# Connected Learning

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'We need to move beyond the idea that an education is something that is provided for us, and toward the idea that an education is something that we create for ourselves.'

Downes, S (2011) A world to change.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/stephen-downes/a-world-to-change b 762738.html

### user-generated learning

"Learning acquired through active <u>curation</u>, reflection, and contribution to a self-selected collaborative space."

Swanson, Kristen (2013 ) Professional Learning in the digital age. Routledge: New York p. 5

connected learning is...

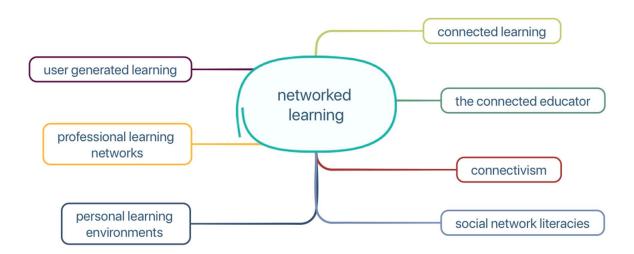
...a way of learning, underpinned by networked learning & connectivism

teaching & learning approach

formal curriculum & pedagogy

informal, user-driven learning

informal professional learning



## networked learning

analogue to digital
tethered to mobile
isolated to connected
generic to personal
consumption to creation
closed systems to open systems

Richardson, W. & Mancabelli, R. (2011) Personal learning networks: Using the power of connections to transform education. Solution Tree Press: Bloomingtom IN

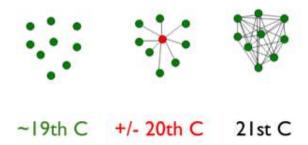
### network literacy is...

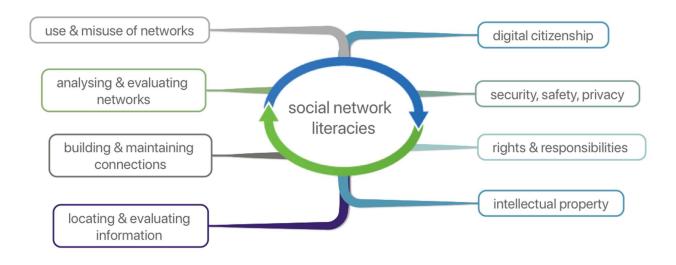
...an active mode of literacy through which individuals can shape their networks at the same time as they are shaped by them, building up social connections, extending social capital, diffusing ideas, accessing supporters and collaborators, and using these benefits for personal or collective advancement, or both...

...network literacy involves learning about networks as well as learning through them.

Pegrum, M. (2010). 'I link, therefore I am': Network literacy as a core digital literacy. E-learning and Digital Media, 7(4), 346-354. p. 438-349

# Work: Artisans - Hierarchies - Networks





### connectivism

learning occurs through connections between people, sources & the network

learning involves cultivating and nurturing the network

learning occurs though seeing connections between fields, ideas & concepts

learning depends on a diversity of opinions and currency of information

Siemens, George (2005) Connectivism: A Learning Theory for the Digital Age. International *Journal of Instructional Technology & Distance Learning* (2)1 http://www.itdl.org/journal/jan\_05/article01.htm



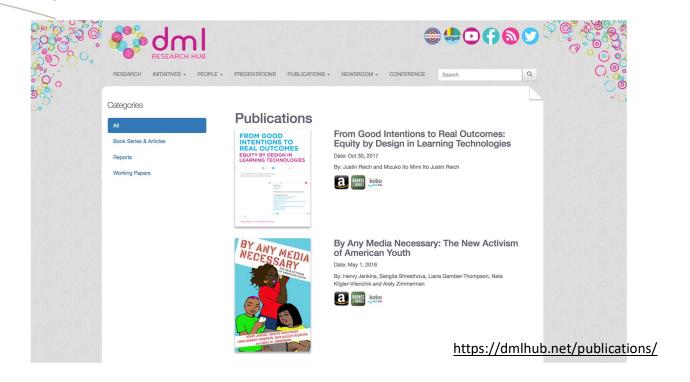
2012 <a href="https://dmlhub.net/publications/connected-learning-agenda-for-research-and-design/">https://dmlhub.net/publications/connected-learning-agenda-for-research-and-design/</a>

'Connected learning also draws from educational efforts that value and elevate the culture and identity of non-dominant children and youth. These include youth development and media programs, culturally relevant education, and civic and participatory learning that draws from and supports the interests and voices of diverse youth and their communities.' (p. 33)

