

USING SOCIAL MEDIA WITH THE RNLC WEBSITE

By using social media, in our case TWITTER and INSTAGRAM, the RNLC members can interact both outside and inside the website.

Each of the Learning Communities members can share ideas, information and media instantly. That interaction will be reflected in the Twitter feed and Instagram feed on the RNLC website.

This is a short “How To” for newcomers to either of the above Social Networks.

It is very important that you create new Twitter and Instagram accounts specifically for your RNLC work. i.e Not connected to personal use.

TWITTER:

Go to <http://www.twitter.com>

You will see 2 sections. One where you sign in to an existing account, and another where you can create a new account.

Sign up for a new account and create an appropriate user name. You will also be asked to provide a password.

You will then have a number of options when creating your profile. Many of you will have already gone through this process when creating personal accounts.

Once you have created your account please only follow other members of the RNLC. We will send you a list of members and their Twitter addresses. In turn, those members will be asked to follow you.

If you've done something interesting relating to your particular Network or your education experience, please Tweet about it. For example, if you are attending a conference and something comes up that might be of interest to the RNLC, tweet it. That tweet will go out to your followers and also pop up on the RNLC website Twitter feed on the homepage. Don't forget, you've only got 140 characters to have your say. Depending on what Twitter app you have on your phone or tablet, you can also take or use an existing photo.

INSTAGRAM:

Instagram works in a very similar way to Twitter, but is focussed around photos. These photos will be mostly taken on your smart phone or tablet via the Instagram app (there is a desktop version available), but it is possible to use existing photos not taken with the app.

You can create an Instagram account via:

<http://www.instagram.com>

Once you have an account you are ready to take and share relevant photos. We will provide you with a list of RNLC members to follow within your new account.

So you will not only see your own photos, but also those of other RNLC members. And all of those photos will pop up on the RNLC website.

When you take a picture using the Instagram app, you will have a chance to add some very nice 'filter' effects. They can be accessed on the bottom row of the app screen. Then, please add a short comment about the contents of the picture so that we all know what is happening in the picture.

If you decide you don't want to keep the picture, go to the bottom right of the photo where you should see 3 vertical dots. Click and scroll down to 'Delete'. Job done!