

Engagement Before, During, and After a Conference

The following is just a short list of the many resources that are available out for learners and facilitators to connect before, during, and after a conference. These tools can serve as a learning needs and resources assessment, help develop rapport and connect attendees who may not otherwise have had the opportunity to connect, and post conference, continue the learning through conversations, sharing of ideas, resources, and reflections after application.

There are tons of helpful lists out there including:

- [Free Online Tools for Trainers](#)
- [27 Free Tools to Collaborate](#)
- [102 Online Collaborative Tools for Teachers](#) (check out the high school section)

We've included a few of our favorite tools in the chart below.

| Platform | What Can You Do With It? |
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| Facebook | Create an event or group page so learners can continue to connect and ask questions of other learners. |
| Google Drive | Share files and collaboratively author/create new documents such as resource list, sharing examples of learning transfer, etc. |
| Google Hangouts | Scheduling follow-up hangouts with accountability partners, interest groups, or session participants. For larger groups, broadcast to share live and recorded sessions on YouTube and your website. |
| Ning | Create an online community that can include forums, sub-groups, photos, etc. Useful for engagement before and after a learning event. |
| Skype | Scheduling follow-up Skype video calls with accountability partners, interest groups, or session participants. Offer coaching from the facilitator. |
| WikiSpaces | Provide virtual classroom workspaces that participants can visit before, during, and after a session! |
| Twitter | You can follow and message other users, and keep the conversation going via hashtags and Tweetups . |
| Yammer | Create a private social network for conference or session attendees. |