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HelenK joined the room.

BJB2: hi, Helen!

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HelenK: hey there BJ - how are things today

BJB2: good thanks. Dianne is just starting a review of the resources available in TI

DianneA: Hi Helen

HelenK: Hi Dianne

DianneA: yes Helen, do you know how to open my profile?

HelenK: yes I do

DianneA: will you do that then and load up the file called Tapping resources at Tapped In

BJB2 . o O (under shared files)

DianneA: thanks Bj, forgot that bit of useful information

HelenK: ok - file open

DianneA: OK I was saying

DianneA: I wanted to say that there are lots of very useful resources at Tapped In

DianneA: especially of and for websites that are useful for teachers and teaching and using the computer with classes

DianneA: The first very rich resource to find and use is the archives of the session transcripts

DianneA: The second very rich resource to find and use is links and files in Personal Offices ...

DianneA: the third source of resources is found in Group Rooms, again in Links and Files ..

DianneA: the fourth source of resources is the Library here at Tapped In

DianneA: and finally you can use search to find all sorts of things here ...

DianneA: so anyone of these that you'd like to look at first Helen?

HelenK: I have accessed everything except the archived area

DianneA: OK, let's look at the archived transcripts then

DianneA: since we are already in the After School Online room we do not need to move to here

DianneA: if you have the room view of the ASO in your main window as your scroll down

DianneA: you will find the Archived Transcripts link featured there under the featured items, click on that

DianneA: you will see a page of links to more pages .. an index of all the areas in which we have archived transcripts of public sessions held here under our calendar Events

DianneA: Any of those categories of interest to you Helen?

DianneA: are you with me Helen?

HelenK: sorry - a student was talking to me as I am still in my lab

DianneA nods

HelenK: need to get the ASO up again as I still have your profile

DianneA nods

BJB2: click on Room View at the top of your screen, Helen

DianneA: thanks BJ

HelenK: yes its done

HelenK: just looking at the files

DianneA: Any of those categories of particular interest to you Helen?

HelenK: glad to see some of the transcripts you have listed as there were some sessions that I was unable to attend

DianneA: we will then take the step of exploring one .. for the record

HelenK: lets look at one of the 2006 sessions on cyberethics

BJB2: all archived scripts are pdf

DianneA: fine then click on the Maths etc link

DianneA: and the 2007 transcripts link

DianneA: and scroll down and let's look at August 6 Transcript

DianneA: as you scroll through the transcript ...

DianneA: you will find web pages recommended

DianneA: and in the context of the session discussion

DianneA: these then are recommended sites from those who know the field

DianneA: that is why the transcripts are such a rich resource

HelenK: thanks for picking that one - the cyber pigs are a personal favourite

DianneA: BJ do you have anything more to add about using transcripts as resource sources?

BJB2: Transcripts are edited...all the typos are removed...

DianneA: phew!

BJB2: and all the fun chat that makes a real time discussion so rewarding are also removed

DianneA: that must take you some time Bj!

DianneA: especially when I am on

BJB2 chuckles...no problem, Dianne ;-)

HelenK: I like the look and it saves me from having to edit my personal copies [which I have been doing until now]

DianneA: so we are left with the substantive material as they say in other places

BJB2 nods

BJB2: the scripts usually take a week to edit and another week to get posted

HelenK: it looks really good - I don't know why I have not looked at them before!

DianneA: Anything else Helen that you would like to share about how you use transcripts or other resources here at Tapped in?

BJB2: there are hundreds of scripts

BJB2 . o O (dating back to 2003)

DianneA: and helpfully categorized by subject ... to help speed up a search ...

HelenK: no this is great

DianneA: and I assume that they are part of what happens when we do a global search here BJ

DianneA: so that might be my next step in this presentation ..

BJB2: eventually we hope to have brief summaries of each script

BJB2: yes, you can do a global search

DianneA: that would take a bit too much time especially to back track BJ

BJB2 . o O (search from www.tappedin.org)

HelenK: sorry - I have to go. I have a student who is just finishing a test

DianneA: OK let's look at the search function ...

