Virtual Worlds Education Consortium

October 6, 2021 Meeting

[2021/10/06 09:01] Valibrarian Gregg: Welcome to the 4th quarterly meeting of the Virtual Worlds Education Consortium.

[2021/10/06 09:01] Valibrarian Gregg: Glad to see everyone.

[2021/10/06 09:02] Valibrarian Gregg: Today: Sheila Yoshikawa will lead Using the Theory of Change Framework to focus on some of the frequently-occurring outcomes that educators have identified in previous meetings.

[2021/10/06 09:03] Valibrarian Gregg: Our VWEC Pavilion has some updates and we will see them at the end of the meeting.

 Also, we now have the VWEC Pavilion in Kitely as well as here in SL. If you are interested in the open sim worlds, contact me later. We may be planning something for the Open Sim Community Conference in December. Ilan Tochner, the head of Kitely, is happy to have VWEC there.

[2021/10/06 09:05] Sheila Yoshikawa: http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/Infolit%20iSchool/226/27/22

[2021/10/06 09:05] Zinnia Zauber: See you there!

[2021/10/06 09:08] Sheila Yoshikawa: please click on the box ion the table for a folder with a notecard

[2021/10/06 09:08] Wisdomseeker: not getting it

[2021/10/06 09:08] Sheila Yoshikawa: i'm going to read the key points from the notecard

[2021/10/06 09:08] Wisdomseeker: ok--lag

[2021/10/06 09:08] Sheila Yoshikawa: ;-))

[2021/10/06 09:09] Sheila Yoshikawa: Warning: the portals (that will take you to the workshop skyboxes) will automatically teleport anyone who has accepted experiences on this land if they get too close to the portal. The white boxes mark the teleporting area. If you do get sucked into a portal just use the above landmark to get back!

[2021/10/06 09:09] Second Life: Sheila Yoshikawa gave you 'VWEC Theory of Change workshop 6 Oct 21' (http://slurl.com/secondlife/Infolit%20iSchool/217/37/21).

[2021/10/06 09:09] John O'Connor: eeeeek !

[2021/10/06 09:09] Wisdomseeker: lol

[2021/10/06 09:09] Suemoon Magic: lol

[2021/10/06 09:10] Sheila Yoshikawa: We will be in **text chat** for the workshop exercise, so that we can capture people's ideas equitably. Please tell your facilitator if text chat is difficult for you and you need to use voice.

[2021/10/06 09:10] Sheila Yoshikawa: There will be a 10 minute introduction, 35 minute workshop, and 5 minutes feedback from facilitators when we meet back at VWER HQ

[2021/10/06 09:10] Sheila Yoshikawa: Aims

 - to build on the work of previous VWEC quarterly meetings, by drawing on the outcomes for VWEC (and for education in virtual worlds more generally) expressed by participants at those meetings, and using them to plan for the future

 - to do this by using Theory of Change and asking VWEC participants to focus on one of the previously-expressed outcomes and give their ideas about what the current situation is, what the enablers are and what the activities should be to bring about the change that can achieve the outcome.

[2021/10/06 09:11] Elli Pinion: And Val and I will be around if you have questions, as well.

[2021/10/06 09:11] Sheila Yoshikawa: What is Theory of Change? (ToC)

[2021/10/06 09:12] Sheila Yoshikawa: ToC is a participatory approach to project evaluation, which has been used in formal education and in community projects. You start by identifying desired outcomes for the project, and its impact, then go back to map out the current situation and what needs to change, what is required to achieve the change, and the activities that have to happen to achieve the outcomes. After that you look at how you can evaluate whether the outcomes and impacts have been achieved.

[2021/10/06 09:12] Wordsmith Jarvinen: Wikepedia also has a summary of TOC https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Theory_of_change

[2021/10/06 09:14] Sheila Yoshikawa: In this exercise we are taking impacts and outcomes that people already identified in previous VWEC quarterly meetings. Therefore we are focusing on 3 elements:

[2021/10/06 09:14] Sheila Yoshikawa: e looked through chatlogs and summaries of previous VWEC quarterly meetings

[2021/10/06 09:14] Sheila Yoshikawa: 1. the current situation (What needs to change from the current situation? Who are the stakeholders and what is their contribution to/role in the desired outcome?)

 2. "Enablers" - What help and support is needed to make sure the change happens?

 3. "Activities/Processes" What needs to happen to achieve each the outcome? What does each stakeholder group need to do?

[2021/10/06 09:14] Sheila Yoshikawa: What will happen

 1. You will pick ONE Outcome that you want to work on. Note - this is a "project" outcome not a learning outcome. The 5 options are listed below.

You will do this by standing near the portal of the outcome you choose. Please wait a minute or two untill everyone's made their choice before teleporting.

