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Twitter Feed from New York Innovation Tour, November 2-4, 2011 - arranged from newest tweets to oldest -



goodIDEAfolks Melia Dicker at IDEA

Thanks to Jessica Campbell [@gothamschools](#) for capturing what IDEA Innovation Tours are all about. [bit.ly/rWRiDn](#) [#itournyc](#)

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Article from [@gothamschools](#) reporting on the IDEA Innovation Tour in NYC last week: [bit.ly/rwofl4](#) [#itournyc](#)

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mscottnine Scott Nine

Strong story about [#itournyc](#) [gothamschools.org/2011/11/08/cit...](#)

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[@ammerahsaidi](#) really great thoughts!!! SOrry to have missed you today!!! Hope ur back home finally! [#detroitfuture](#) [#itournyc](#)

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ammerahsaidi Ammerah Saidi

[#detroitfuture](#) What I learned touring 4 innovative schools in NYC: [coopcatalyst.wordpress.com/2011/11/07/ide...](#) [#itournyc](#)

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@ammerahsaidi So glad that you took footage and audio of **#itournyc**! Can't wait to see/hear it.

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mjdicker Melia Dicker

@OlsonKirsten Thanks, Kirsten! Your coverage of **#itournyc** was awesome for those of us at home.

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ammerahsaidi Ammerah Saidi

hanging in Queens with best friends and a baby--can't wait to edit footage and audio from the IDEA Innovation **#itournyc** **#detroitfuture**

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mjdicker Melia Dicker

@DanaBennis **@jonahcanner** **@OlsonKirsten** **@BackRoomConvo** **@SigSerio** Thanks for live tweeting **#itournyc**! Following along was 2nd best to going.

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#itournyc Just finished the closing conversations with powerful reflections and hugs. Thank you to all the tour sites and participants.

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#itournyc Teen leaders with the Point's ACTION program talk about how it helps them gain responsibility and makes them better people.

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#itournyc youth at The Point talking about how they support each other their peer leadership program ACTION yfrog.com/nzvy3rsj

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#itournyc High school students go to social justice camp. We don't want to make any decisions for community were researching options they say

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#itournyc I encourage you to reclaim your abandoned properties says Kelly. Don't give up. Seems like a powerful metaphor for living.

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#itournyc Inside a reclaimed industrial warehouse that has become a light filled artist space for young adults. The Brick House The Point

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#itournyc Hunts Point Riverside Park. Local environmental justice groups are working to clean the Bronx River. yfrog.com/odujqhj

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#itournyc Walking around reclaimed green space and a revived Bronx river through community action groups. Beavers have returned to river

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#itournyc Hunts Point is zoned for the heaviest industries amidst 11k families. Environmental justice is part of The Point transformation

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#itournyc staff from The Point show tour participants you engagement in community projects yfrog.com/occrevj

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#itournyc takes to the Bronx with a walking to in Hunts Point

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#itournyc Loft at The Point where the teen leadership pgm meets. Teens get stipends to advocate for change in the cmtty. yfrog.com/gymh2fpj

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#itournyc Teens are looking for models and mentors we provide that instead of gangs or disempowerment, The Point

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#itournyc Listening to The Point's director Kellie Terry-Sepulveda. Each of the 4 sites on the tour are led by strong powerful women.

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Youth engagement is central to our work: kindergarten to young adults, in after school pgms, arts, and leadership. The Point. **#itournyc**

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#itournyc Organization forms lifelong relationships w/individuals in neighborhood starting pre k, then they'll take our jobs, Director says

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The Point works through an asset-based development approach: our community has the skills and ideas to transform our reality. **#itournyc**

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#itournyc Empowering people to create their own action plans and solutions, then give it voice to those with policy might and means

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#itournyc The Point Bronx NY Instead of looking at poverty, usual narrative, our neighborhood is our great strength

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#itournyc At The Point in The Bronx. After a great lunch from a cafe being incubated here, we are learning about the Hunts Point community.

