**Google+ Community - An effective tool for shared experience approach to student learning, community building and classroom teaching**

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Abstract: Inclusion of a Google+ Community as an on-line tool into a class can provide a platform for students - to present their individual views and opinions; engage in a shared learning; and to be part of a community. Unlike other shared learning tools like a Discussion Board on Blackboard and Facebook the Google+ Community provides a visible and more easily accessible means of sharing of views, information, activities, and photographs, among the students and faculty. Google Community also provides tool to conduct polls and surveys, which can be used to initiate discussions and reflections. In a survey about the Google+ Community by various faculty of the College of Liberal Arts, the students indicated that it was very effective in providing students a platform to share information, present their viewpoints, report collaborative projects, and most of all build a network. Especially adult learners, who are enrolled in evening and weekend classes, found the Google+ community a place for shared learning and productive interactions with fellow students and faculty.