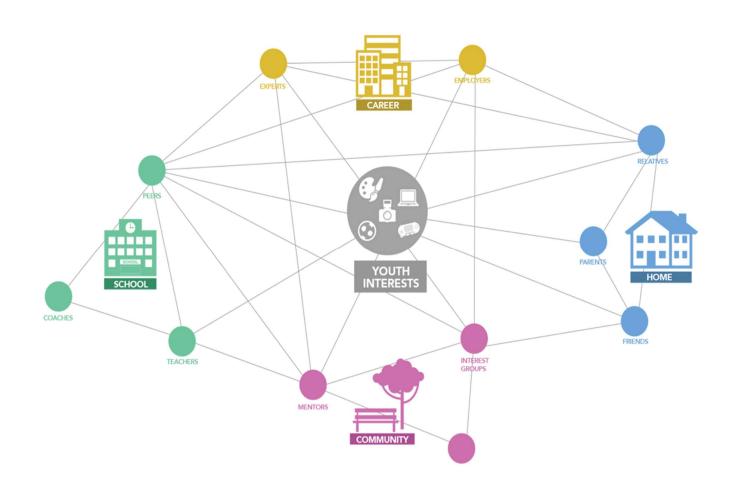
https://dmlhub.net/wp-content/uploads/files/Connected Learning report.pdf

'Connected learning is realized when a young person is able to pursue a personal interest or passion with the support of friends and caring adults, and is in turn able to link this learning and interest to academic achievement, career success or civic engagement.' (p. 4)

https://dmlhub.net/wp-content/uploads/files/Connected Learning report.pdf







https://clalliance.org/why-connected-learning/



experience of education in the information age. It draws on the power of today's technology to fuse young people's interests, friendships, and academic achievement through experiences laced with hands-on production, shared purpose, and open networks.

EXPERTISE

### PRODUCTION CENTERED

Connected learning prizes the learning that comes from actively producing, creating, experimenting, and designing, because it promotes skills and dispositions for lifelong learning, and for making meaningful contributions to today's rapidly changing work and social conditions.

### INTERESTS

Interests foster the drive to gain knowledge and expertise. Research has repeatedly shown that when the topic is personally interesting and relevant, learners achieve much higher-order learning outcomes. Connected learning views interests and passions that are developed in a social context as essential elements.

#### SHARED PURPOSE

Today's social media and web-based communities provide unprecedented opportunities for caring adults, teachers, parents, learners, and their peers to share interests and contribute to a common purpose. The potential of cross-generational learning and connection unfolds when centered on common goals.

XPLANATIONS COLUMN TOWN



Connected learning thrives in a socially meaningful and

self-expression, and recognition. In their everyday exchanges with peers and friends, young people fluidly contribute, share and give feedback.

Powered the possibilities made available by today's social media, this peer culture can produce learning that's engaging and powerful.

#### OPENLY NETWORKED

Connected learning environments link learning in school, home, and community, because learners achieve best when their learning is reinforced and supported in multiple settings. Online platforms can make learning resources abundant, accessible, and visible across all learner settings.



Connected learning recognizes the importance of

academic success for intellectual growth and as an avenue towards economic and political opportunity. When academic studies and institutions draw from and connect to young people's peer culture, communities, and interest-driven pursuits, learners flourish and realize their true potential.

ACTIVE RELEVANT REAL-WORLD EFFECTIVE HANDS-ON NETWORKED INNOVATIVE PERSONAL TRANSFORMATIVE

https://clalliance.org/resources/connected-learning-infographic/

### TEACHING IN THE WILD

connected learning in higher education



#### about

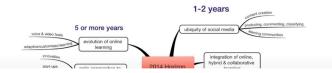
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- digital identity
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- o online learning
- o personalised learning
- o personalized learning
- o social media
- student engagement
- o teaching online
- Uncategorized

#### CONNECTED LEARNING QUADRANT MODEL

January 16, 2015  $\cdot$  by mandylupton  $\cdot$  in connected learning, higher education, teaching online. Edit

Connected learning in higher education involves connecting learners, experts, networks and information in open systems. A rationale for connected learning in higher education is exemplified in the predictions of the 2014 Higher Education Horizon Report. It is seen in the ubiquity of social media for developing learning communities and for content creation, interaction, engagment, sharing and curating. It is seen in the development of more sophisticated approaches to online and blended learning, and in the use of learning analytics and adaptive learning capabilities.



