

# *Education and its impact at the community level*

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## 1. Education is a good thing

taught *with* technology,  
taught *without* technology,  
or taught *about* technology  
.... every kind is good.

## 2. Broadband opens the world for learning

*but...*



"I'm here about the details."

## Example: create a trustworthy education nexus

1. Collect links to online education content sites\*
2. Organize tags and links for self-guided access
3. Create/publish/maintain e-learning resources from everyday practical to accredited degrees
4. Sharing and outreach to students, other orgs

\*preferably education sites with free or low-cost, easily used content.

# So how can we do that?

[or anything else we must do to survive and succeed]

A few notes to spark thoughts and generate ideas...

- Hang on to the buzz - today's inspiration and energy
- Be honest about the realities; focus on our strengths
- Select or create means for communication and sharing
- Find and develop alliances appropriate for each issue
- Stay lean and on point; avoid org baggage or barnacles

Now let's decide how we will make good things happen.

## To Follow Up: Rural Telecommunications Congress

Thanks,

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