

Kyle Calderwood Brings TeachMeet "Unconference" to New Jersey

Presentations to Focus on Educational Technology and Social Media for Educators

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Galloway Township, NJ- Evernote, Edmodo, and Dropbox. WordPress, Wordle, and Weebly. Scoopit, Quizlet, and Prezi. The words might sound strange to some, but to educators and those who keep up with technology, these are but a few of the new digital tools available in our schools.

To help educators gain the most from the ever-expanding list of educational tech tools, Kyle Calderwood, a staff member in Stockton's Office of Computer Services, is organizing TeachMeet New Jersey, a free educational technology unconference. Unconference is a term to describe a new generation of conferences that differ from traditional conferences in that they are more participant-driven and affordable. Calderwood is also a graduate of Stockton's Master of Arts in Instructional Technology (MAIT) program.

TeachMeet New Jersey will take place at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey on Thursday, August 23, 2012. Doors open at 7 a.m. for pre-registered attendees to check-in, which will be held in the Campus Center Event Room and Theater. Registration is almost closed, but check the website, www.teachmeetnj.com, to see if tickets are still available. The sessions, which begin at 8:30 a.m., will take place throughout F-Wing until 4 p.m.

TeachMeet New Jersey's sessions were designed for educators, administrators, IT staff, and anyone in education with an interest in technology and instruction. The fast-paced 20-minute sessions will be presented by professors and staff of Stockton College as well as area teachers and instructional technology specialists.

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Sessions will cover social media, free web resources and web 2.0 tools. The topics include safe Facebooking for teachers, using Twitter in the classroom, QR codes in the library and using Evernote to help users remember everything.

TeachMeets began in the United Kingdom and were brought to the United States by Jason Bedell, who moved to New Jersey and established TeachMeet New Jersey. Bedell was unable to organize the unconference this year, so Kyle Calderwood stepped up to the challenge of keeping the annual technology event going.

TeachMeet NJ is sponsored by FSR Inc, TechSmith, Turning Technologies, Plasq LLC, and AMX Schoolview.

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