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Announcement

News on ICT in Education

Highlight

New UNESCO resource: Web-tools for Educators CD-ROM
This CD-ROM, "Web Tools for Educators", contains free web-based tools, compiled by UNESCO, that are useful for enhancing teaching and for bringing about improvements in productivity and efficiency.

News & Events


Workshop builds telecollaboration capacity of Sri Lankan teacher educators
From 5 to 9 November, UNESCO convened a workshop in Sri Lanka with the aim of building the capacity of participating teacher educators to develop telecollaboration lesson plans and to manage telecollaboration activities.

Educators share experiences at China workshop on integrating ICT into teaching
Held from 15 to 19 October, in Kunming, China, a UNESCO training workshop for teacher educators provided an opportunity for the participants to develop their skills in integrating ICT into education.

Tongan national workshop discusses role of ICT in local education
In November, the Government of the Kingdom of Tonga convened the "National ICT Strategic Planning Workshop" to bring together stakeholders for a week of discussion and planning on the role of ICT in Tongan life, schools and universities.

Ministers discuss ICT for capacity building at Malaysia conference
Ministry of Education officials from the Asia-Pacific region joined fellow Ministers and officials from around the world at the Third Global Knowledge Conference in Kuala Lumpur from 11 to 13 December.

Accessibility to Internet 'essential' for education: UN forum says
Access to the Internet and the Net's role in furthering education and development were among the issues tackled at the second meeting of the United Nations Internet Governance Forum, held in Brazil from 12 to 15 November 2007.

Universities turning to Web 2.0 tools to deliver academic content
E-learning experts at universities are increasingly utilizing the new generation of interactive on-line communication tools to deliver academic content.

Entries closed: ICT in Education Innovative Practices Awards
Entries for the UNESCO ICT in Education Innovative Practices Awards are now closed. The results will be announced at the end of February 2008.

Projects


Samvidha: Making Internet content available to rural schools in India
Established in recognition of the need to make relevant Internet-based information accessible to all teachers and students at a low cost, the Samvidha project is providing off-line access to Internet content using a query-based system.
Computer clubhouses for kids
The Computer Clubhouse Network is an after-school community-based technology learning programme that aims to enable youth in underserved communities to acquire new skills and self confidence.

Resources

Learning in the 21st century: The case for harnessing technology
This 12-page report summarizes the powerful, evidence-based arguments for investment in technology across education and training.

Using ICT appropriately in distance learning in the Pacific
This article describes the experiences of participants in a distance learning course that used ICT to create a virtual class environment to train teachers in Micronesia.

ICT as a tool to enhance music-history learning
This article discusses a case study in which learner-centred pedagogy was used in combination with ICT tools to enhance learning outcomes in a music history class.

A school administrator’s guide to planning for the total cost of new technology
This publication discusses the need for careful planning by school districts regarding their technology budgets, so that there are sufficient funds to cover the Total Cost of Ownership of technology.

Bazaar: a location for open source software sharing
The Bazaar is a community portal for people who want to use, exchange and share Open Source Software and resources to support learning.

On-line learning modules about capitalising on local knowledge
This on-line toolkit contains a collection of modules that guide in the implementation of community-to-community knowledge and learning exchanges.

How do I use social bookmarking in education?
This educational video explains what social bookmarking is and how to get started.

Seasons Greetings!
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