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Te@ch.us – Learning Community for Web 2.0 Teaching

Over 400 active members make use of the te@ch.us platform services, among them teachers who are novices in the use of web 2.0 and also expert users of the social web tools. In the frame of the project a web-platform has been developed with relevant high quality content and a community has been formulated to inspire teachers for the use of web 2.0 tools in classrooms.

Te@ch.us offers a learning environment for knowledge sharing and communication between beginners and advanced learners. Among its services, a wide range of good practices and a broad list of tools together with explanation on how to use them are available in 7 different languages (English, German, Finnish, Lithuanian, Portugal, Hungarian and Greece).

To encourage teachers and familiarise them with the social web tools and with how to use these tools, a series of webinars, the so called "Webinar Wednesdays" series were organised on the following topics:

- Sloodle: Integrating Second Life with Moodle (organised by Proinov)
- Twitter (organised by Otava Folk High School)
- Overcoming Resistance (organised by Arcola Research)
- Games in Education (organised by MENON Network)
- Getting it Done (organised by ILI - Institute for Innovation in Learning, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg)
- Social Bookmarking / Diigo (organised by Otava Folk High School)
- A Success Story – How to make it possible with ICT (organised by Otava Folk High School)
- Shared Documents – How and What for? (organised by Otava Folk High School)

The series were very popular among the teachers so the originally planned five webinars were prolonged with three more. These events were recorded and the links can be reached via the te@ch.us website. (www.teachus.eu/webinars)

On te@ch.us you will find many links to external resources and other communities. Te@ch.us aims to offer motivation, to prepare novice teachers for taking part in other topic-related learning communities and to start their own Web 2.0 project at their school.

In its final phase, the project now builds on your reflections in connection with the work done to update its sustainability concept. We invite you to share your expections on future developments of the platform:

Please have a look on the teachus.eu website and then take a few minutes of your time to help us learn your views on our project and its platform with filling out this evaluation questionnaire.

For further information on the project, please visit the website or contact Simon Heid. You can also find teach.us on Facebook and on Twitter (@teachuseu).

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