Build Professional Community with Twitter - Part Two.

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Food for thought...

10 Signs Twitter PD Might Not Be Your Thing

1. You don't understand Twitter and aren't willing to learn.
2. You don't need any more personal or professional support. You have all the friends you'll ever need.
3. You have perfected your craft. Every kid is learning every day. You have no room for improvement.
4. You've never had a good idea someone else might benefit from.
5. You're not interested in your voice being part of a larger conversation about education.
6. You only collaborate with colleagues in your school because they have cornered the market on how to teach well.
7. You don't have time to do something that could be a game-changer for you and your students.
8. You're afraid you might change your mind about something. You hold onto your beliefs about kids and learning like a security blanket. You wouldn't want that disturbed. What if your flawed assumptions were challenged and didn't hold up under scrutiny? Ouch!
9. You can't believe amazing professional learning could be free and convenient and totally self-directed?! But it is!
10. You're so passionate about education and kids, you are afraid you will get addicted and have to go to therapy (warning: this could happen).

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At the first session, you...

- Created your own identity on Twitter.
- Performed basic Twitter tasks.
- Discovered a variety of professional resources on Twitter.
At this follow-up session, you will...  

- Learn how to identify Twitter chats of interest.  
- Understand Twitter chat protocol.  
- Participate in a Live Twitter Chat!
How to find a Twitter chat...

- Look for one at https://sites.google.com/site/twittereducationchats/
- You may already be following a chat host.
  - look for a #somethingchat on their profile.
Ways to View Twitter chats

- In Twitter app, use the search function.
- Tweetdeck - a site directly supported by Twitter.
- Other social media management apps: Hootsuite, Echofon, etc.
Twitter Chat Format

- Hosted by a moderator or co-moderators
- Begins with everyone introducing themselves
- Moderator posts a question
  - You’ll see “Q1: The question goes here”
- Participants respond using “A1: The response goes here”
Twitter Chat Tips

● Just prior to chatting, politely tweet to your followers that you’ll be participating in a chat.

● In that same tweet, you may invite followers to that chat.
Twitter Chat Tips

- Always use the #chatname for your Twitter chat tweets.
- It is ok to lurk or participate in only part of the chat.
Twitter Chat Tips

- Retweet or like whatever you’d like throughout the chat.
- Once the chat has ended, thank the moderators and participants.
- Take time to browse through the chat history and follow users who interest you.
#fcschat

Q1: How may you professionally benefit from using Twitter?

Q2: In what ways can educators safeguard their reputations on Twitter?

Q3: How will you build your own professional learning network on Twitter?

Q4: Share a favorite Twitter account that you follow and why.