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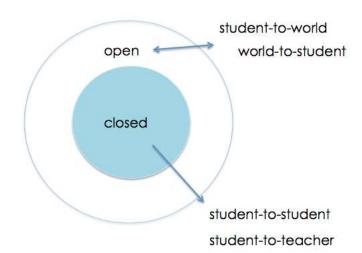
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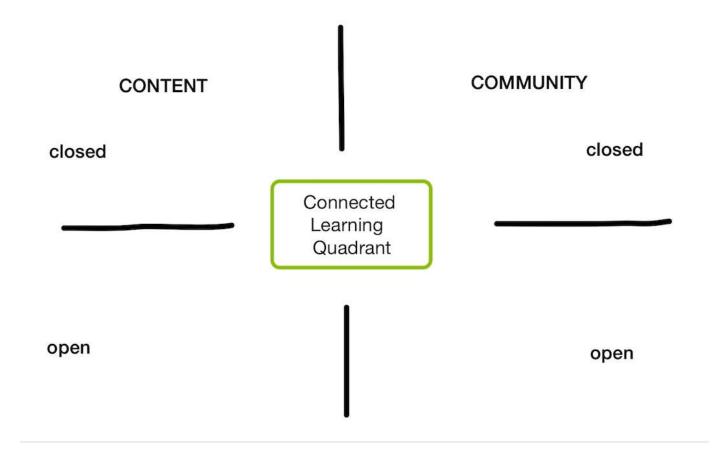
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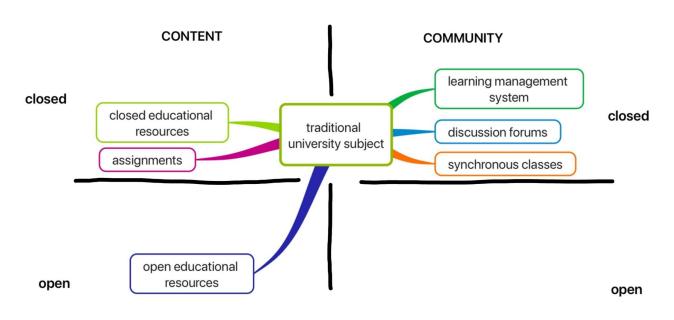


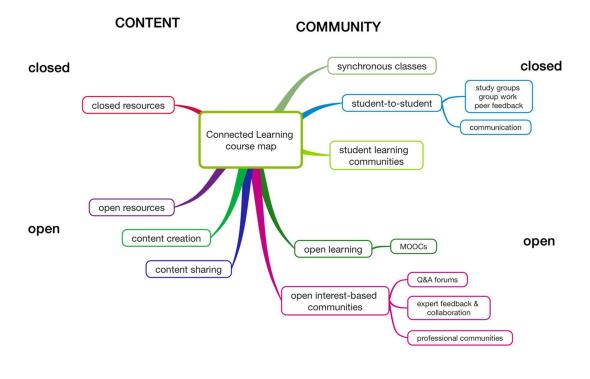
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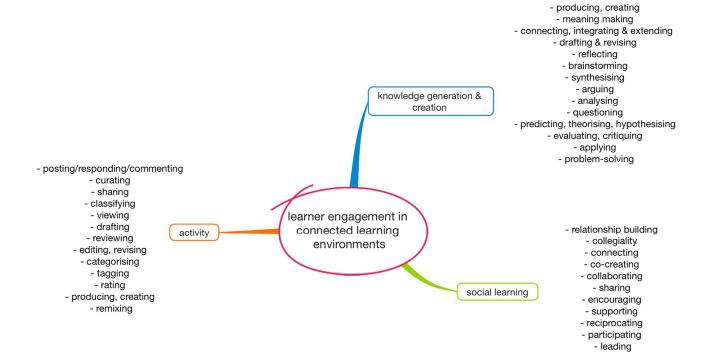
- o Research project: student's digital identities
- Modularised courses: The teacher becomes the student
- Sector-wide measurement of student engagement – validity for online learning
- o Developing students' digital identities





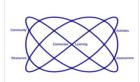






HOME MODULES RESOURCES ASSIGNMENTS





Welcome to LCN600 Connected Learning, a unit of study in the QUT Master of Education

This unit has been designed for you to explore connected learning as a contemporary learning approach for formal and informal learning contexts, including school, higher education, libraries, workplace and community settings. You will also develop your digital identity as a connected educator.