[2021/10/06 09:15] Sheila Yoshikawa: 2. Teleport to you workshop skybox, using the landmarks below or the portal. You will need to "accept experiences" if you've never used this portal-type on this island before. This allows the portal to teleport you as soon as you get near it. (Just use teh landmark if this seems too much trouble.

[2021/10/06 09:16] Sheila Yoshikawa: 3. Your facilitator will guide you through discussion of each element in turn (Current situation, enablers, Activities)

 They will also ask whether you think this outcome is worth further planning & implementation and whether you would be interested in working on it further in the future.

[2021/10/06 09:16] Sheila Yoshikawa: 4. Teleport back to VWER HQ for a quick feedback and the rest of the VWEC meeting

[2021/10/06 09:17] Sheila Yoshikawa: The outcomes - PICK ONE

[2021/10/06 09:17] Sheila Yoshikawa: ------Impact: Educators are able to teach more effectively in virtual worlds

[2021/10/06 09:17] Valibrarian Gregg: Welcome Madori

[2021/10/06 09:17] Sheila Yoshikawa: ** Outcome 1.1: Advice and experience about best practices in VW education are shared effectively between educators [Note: this is focused on sharing educational ADVICE and EXPERIENCE]

 ORANGE PORTAL - facilitator - John O'Connoe accupa.tae

[2021/10/06 09:18] Sheila Yoshikawa: ** Outcome 1.1: Advice and experience about best practices in VW education are shared effectively between educators [Note: this is focused on sharing educational ADVICE and EXPERIENCE]

 ORANGE PORTAL - facilitator - John O'Connoe accupa.tae

[2021/10/06 09:19] Sheila Yoshikawa: *** Outcome 1.3: New educators are integrated into the educator community

 YELLOW PORTAL - Facilitator - Wordsmith Jarvinen

[2021/10/06 09:19] Zinnia Zauber: :D

[2021/10/06 09:19] Elli Pinion: Heike is on her way.

[2021/10/06 09:19] Sheila Yoshikawa: ------Impact: People (educators, administrators etc.) who haven't used virtual worlds themselves feel positive and supportive of the idea of virtual worlds

[2021/10/06 09:20] Sheila Yoshikawa: Outcome 2.1: The stories of VWs that non-users find on the web show the value of VWs to education [Note: this is about people who we want to persuade about the educational value of VWs coming finding positive information - e.g. websites that look serious and educational, stories that talk about educational success rather than vampires]

GREEN PORTAL - Facilitator - Sheila Yoshikawa

[2021/10/06 09:20] Sheila Yoshikawa: *** Outcome 2.2: VW educators have evidence they can easily use, to advocate for VWs [Note: this might be research, but also other things that we can show to administrators, new educators etc. as evidence that VWs are worth engaging with]

RED PORTAL - Facilitator - Shailey Garfield

[2021/10/06 09:21] Marly: I don't see the TOOLS portal listing

[2021/10/06 09:21] Shailey Garfield: Thank you, Sheila

[2021/10/06 09:22] Marly: Thanks

[2021/10/06 09:22] Sheila Yoshikawa: Please now go to the portal for the outcome you'd like to work on

[2021/10/06 09:23] Sheila Yoshikawa: I'll give you a minute to do that

[2021/10/06 09:23] John O'Connor: this is looking like a small group !

[2021/10/06 09:24] Wordsmith Jarvinen: Get your "integrating new educators" over here where we are golden.

[2021/10/06 09:24] Wisdomseeker: shall we go?

[2021/10/06 09:24] Shandra Úlfhéðnar: yes!

[2021/10/06 09:24] John O'Connor: Roll up, roll up!

[2021/10/06 09:24] John O'Connor: /me smile welcomingly...

[2021/10/06 09:24] Wordsmith Jarvinen: If you've accepted the experience, just stand on the grey stone

[2021/10/06 09:24] Wordsmith Jarvinen: Welcome Madori

[2021/10/06 09:25] Madori Linden: ty

[2021/10/06 09:25] Wordsmith Jarvinen: http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/Infolit%20iSchool/237/34/497

[2021/10/06 09:25] Kyoko Barzane: ok having trouble getting where I'm supposed to go

[2021/10/06 09:25] John O'Connor: ok, lets go

[2021/10/06 09:25] Heike Philp: hi all

[2021/10/06 09:25] Valibrarian Gregg: Hello!

[2021/10/06 09:25] Zzri Avian: okay sure! I'm okay with anywhere :D

[2021/10/06 09:26] Wordsmith Jarvinen: Accept the experience to auto TP

[2021/10/06 10:00] Infolit iSchool locations teleporter: After map appears, select 'Teleport.'