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#itournyc The walls at Urban Academy are covered with student artwork, pictures, and quotes. yfrog.com/hsh7zagj

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#itournyc Tour participants blown away the first time they see Urban couches art everywhere ping pong table in the hall next to 2 goldfish

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#itournyc Student artwork at Urban Academy. They made the "U" train. yfrog.com/nwc4ktkj

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#itournyc Julia Richman complex where Urban Academy is houses 6 schools, including a nursery for kids of students at the other schools.

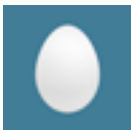
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#itournyc I wonder about Urban's future when Ann Cook and Herb Mack retire. Schools reliant on visionary founders we must carry their wisdom

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BackRoomConvo CEI-PEA Network 532

#itournyc the more I listen I believe the commitment of smart adults make this school a great place for children...possible anywhere

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#itournyc The reason I love Urban so much is its vision that every adolescent is an intellectual and their capacity to make them so

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#itournyc it is relationships with kids, respecting their experiences, and high expectations for learning



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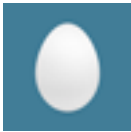
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alsylvia Al Sylvia

Listening to the amazing staff and leadership at Urban Academy. Remembering why I do this education work. **#itournyc**

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BackRoomConvo CEI-PEA Network 532

#itournyc Thank you for organizing this part of the discussion...Gary Beidleman

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#itournyc The Regents has made it harder and harder for teachers to teach in an Urban way or even understand it

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#itournyc Urban Academy new teachers have a teacher mentor for 2 years. Very different from being thrown into a classroom with no training

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#itournyc We need to stop testing kids and occupy departments of education says Ann Cook **#occupyedu**

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#itournyc We are spending a fortune on a new assessment system w/o thinking at all about teacher buy in or student engagement. -Ann Cook

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#itournyc We don't teach content skills in a conventional sense but in context of really interesting content

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Ann Cook talks to every senior at Urban Academy. The 2 things they all want from education is choice and to be listened to. **#itournyc**

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#itournyc choice is part of our culture as a society. At Urban Academy student choice is central to their success

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#itournyc 2 things teenagers want in their education: choice and voice. No one listened to me in my last school many kids at Urban report

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Student at Urban Academy loves her school, because the teachers are always there for you and she can take interesting classes. **#itournyc**

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#itournyc When you hear someone say the want to take a school to scale you should run in the other direction. Ann Cook

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#itournyc Learning how to make an argument based on evidence at the center of Urban's instructional model. This is the essential skill. Yes!

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Inquiry based learning at Urban Academy: helping students come up with good critical questions to research. **#itournyc**

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#itournyc Charter schools are dominating schools in NYC in buildings that share schools. Longstanding local schools have no power or say

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Ann Cook of Urban Academy: the only way we can have good schools is if we trust teachers. **#itournyc**



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#itournyc Listening to Ann Cook of Urban Academy NYC and thinking our sector does not treat our elders well. We repel disregard their wisdom

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And off we go for day two. Urban Academy and The Point here we come! **#itournyc**

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#itournyc OccupyWallstreet is like the most vibrant outdoor political seminar and coffee shop you've ever been to

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Quote from tour participant: If I have one word from today, it is "Hope." **#itournyc**

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#itournyc There's something magical happening here organizer says **#occupywallstreet**

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#itournyc listening to Occupy Wallstreet activist and friend of jonah's beside park **#occupywallstreet** with 12 tour members. Perfect finish

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#itournyc participants debriefing the day after visiting ischool and ps 28 yfrog.com/odb3mcqj

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RT **@OlsonKirsten**: **#itournyc** All children have gifts we just have to develop them. Sign in the hallway on way to PS 28.

