

TWEETER - A TECHNOLOGICAL TOOL FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING

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ABSTRACT

Exploration and experimentation are two key terms in any teacher's life; without them teaching becomes monotonous. Continuing professional development (CPD) is accepted as an integral part of teacher education because only a continuous practice of teaching and learning assures a high level of expertise and enables the teachers to keep their professional skills and knowledge up-to-date with the need of the present generation. CPD therefore should not be regarded only as an obligatory activity just to meet the requirement of the classroom but teachers should start thinking beyond the newest pedagogical approaches and also concentrate on relevant and up-to-date knowledge in the use of technology and latest interesting tools of teaching with entertainment. In this regard we can talk about role of social media which can be termed as an excellent tool for teaching the present generation challenging youngsters and correlate with their technical savvy mind. The educators need to view it as an opportunity to develop professionally as well as to improve their classroom skills by not being restricted to the classroom itself rather they can reach out to the need of the students beyond hours at their availability through some social media like Twitter. Longer serving teachers are not necessarily reluctant to change their CPD. Therefore this paper primarily will focus on encouraging longer serving teachers to stay in touch with the recent developments and continue to challenge their practice by making innovations regarding lesson plans, assignment based learning, grammar and vocabulary practices through activities and games, getting connected to a wide range of educators discussing over a vast innovative ideas in language teaching as well as learning through entertainment and maintaining 24X7 relationship with students and CPD through Twitter, a world which brings the first alteration in an educator's life that a single 'Click' matters a lot than that of Papers. This paper intends to bring out all those new techniques and developing changes which lead to proficient teaching by a specialist.

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