[2021/10/06 10:01] Sitearm: @Dex here: https://www.burn2.org/who-is-burn2/come-to-burn2/

[2021/10/06 10:01] Shandra Úlfhéðnar: lol I was about to send something too

[2021/10/06 10:01] Sitearm: :) Shandra

[2021/10/06 10:01] Shandra Úlfhéðnar: You can also read Daniels version here

[2021/10/06 10:01] Shandra Úlfhéðnar: https://danielvoyager.wordpress.com/2021/10/04/burn2-the-great-unknown/

[2021/10/06 10:03] Magua: sorry need to log off RL

[2021/10/06 10:03] Wisdomseeker: brb

[2021/10/06 10:03] Shailey Garfield: Thank you, Magua for your contributions.

[2021/10/06 10:04] Sheila Yoshikawa: The stories of VWs that non-users find on the web show the value of VWs to education

[2021/10/06 10:04] Sheila Yoshikawa: next steps

[2021/10/06 10:04] Sheila Yoshikawa: we'll be summarising key points

[2021/10/06 10:04] Sheila Yoshikawa: and working further with the ToC for outcomes you thought were worth pursuing

[2021/10/06 10:05] Sheila Yoshikawa: John's outcome - Advice and experience about best practices in VW education are shared effectively between educators

[2021/10/06 10:06] Sitearm: John: re educators already operating in SL

[2021/10/06 10:06] Heike Philp: ditto

[2021/10/06 10:06] Sitearm: John: group felt this process well worth our time

[2021/10/06 10:06] Kyoko Barzane: went well imho

[2021/10/06 10:06] Sitearm: John: many ideas, in notecard, people open to continuing

[2021/10/06 10:07] Shailey Garfield: Outcome 2.2: VW educators have evidence they can easily use, to advocate for VWs

[2021/10/06 10:07] Sheila Yoshikawa: VW educators have evidence they can easily use, to advocate for VWs

[2021/10/06 10:07] Shailey Garfield: These are the enablers that Dex, Magua, Shandra, The Wise WisdomSeeker and I discussed:

 a central place to demo or showcase things

 b collate research that gives evidence of role of VWs in education.

c. places where we can take place to show the effectiveness of VWs in education

d. prepare videos of key places

e. show pictures/slide shows to help people understand VWs

f. ask newbies to observe and attend classes so that they can sense first-hand the role of VWs in education

g. a centralized resource

Stakeholders and activities:

A. We felt that LL could help for achieving some of the enablers.

B. We also discussed about the role of communications – use of social media to make the role of VWs

[2021/10/06 10:10] Shandra Úlfhéðnar: thank you Shailey that was great!

[2021/10/06 10:10] Elli Pinion: Excellent

[2021/10/06 10:10] Sheila Yoshikawa: Virtual world educational tools, and information on how to use them, are shared effectively

[2021/10/06 10:11] Shailey Garfield: Thanks to Dex, Magua, Shandra and The Wise WisdownSeeker for contributing to the discussions related to the outcome 2.2.

[2021/10/06 10:13] Marly: HOw the tools can be shared better came up

[2021/10/06 10:14] Wordsmith Jarvinen: Integrating new educators into VW

[2021/10/06 10:14] Wordsmith Jarvinen: There was the topic

[2021/10/06 10:15] Kyoko Barzane: looking already--good point

[2021/10/06 10:16] Heike Philp: *adding to the summary, the biggest 'missing tool' for acceptance mentioned was making VWs mobile phone friendly

[2021/10/06 10:16] Sheila Yoshikawa: yes ERIC still exists!

[2021/10/06 10:16] Elli Pinion: ERIC - a staple for educators

[2021/10/06 10:18] Zinnia Zauber: We don't look good unless you look good. ;)

[2021/10/06 10:19] Phelan Corrimal: the ROckcliffe WIki URL has changed

[2021/10/06 10:19] Phelan Corrimal: https://library.urockcliffe.com/

[2021/10/06 10:19] Elektra Panthar: nice - there are a lot of groups in flickr as well, images wise

[2021/10/06 10:20] Valibrarian Gregg: yes Elektra! Contact Zoe Foodiboo and anyone who wants to help curate VW educational pics could get a "virtual photo album" started

[2021/10/06 10:20] Elli Pinion: Thanks so much, Sheila, John, Shailey, Heike, Wordsmith! Great session!

[2021/10/06 10:21] Shailey Garfield: It was a pleasure, Thank you, Elli.

[2021/10/06 10:22] Zinnia Zauber: We don't have permission to post there.

[2021/10/06 10:22] Shandra Úlfhéðnar: whispers: need an invite to discord please

[2021/10/06 10:22] Zinnia Zauber: So no one can participate.

[2021/10/06 10:22] Elli Pinion: It's in the notecard, as well.

[2021/10/06 10:23] Zinnia Zauber: Yes! Thank you!

