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Five powerful ways to participate in ISTE 2017, even if you're not there. Episode 105.

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VICKI: My friend Peggy George [@pgeorge](https://twitter.com/pgeorge) has been at ISTE <https://conference.iste.org/2017/> many years, but she's really kind of become the expert for how to participate in ISTE when you're not at ISTE. Peggy, you've got five ways that we can join in at ISTE when we're not at ISTE. What's our first way?

PEGGY: Hi, Vicki. It is great to be here with you. I get excited at this time of year every year when we're talking about ISTE. It's hard to narrow down five tips, but here is my first one. If you can't go to ISTE but you don't want to miss out on things, I want you to join the Not At ISTE Google community <https://plus.google.com/communities/102762507417207490264> and you will get links to everything that's going on. And you'll have an opportunity to share with other people who want to be there but can't be there, and they share their own resources there. So there'll be chances to actually do presentations there. We have night presentations, we have challenges; all kinds of things that help you to connect with other educators who want to be a part of ISTE.

VICKI: So this Google community, you'll give us the link to put in the show notes, right?

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PEGGY: If you just search for Not At ISTE Google community, it will come right up. And you just have to join, and then you can contribute to all of the conversations, you can share your photos, anything. Because we do our own photo challenges and things that people can do from wherever they are; they don't have to be at ISTE. But it's just a great way to connect with other educators at this amazing time.

VICKI: Okay. What's your second?

PEGGY: Okay. My second is, make sure that you follow the Twitter hashtags, both for #notatISTE17 and #ISTE17. And when you follow those hashtags, you find amazing sharing going on, and you'll find presenters who say, I have a session coming up and here's a link to my presentation, or here's a link to my resources. And you get tons of resources that way. We also have a not at ISTE community on Participate <https://www.participate.com/chats/notatiste17>

where we have a collection of resources that we gather from all of those tweets.

<https://www.participate.com/collections/notatiste17/39378a92-08a3-462e-ad4c-ebd0108d4e9a>

So if you want to follow the not at ISTE '17 hashtag on Participate, you can do that, and you'll have them all coming through in one big stream. (See 2016 Participate resources - <https://www.participate.com/collections/notatiste16-curated-collection/7b2b7447-cb3c-4685-a41c-178becc8cb13>)

VICKI: And it's so incredible, because I know, Peggy, some of the years that I haven't gone, I've actually followed those hashtags and blogs, and there would be people who would think I was there because I was so in on knowing what was happening.

PEGGY: Exactly.

VICKI: And it's so awesome. Okay, what's our third?

PEGGY: Okay, my third one is we have a fabulous resource that you're going to want to bookmark, and that is a LiveBinder for not at ISTE '17.

<http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=2208203>

Now, we have a LiveBinder that's already full for not at ISTE '16,

<https://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=2011539>

and I will share that link with you because you can go back and get amazing information from last year. But this year, we're just starting to populate it.

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And you can see; the videos are embedded. If people have done presentations at ISTE and maybe they did a periscope about them, those videos will be embedded in the LiveBinder, so you can quickly see blog posts that are being written, presentations that are being shared, night sessions, people that are just talking about ISTE and amazing things they're learning. Lots of blog posts that reflect on what they're doing each day; those will all be in the LiveBinder. I found that I actually got to see more of ISTE by participating in a not at ISTE LiveBinder than I did when I went to ISTE. It's just amazing. I got to poster sessions, tons of them, with interviews with the teachers and the students right up close, just because of that sharing.

VICKI: Okay, what's our fourth?

PEGGY: My fourth one is, after you've checked out all those things, like the hashtags and the community, start following the people that are sharing there. They may be presenters; they may just be participants. Many of them are blogging. And if you just start following them, you're going to build an amazing personal learning network of people that are doing things that you're really interested in.

VICKI: Okay. And what's our fifth?

PEGGY: This is all about connecting. Be sure to share what you learn; no matter how or where, give credit. But tell people how excited you are about something you

learned by participating in not at ISTE, and everyone will benefit from your learning.

VICKI: Educators who care share. And we who love kids, we have to keep learning, don't we, Peggy?

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PEGGY: Absolutely. That is my theme. Never stop learning.

VICKI: And here's the other thing; it's real easy to get; they call it FOMO, fear of missing out. I mean, there are times when I missed ISTE and I really got down about it. We can only go when we can go. We can't all go every year, all the time; we don't have unlimited budget. But the question to me is, do we have unlimited attitude, you know?

PEGGY: That's a great way to put it.

VICKI: So how do you keep your attitude up and excited and not get FOMO?

PEGGY: Because I know that there is no such thing as being caught up or keeping up. And so I take advantage of everything that I can, and I know that I'm missing out on some things. If you just participate as much as possible, you're going to get renewed, and you're going to get excited about the possibilities of things that you can do in your world that don't cost anything. Like you said at the beginning, it's really all about the people. When you go to ISTE, it's not just going to presentations and going to the exhibit hall, but it's talking to people about the ideas you're learning there, and then coming back home and talking to people back home about the things you learned while you were there.

VICKI: Okay, remarkable educators, so whether you're going to be at ISTE, I hope you'll say hello to me. I'll be there all day Monday and part of the day Tuesday. Or whether you're not at ISTE, we can all join in this awesome learning experience. And I hope that all of you will tweet and connect with Peggy, because she's really the guru about how to participate at ISTE whether you're there or not.

PEGGY: Thank you. And I would love to connect with our listeners.

VICKI: The ISTE Conference is here. And I'm so excited to be at ISTE with Power School on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in room 225 A and B. <http://www.coolcatteacher.com/iste-2017-schedule-iste17/>

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I'll be leading a panel discussion on the five teacher trends changing education. [https://conference.iste.org/2017/program/search/detail\\_session.php?id=109644264](https://conference.iste.org/2017/program/search/detail_session.php?id=109644264) You'll also want to come by Power School's Classroom of the Future in 207 A, where they'll be giving away Apple Watches, Microsoft Surfaces and Amazon Echos. You can also come by the Power School booth, 2918, to meet me in person. For those of you not at ISTE, check out the Unified Classroom at

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