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# The latest research reports from the MirandaNet Fellowship

## Four on-going practice-based research working groups will be publishing their results in new volumes of the MirandaNet ejournal

The Thinkers who have been using Oracle's think.com learning platform since 2000 have already published several engaging case studies in the MirandaNet e-journals. A key factor for the Fellows has been the security of pages for students who want to own web space. This year the group will be reporting on their exchange projects between schools in England, Friesland and the Czech Republic. Bursaries for teachers have been funded by 2Simple and Oracle. Learners work is published on the World Ecitizens website set up by the Fellows.

The Inspirationalists will be reporting on research into the use of multimodal mapping software in classrooms. Funded by Inspiration, some of the areas under investigation are: multimodal mapping to support transformational learning and language development, to stimulate thinking skills and a combination of mapping software and mobile technology to engage the reluctant learner.

**Teachers as Researchers** are Chinese, Mexican, South African and English teachers who are sharing good practice on introducing digital tools into the classroom. These tools include interactive whiteboards, voting systems and digital cameras. The aims of this international teachers' community has been to raise achievement and to explore transformational models of teaching and learning.

The Braided Learners, with members from Sweden, Denmark, UK, US, Holland, are developing a pedagogical model for e-communities of practice. Funded by the EU, the group is extending the theory of communal constructivism to embrace braided learning, The focus is on new ways in which professionals communicate online. In this model educators share their insights online to create new strategies for the personalisation of learning - a process which new applications like blogs, virtual learning platforms and wikis have now made more feasible.

Three new working groups will be starting in 2007: Visual Learners, Social Networkers, and World Ecitizens

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