[2021/10/06 10:23] Elli Pinion: (the invite)

[2021/10/06 10:23] Madori Linden: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16b5BkaFVyTcE6SW0KXRUmLeeHTbS2U1u5RNxy9C3qzg/edit

[2021/10/06 10:23] Sitearm: @Madori - some folks have tried to join and not heard back I'll tell them to ping you in IM *grins*

[2021/10/06 10:23] Valibrarian Gregg: I think we post in the #education Channel :)

[2021/10/06 10:23] Elli Pinion: Yes, we hope for the Discord Channel will become like the SLED was in it's hayday. A great place for discussion!

[2021/10/06 10:24] Zinnia Zauber: Yes, if we have permission to post, then we can work together. :)

[2021/10/06 10:24] Zinnia Zauber: Thank you!

[2021/10/06 10:24] Max Chatnoir: Ah, I just saw that my Verification was expired.

[2021/10/06 10:24] Zoe Foodiboo: Maybe an #ideagarden channel for the discord?

[2021/10/06 10:25] Elli Pinion: Some of us are having to learn Discord, but we are happy to help those that need help.

[2021/10/06 10:25] Zinnia Zauber: We talked about how we wanted #hashtags that we all agree on.

[2021/10/06 10:25] Valibrarian Gregg: Pictures, podcasts, blogs and videos all came up today! FInding ways to organize and share them

[2021/10/06 10:26] Shandra Úlfhéðnar: whispers: second life art and artists are amazing and a big community

[2021/10/06 10:27] Marly: The library could also include audio visual material by, and about, our various educator members.

[2021/10/06 10:27] Elli Pinion: ...and Sheila's "tool/environment" was a great example of a teaching tool.

[2021/10/06 10:28] Valibrarian Gregg: /me takes note to ask Madori to do a podcast!!!

[2021/10/06 10:28] Zinnia Zauber: We could teach people to use IFTTT to feed content from the different social media sites.

[2021/10/06 10:28] Dex Euromat: Thank you for great experience but have to go. See you around :)

[2021/10/06 10:28] Marly: Some of us already have podcasts, YouTubes of conference sessions, videos of classes, etc

[2021/10/06 10:28] Sheila Yoshikawa: thinking about human-interest educator stories - things with a hook - perhaps examine some recent VW/VR stories and think what images journalists might have wanted

[2021/10/06 10:28] Zinnia Zauber: and having shared hashtags would help with searching.

[2021/10/06 10:29] Zinnia Zauber: I am sorry! I have another meeting I have to head into.

[2021/10/06 10:29] Zinnia Zauber: Thank you all for being here and helping work together!

[2021/10/06 10:29] Valibrarian Gregg: wonderful meeting! SO glad to see such enthusiasm

[2021/10/06 10:29] Heike Philp: we have a wiki, called vlanguages which is full of info about language learning in virtual worlds

[2021/10/06 10:29] Marly: Yes, I have proposed we have a "subgroup" of adult ed teachers outside of institutions

[2021/10/06 10:29] Heike Philp: #vlanguages

[2021/10/06 10:30] Sheila Yoshikawa: yes an lifelong learning - the huge segment of older people (like me!) who still have active and creative brains!

[2021/10/06 10:31] Elli Pinion: PLEASE feel free to add these groups to the Educator Group Data Base in the Pavilion.

[2021/10/06 10:31] Sheila Yoshikawa: that is a big part of the population in some countries, and there is increased ability with tech in older people

[2021/10/06 10:31] Sitearm: "think outside the K-12-Uni SL use case jargon box"

[2021/10/06 10:31] Sheila Yoshikawa: Also apologies I have to leave now, thanks again for participating in the ToC workshop

[2021/10/06 10:32] John O'Connor: Thank yo Sheila

[2021/10/06 10:32] Shandra Úlfhéðnar: thank you sheila

[2021/10/06 10:32] Madori Linden: ty

[2021/10/06 10:32] Elli Pinion: Several have to leave, and thanks so much for being here.

[2021/10/06 10:33] John O'Connor: I need to go now also.... thanks everyone for a really useful workshop. I look forward to the outcomes emerging soon.

[2021/10/06 10:33] Sitearm: @Sheila, Madori ty for this event @All ty for your company and collegiality see you soon

[2021/10/06 10:33] Shandra Úlfhéðnar: Thank you all! Good discussion looking forward to more. :)

[2021/10/06 10:33] John O'Connor: hear hear... Sheila did great prep!

[2021/10/06 10:33] Suemoon Magic: Thank you

[2021/10/06 10:33] Elektra Panthar: Thank you everyone

[2021/10/06 10:34] Zoe Foodiboo: Nice seeing you all!

[2021/10/06 10:34] Zoe Foodiboo: /me waves

[2021/10/06 10:34] Zzri Avian: Thank you everyone!