

Building your Special Education and Learning Support Professional Learning Networks



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Thought leaders to follow and what they **mainly tweets about ...**

	<u>Karen Janowski</u> Assistive Technology (AT)		<u>inov8-ed.com</u> Special education		<u>Paul Hamilton</u> UDL, Educational and assistive technologies
	<u>Brian Wojcik</u> AT and UDL		<u>Chris Bugaj</u> AT, educational technologies		<u>CALL Scotland</u> AT and AAC
	<u>Alex Dunn</u> AT, AAC and access		<u>Martin Littler</u> AT, educational technologies in special ed		<u>Kate Ahern</u> Educational technologies in special education, AAC
	<u>Greg O'Connor</u> UDL, educational technologies, inclusion, literacy and learning support		<u>Anita Raftery</u> AT, educational technologies, UDL		<u>David Harraway</u> Computer access and assistive technologies
	<u>Cha Cullen</u> AT, AAC and access		<u>Luis Perez</u> AT, low vision supports for students, accessibility		<u>Kathy Schrock</u> Educational technologies with support for students with learning difficulties
	<u>Jane Farrall</u> AT, AAC, access and literacy		<u>Jim Sprialis</u> AT, educational technologies in special education		<u>Deb Tomarakos</u> Speech-language pathologist
	<u>Eric Sailers</u> AAC		<u>Ian Bean</u> Educational technologies in special education		<u>Sean Sweeney</u> SLP and ITS, resources to enhance interventions and engage students.
	<u>Nicole Eredics</u> Inclusion		<u>Carol Allen</u> AT, special education, accessibility		<u>Jeremy</u> Pediatric SLP, autism, aac, apraxia/artic/phonology
	<u>isteconnects</u> Occasional mention of ISTE Special Ed Interest Group (SETSIG) activities		<u>Meg Wilson</u> Mobile technology for special education		<u>Renena Joy</u> S-LP in education. Autism Specialist. Apps, iPad and technology.
	<u>Robin Parker</u> AAC and runs PrAACtical AAC Blog		<u>Patrick Black</u> Educational technologies in special education		

Regular Tweet Chat sessions

- #ATchat – hosted by Karen Janowski

Hashtags of value in Special Education and Learning Support

#aac	#edchat	#ozteachers	#spedchat
#assistivetech	#edtech	#slpeeps	#spedtech
#atchat	#iear	#slchat	#UDL
#augcomm	#LD	#sped	#ukedchat
#dyslexia <i>(there is a bit of spam around this)</i>	#mlearning	#spedapps	

Blogs/ RSS Feeds we like ...

(Too many to list all but these are a few of our favourites)

[Useful Apple and Apps-Related resources from Spectronics' Consultancy Team](#)

[PrAACtical AAC blog](#)

[Call Centre Scotland](#)

[Kathy Schrock's Guide to Everything!](#)

[Paul Hamilton's blog](#)

[Alex Dunn's wiki](#)

[Jane Farrall's blog](#)

[Speech Gadget](#)

[SpeechTechie](#)

[The Speech Guy](#)

[TiPS: Technology in Practice for S-LPs](#)

Social Bookmarking - del.icio.us Links

[Greg O'Connor](#)

[Charlene Cullen](#)

[Jim Sprialis](#)

[Jane Farrall](#)

Guidance on how to share del.icio.us links

[How to Share Bookmarks with People in Your del.icio.us Network](#)

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[iTeach Special Education- iDevices in Special Education](#)

[SLpeeps](#)

[Spectronics Online](#)

[Big Mouth Camp](#)

[Facing IT \(occasional special ed/learning support content\)](#)

[AGOSCI \(Australian Group on Severe Communication Impairment\)](#)

[Proloquo2Go Professionals](#)

[Augmentative Communication Resources & Help](#)

[Assistive Technology](#)

[iTeach: Apps for the Classroom](#)

Facebook Pages

[ISTE SETSIG \(Special Education Technology Special Interest Group\)](#)

[Spectronics](#)

[Key Word Sign Australia](#)

[Learning without Frontiers](#)

[Teaching Learners with Multiple Needs by Kate Ahern](#)

Scoop.it!

Too many to list!

Good place to start is the [Spectronics Scoop.it! page](#) and check on the 400 topics being [followed by Spectronics](#).

Spectronics' topics form a good basis for the scope of special ed and learning support technologies

- Inclusive Learning Technologies
- iPads in Special Education
- Learning Support Technologies
- iPads for AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication)
- AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication)

Listserve

(Still of value despite the rise of social media)

QIAT (Quality Indicators in Assistive Technology) (USA)

AGOSCI (Australia)

ADAPTECH (Australia)

[SENICT \(UK\)](#)

AUSTED (Australia)

ARATA

ISTE SETSIG

OzTeachers list – occasional mention of learning support. Not much re students with disabilities

LinkedIn

(People and Groups and Companies)

[Assistive Technology Professionals](#)

[British Assistive Technology Association \(BATA\)](#)

[Augmentative and Alternative Communication Professionals](#)

[International Society for Technology in Education \(ISTE\)](#)

[Ebooks, Ebook Readers, Digital Books and Digital Content...](#)

[K12 Assistive Technology Professionals](#)

[Response To Intervention & Universal Design For Learning Central](#)

[Special Education Needs \(SEN\)](#)

[Universal Design Alliance](#)

[Making Special Education Work](#)

Google Groups

[Communication Matters AAC Forum](#)

Google +

Minimal activity here for special education and learning support as yet.

Pinterest

Just starting in the special education/learning support arena. Search on inclusion, special education, iPads in education etc. Some assistive technology companies are also doing a reasonable job with sharing articles here too. Not as interactive or as valuable for building PLNs however.

Inclusion

[DynaVox Mayer-Johnson](#)

[Lauren S. Enders](#), MA, CCC-SLP

SLP/Augmentative Communication Consultant/Assistive Technology Consultant

[Gary James – Apps for Children with Special Needs A4CWSN](#)

Web-site dedicated to showing video reviews of Apps for children and those with special needs. Watch videos of the App before you buy them. [A4CWSN.com](#)

In Real Life Meetings/Conferences

(Even if not there – good to follow hashtags on Twitter)

- Inclusive Learning Technologies Conference (every two years on Queensland's Gold Coast) #ILT2014
- ACEC
- ISTE (now so much more spedchat/assistive technology stuff as mainstream)
- ATIA (Orlando, Florida USA)
- Closing the Gap (Minneapolis USA)
- ISAAC (every two years)
- CSUN (annually in California)
- BETT (some special ed/learning support content) Annually in London
- AASE (Australian Association of Special Education) National Conference and State Chapter Conferences
- SEPANZ - Special Ed Principals combined ANZ conferences annually
- ARATA (Australian Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Association) – not a strong education focus
- AGOSCI (Australian Group on Severe Communication Impairment) Conference (held every two years)