

## Virtual Worlds for Educational Activities

In early 2021, students and faculty at Douglas College, Canada will be hosting a series of virtual worlds for semi structured educational activities. In these virtual worlds, participants are represented as avatars and move around in three dimensional spaces interacting with each other and the environment. These worlds enable students to introduce themselves and meet each other informally, either one to one or in small groups. A primary activity in these events will be the exchange of information. Students from different countries will meet each other and provide accounts of their own experiences and ideas.



The types of information exchange may vary. For example, some students may want to collect data using a questionnaire while others may want to exchange ideas in a less structured format. The activity will be modified with each participating course. For example, students from a course

in International Organizational Behaviour at Douglas College may want to interview students from other countries about their experience of organizations and work. Students from other institutions may use these events for very different purposes in diverse courses

from Social Sciences, Humanities, Business and many other Disciplines.



Virtual worlds technology has improved recently and is now more accessible and functional. It provides a valuable alternative to other online technologies such as video conferencing.

Volunteers to help plan, set

up and host events are very welcome. For further information, please email Dr Graham Rodwell: [rodwellg@douglascollege.ca](mailto:rodwellg@douglascollege.ca)