

Building a Personal Learning Network

A **Personal Learning Network** (PLN) is an informal learning network that consists of the people a learner interacts with and derives knowledge from in a personal learning environment. In a PLN, a person makes a connection with another person with the specific intent that some type of learning will occur because of that connection.

Think about who you go to when:

- You want to find out something
- You want to try out a new idea
- You need a sounding board

Map out your current personal learning network



- Do you know your **interest/purpose** for the next phase of your working life?
- Are there **gaps** in your network?
- Are you **actively developing** your personal learning network?
- **Reciprocity** is key – what are you giving back?
- How do you **share** your thinking?
- How do you **engage** with your PLN? How regularly?