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**1-Join a professional social network. I belong to** [**Classroom 2.0**](http://www.classroom20.com/) **(for educators using Web 2.0 technology) and** [**EduBlogger World**](http://edubloggerworld.ning.com/) **(for education bloggers) and I launched a social network called Transforming Ed for The 21st Century. I have found great value in each of them. I am also a member of Linked In but haven't found much value in that as an educator.  
  
2-Pick 5 Blogs you find interesting and start reading them. In addition to my own blog, I follow** [**weblogg-ed: learning with the read/write web**](http://weblogg-ed.com/)**,** [**A Principal's Reflections,**](http://esheninger.blogspot.com/) [**Practical Theory**](http://practicaltheory.org/)**,** [**The Brazen Careerist**](http://blog.penelopetrunk.com/)**,** [**Cool Cat Teacher**](http://coolcatteacher.blogspot.com/)**,** [**Ted Talks**](http://blog.ted.com/)**. You may want to look at some of these as well as find other** [**Education Blogs**](http://supportblogging.com/Links+to+School+Bloggers) **or explore the listing of** [**International Edubloggers.**](http://edubloggerdir.blogspot.com/2008/01/blogroll.html) **3-Set up an** [**iGoogle account**](https://www.google.com/ig) **and subscribe to the blogs you selected in** [**Google Reader**](https://www.google.com/reader/view/)**. Caution: Limit your reader to five to start. Keeping up with more blogs will be difficult.   
  
4-Become a part of the conversation and start commenting on the blogs you read. I invite you to begin here! (If you're following closely you may note this is actually PLN 2.0 tip thrown in for those who are ready for a head start, and because I'd really love to get to know my readers through comments here).  
  
5-Join the microblogging phenomena by reading Tweets at** [**Twitter**](http://twitter.com/home)**. Start by selecting 5 well-known Edubloggers to follow and watch all the great stuff they have to share.**