

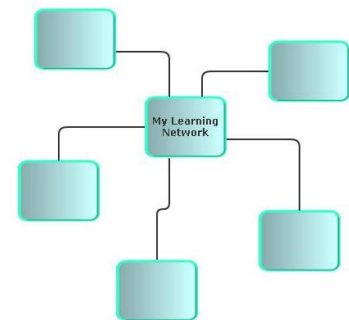
# PLNs?

A **Personal Learning Network (PLN)** is similar to a social network but focuses on learning. It can be an informal learning network or a formal one. Another term used for PLNs is a Community of Practice or Learning Community, which shares ideas and knowledge and collaborates around a specific area of interest or vocation. Some networking sites have Groups that you can join to extend your knowledge about a topic of interest, see below.

## Benefits and Uses

PLNs offer many benefits for **learners** such as:

- Access to global learning communities and expertise
- A place to discuss and explore with others, to ask questions
- Many other sources of information and knowledge
- Collaborative learning and sharing
- Self-directed and informal learning



## Personal Learning Network Options

Education Network Australia (EdNA) Groups - <http://www.groups.edna.edu.au/>

Google Groups – <http://groups.google.com/>

Yahoo Groups - <http://groups.yahoo.com/>

Blogs – <http://www.blogger.com>

Social Networking Tools: [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

## Find Out More ...

The Innovative Educator – [Blogpost on PLNs](#)

Wikipedia Article on [Online Learning Communities](#)