BJB2 nods...probably be an added feature going forward

DianneA: Fine Helen thanks for being with us

BJB2 waves bye to Helen

HelenK: thanks for sharing this Dianne

DianneA scrolls up to the top of her screen and clicks on the search button

BJB2: not sure that search will work...

DianneA: the default assumes that you will be searching for a person ...

BJB2: the transcripts are on an external page

BJB2 thinks Dianne is moving to the next resource topic?

HelenK left the room (signed off).

DianneA: but the function also allows us to search for Places, Groups, Library, Notes, Files, Links, Discussion and Jobs

BJB2 nods

DianneA: yes Bj I am moving on in my presentation to the 'search' function

DianneA: and it does look like we may not be able to search transcripts using this

BJB2: right

DianneA: but we can certainly find other resources

BJB2: yeppers!

DianneA: let's stay with Helen's theme of cyber ethics ...

DianneA: What I would be inclined to do now is check in links for 'ethics'

DianneA: so I am going to open the Links subtab in the search function

BJB2: or files or discussion might turn up something too

DianneA: notice I am offered a search in this room only or all over ..

DianneA nods to BJ got to start somewhere

DianneA: and today I am looking for websites, so LINKS

DianneA types in ethics and clicks FIND it

BJB2 nods solemnly and clicks on SEARCH/Links and enters ethics

DianneA: and we get 16 links in various places

BJB2 also got 16 matches

DianneA: NEA code gets a mention in a number of those

DianneA clicks on the NEA Code of Ethics link

BJB2 . o O (mostly TNE members)

DianneA: and lo and behold .. we haven't got anything yet on cyber ethics ...

DianneA: so my next strategy would be to try Discussions

DianneA scrolls up to the top of the search page

DianneA: and clicks on Discussion

DianneA: again there are some options here about the room to limit the search

DianneA: and also who might have posted an item

DianneA: as well as the space for the subject

DianneA types in ethics in subject/ body and does not limit it further

DianneA clicks on Find It

DianneA: and this time 46 matches come up

DianneA: so now I need to visually scan over three pages ...

DianneA: or perhaps start again and limit the search to cyberethics

DianneA: what would you be inclined to do next BJ?

BJB2: no matches for cyberethics, but a lot for cyber ethics...

DianneA . o O (I knew she would be in advance of me ...)

BJB2: although that doesn't really increase your search results because you get matches for cyber and for ethics

DianneA goes back to search and enters cyber ethics

BJB2 . o O (not boolean)

BJB2: something to be aware of if you're searching in discussions...

BJB2: when you click on a match you will teleport to the room in which the discussion post has been made.

BJB2 left the room.

Room: Team611

BJB2 joined the room.

BJB2 left the room.

Room: ASO

BJB2 joined the room.

BJB2 . o O (yep!)

DianneA: so we can go, as BJ says from the search function to the discussion and see what has been said in its context, and maybe pick up a webpage or two

BJB2: found this url in a search in notes: http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/ethics-virtue/

DianneA: Wow! good one BJ

DianneA: OK, let me wrap this up ... my main point is that there are lots of resources here at Tapped In

BJB2 agrees

DianneA: that occur because here is where teachers are sharing with other teachers about good finds and professional issues ...

DianneA: so finding out how to tap those resources is very important

DianneA: there are the session transcripts ...

DianneA: and the LINKS, NOTES, FILES and DISCUSSIONS in personal offices and group rooms

DianneA: and these can be accessed by visually scanning or being more systematic and

using the Tapped In Search function

BJB2: you can also go to the TI homepage and use the search to search the calendar and the archives

BJB2 . o O (www.tappedin.org)

DianneA: aahhh!

DianneA: so even more access!

DianneA: marvelous

DianneA: things I never knew

BJB2: I've done that when I'm trying to locate a transcript...it helps if you have a date to narrow down the search

DianneA: so it will pay off to spend some time learning how to tap Tapped IN

BJB2 agrees!

DianneA: Thanks Bj for the company and the extra expertise!!!

BJB2: Thanks, Dianne. It was fun ;-)

DianneA nods

DianneA hugs Bj hugely

BJB2 smiles and hugs warmly

DianneA: and trips off to learn more about TI