It opens ok for me

BeeD: and I can hear it as well

RudolfA: sure, but you're on IE/Win

BeeD: I will have to tell Andy about it

RudolfA: And my complaint was an accessibility complaint

BeeD: that it's no use opening it for Macs if they cannot read them later

RudolfA: because you can't expect everyone to use that combo.

BeeD: Rudolf...one step at a time ok?

BeeD: they are beta testing it for Macs

BeeD: and Linux

AaronPC: Doesn't work in IE either.

BeeD: so you are right in complaining

BeeD: but give them some time to fix things

BeeD: you get the blue window?

RudolfA: well, let's not argue

BeeD: it takes a little time to play

BeeD: but then you need Windows Media Player...argh

AaronPC: No...just a blank page with a bit of code at the top.

BeeD: Ale...are you on Windows?

AlejandraW: can you pass me the link to see what happens on my side

AlejandraW: yes

BeeD: it's the Alado presentation

BeeD: <http://www.alado.net/tmc/tmeconlatinam1.htm>

BeeD: playing here ok

AlejandraW: here I get a white window

AlejandraW: maybe I should use Explorer

AlejandraW: not Firefox

BeeD: Aaron and Rudolf

RudolfA: yup?

BeeD: we should talk about the Summer Festival in July

RudolfA: what is that?

BeeD: so BJ can put it up

AaronPC: ok

AlejandraW: it is ok on Explorer

BeeD: aha

AlejandraW: but wouldn't work on Firefox

BeeD: Join us for the 12-hour Tapped In Festival 2005: Creating Connections through Collaboration on July 20!

BJB2: speaking of which....

BeeD: The goal of the sixth annual Tapped In Festival is to more actively engage those Tapped In members who participate only occasionally in the scheduled events. The theme of Creating Connections through Collaboration is intended to make Tapped In participants more aware of the features that are designed to serve educators throughout their teaching careers. Door prizes and awards will also be given during the festival

BJB2: I'm going to need a description for your event soon, Bee

BeeD: I was explaining to Rudolf what it was all about

BeeD: We are going to present Blogstreams and Dekita

BJB2: do you want to hold the session in your office or in the ASO?

BeeD: What do you think would be best BJ?

RudolfA: Is there anything more to Blogstreams than the screen I'm looking at now?

BeeD: We could have an open room here..and do the presentation at ASO

BeeD: Which screen are you looking at now Rudolf?

RudolfA: The chat.

AaronPC: It's in the minds of the participants and in the quality of their interaction.

AaronPC

BJB2: you can do that....I can add your office to the Group links and then schedule your discussion in the ASO or one of the public rooms

BeeD: lol

AaronPC: Hey...I can't stay....I have to catch the train.

AaronPC: I have a first period class

BeeD: OK Aaron...talk to you later

BeeD: Rudolf...can you stay?

RudolfA: bye Aaron!

BJB2 waves to Aaron

AlejandraW: C U Aaron

AaronPC: Let's get this worked out soon so BJ can post a description

AaronPC: CU

BeeD: ok

AaronPC: Bye Ale

AaronPC: Bye

AaronPC: See everyone soon.

BeeD: bye and have a wonderful day

AlejandraW: Bee, the presentation is sooo clear

AlejandraW: and interesting

BeeD blushes and thanks Ale