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#itournyc Where are the men? Asks a tour participant to the powerful panel of female school leaders

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Restorative practices support student growth and help change teachers' language. PS 28 **#itournyc**

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#itournyc Teaching is a way of saving lives not just a job this is what we hire for. PS 28



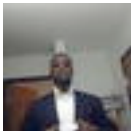
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#itournyc Isabella our 8 yr tour guide explains text to self connections and the metaphors in her personal narrative

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Pens of power. Teaching young men the power of writing and mentoring p.s.
28 **#itournyc**

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#itournyc 4th grade student's revision process on the walls of P.S.
28 yfrog.com/h22w2vjj

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#itournyc School offers complete wrap around services to whole community. Nursing school, housing restorative justice

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We brought orgs to the school space, to provide support services to our youth & cmt: foster care, job training, GED, and more. **#itournyc**

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#itournyc We are in the business of saving lives. Principal Silver PS 28

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Principal Silver of PS 28 in Brooklyn: above all else, we love children and don't blame them. **#itournyc**

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#itournyc Principal Silver grew up in Bushwick Brklyn and became a mom in 8th grade. Edu was the key. grad from uni at 19, became a teacher

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#itournyc you love children you nurture them and you provide them a supportive environment and they will succeed like me. Prin Sadie Silver

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@OlsonKirsten @jonahcanner @DanaBennis Y'all are lucky to be at the iSchool! I love its community, energy, and engaged learning. #itournyc

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#itournyc Principal Alisa Berger likens herself to a beekeeper students filling in the honeycomb iSchool

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#itournyc Teachers are happy here at the iSchool says teacher, I was treated like dirt at my last school

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Students come from far & wide to NYC iSchool. 1 student fr. Staten Island takes the bus to the ferry to the subway to get here. #itournyc

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#itournyc What should high school be? Student is asked. Supportive passionate teachers who explain why you are doing something

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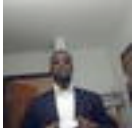


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#itournyc Most important thing is for teachers to be supportive and passionate about what they're doing - student at the ischool



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I walked in an ap government class where the teacher wasn't physically present. He was teaching via video [#itournyc](#) [#nsbr](#)

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[#itournyc](#) I would have been all over a cartography class if I went to the ischool yfrog.com/odjwkxej

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[#itournyc](#) questions on the wall of the ischool yfrog.com/kk1ojtoj

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On wall at NYC iSchool. [#itournyc](#) t.co/7oogw5zd

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[#itournyc](#) 9th graders identifying groups in school: attention whores, ghetto birds, wannabes, teachers pets, butterflies ISchool ilearn cls

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What does it mean to be 16 in NYC? in the UK? in Nigeria? <-- A class at NYC iSchool where students create documentaries. **#itournyc**

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#itournyc iSchool philosophy of technology develops specifically around what kids are doing in their modules varies everyday

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#itournyc iSchool philosophy:students learn best when they have choice and responsibility with development of indiv learning real world mods

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At NYC iSchool, they are rethinking education for the 21st Century. "Adolescents thrive when they have choice." **#itournyc**

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#itournyc We will be allowed to roam freely in classrooms after brief orientation I'm going to module on Being Sixteen all over the world

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Talking about math education on the subway... With random strangers... Only on the **#itournyc**



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Walking to first tour sight the ischool **#itournyc**

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Great opening evening @ **#itournyc**, thx to LIU-Brooklyn's Education Dep't for the great space. Ready for tmrw! bit.ly/itournyc

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goodIDEAfolks Melia Dicker at IDEA

NYC Innovation Tour has kicked off! Participants gathered tonight. They'll visit 2 innovative schools tomorrow and 2 on Friday. **#itournyc**

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#itournyc great food and games in our opening and how can we challenge and support each other in our learning are the critical questions

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msscottnine Scott Nine

IDEA's **#itournyc** has begun! Looking fwd to following from afar.

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In NY, about to discover what real education looks like **#nsbr #itournyc**

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Here in Brooklyn New York, and IDEA's **#itournyc** has begun!

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@OlsonKirsten Your hotel sounds awesome. I'm following your **#itournyc** posts and look forward to living vicariously through you!

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Just checked into chic artsy funky Nu Hotel Spike Lee quotes on walls IDEA tour has gone groovy Brooklyn rocks **#itournyc**

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IDEA New York school innovation tour making last minute prep. Starts weds! **#itournyc democrateducation.org**

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