What is a TeachMeet?

TeachMeets are events that allow teachers to share practical innovations and personal insights in the field of education technology. First held in 2006, they were founded as a result of a widely-held belief that other conferences and events were failing to understand or address the real needs of teachers.
What happens at a TeachMeet?
The following features are often part of the events, but the format changes according to the size of the meeting and preferences of the organisers:

- Micro-presentations – lasting 7 minutes
- Nano-presentations – lasting 2 minutes (3-5 one after the other)
- Round-table break-outs – lasting 15 minutes or so, allowing focussed discussion around a theme, with a volunteer facilitator
- Random selection of speakers – from a pool of willing participants
- Back-channel – to let non-participants participate

Why should you have one?
TeachMeets are a valuable point of reference for teachers looking to improve their use of technology in the classroom, providing them with the opportunity to:

- Share best practice
- Catch up with colleagues
- Discuss frustrations
- Learn in the company of friends and food

Toshiba & TeachMeets
Toshiba are keen to help teachers who wish to put together a TeachMeet event, and so are happy to offer any of the following options if desired:

- Facilitation of, or contribution to, the event by Bob Harrison, Toshiba Education Adviser
- A box of Toshiba “freebies” for delegates (Pens, stress balls, sweets, notepads etc.)
- A contribution to the costs of refreshments
- An opportunity to promote the TeachMeet on Toshiba website*
- An opportunity to upload pictures/videos to the Toshiba website*
- Use of Toshiba Logo on TeachMeet website*

If you’re organising a TeachMeet and would like support from Toshiba, please contact either: bobharrisonset@aol.com or follow @bobharrisonset on Twitter and DM him. Or contact Toshiba at education@toshiba.co.uk

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