The unit is built upon -and aims to model - connected learning principles. It supports an evolving network of people, ideas, information and digital technologies. Learning activities and assessment are interwoven. They are designed to be transferable to contemporary learning contexts.

#### http://lcn600.weebly.com/

# Urban Sketchers by Lisa Norris



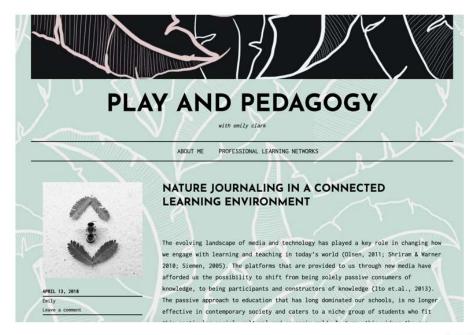
https://lisa7647.wixsite.com/thesketchyconnection/urban-sketchers

### Scratch by Robert Johnson



https://okaysay.com/2018/04/04/give-way-the-future-of-learning-in-a-connected-world/

# Nature Journaling by Emily Clark



https://playandpedagogy.edublogs.org/

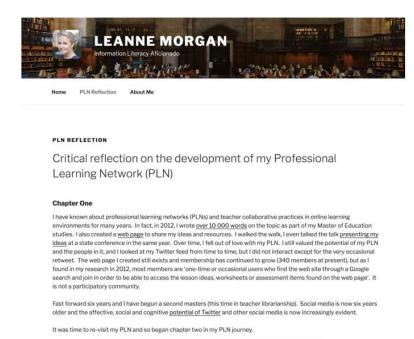
## PLN - Reading - Renee Carmichael-Shute

### Read ~ Create ~ Share

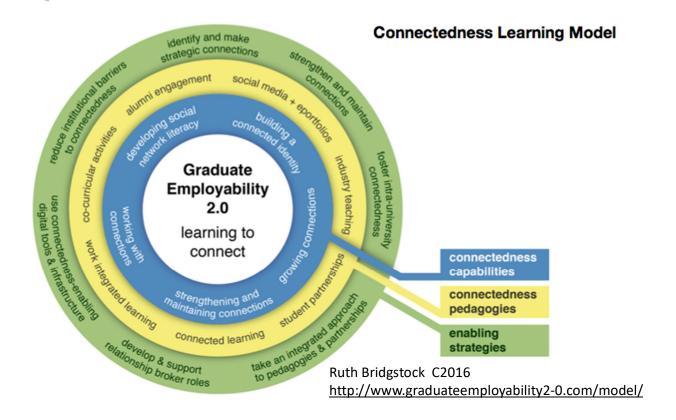


https://readcreateshare.wordpress.com/2018/06/05/building-my-pln-a-reflection-and-analysis/

# PLN – Information Literacy – Leanne Morgan



http://blog.leanne-morgan.com/pln-reflection/



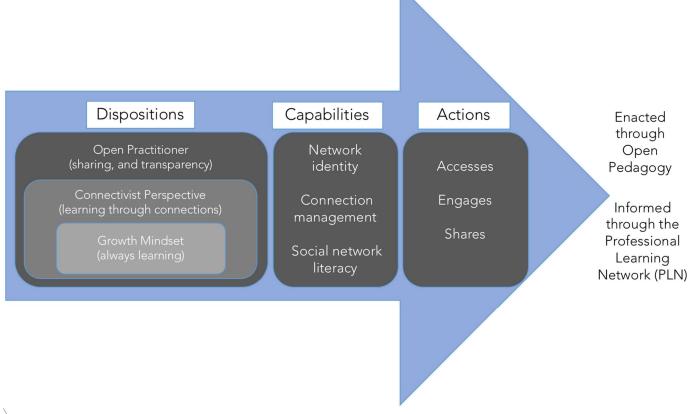
### professional learning

- traditional professional learning → event-based → one off workshops/presentations/conferences
- networked professional learning → distributed → openness, collaboration, self-directed, self-selected learning via digital networks

### professional learning network

'Uniquely personalized, complex systems of interactions consisting of people, resources, and digital tools that support ongoing learning and professional growth'

Trust, T., Krutka, D. G., & Carpenter, J. P. (2016). "Together we are better": Professional learning networks for whole teachers. Computers & Education, 102 (p. 35)



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