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What is Web conferencing?

Web conferencing is a technology for meeting online, that is enabled by the Internet and allows greater interactivity than traditional media.

Web conferencing allows classroom participants to

- **listen** to experts and each other
- **watch** video streamed from a remote location
- **respond** to a presentation or a shared image
- **send** instant messages to the organisers for vetting and sharing
- **vote** in quick polls or surveys.

Why have Web conferences?

- Web conferences support **key competencies** especially 'Relating to others' which is about interacting effectively with a diverse range of people in a variety of contexts. This competency includes the ability to listen actively, recognise different points of view, negotiate, and share ideas.
- They are a **free** or minimal cost way to include students in activities happening in remote and inaccessible locations.
- They provide a means for students to identify and develop **relationships with real people** at a distance.
- They support the development of student **communication skills**.
- Students gain experience and become confident and **competent using new ICT** by listening, speaking, reading, drawing and writing within the web conference environment.
- They are an effective way of disseminating **the latest information** to schools, groups and individuals over a wide geographic area.

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