

# Welcome to Gather

*Gather is a wonderful new tool allowing you to explore our posters and network. This document is to help you with the **basics** so you can full enjoy the gather town section of our conference.*

## What you need:

- A **desktop/laptop** with a **mic** and **camera**.
- A web browser (**Chrome** or **Firefox** recommended).
- We strongly recommend using **headphones** to help prevent feedback.
- When you join add your full name, if you have space add the university or organisation you are affiliate to.
- That's it! There's nothing to install, no software to download.
- You just click [here](#) to join.

## How it works:

- Gather is a video chat platform that has avatars move around a map. As you get close to other avatars, your video's will pop up and you will be able to chat.
- Move around the space using the **arrow keys**.
- By moving your avatar around you can have spontaneous conversations with those around you. These can be either one-on-one or small groups depending on how many people are around you and what you set your interaction distance to be.
- We have six poster rooms, one room for each theme. Students' avatars will be standing next to their poster on the set day for that theme so that you can engage with the student.
- Each poster room has a poster map guide at the entrance if you are looking for a specific poster.
- When your avatar moves closer to a poster, there will be a notification that shows up saying '**Press x** to interact and view the poster'.
- When viewing the poster, you can scroll or click and drag the poster to ensure you see the full poster. You should **press x** to exit the poster.
- There is plenty of networking space within the Gather which includes our internet café, a lounge, rooftop terrace, meeting rooms and a garden.

A demonstration video can also be viewed [here](#).

## Settings:

- Change Name
- Change Audio/Video Devices
- Respawn button to return to start
- Click for Mod Settings: Change room password, change mod message, toggle force mute whole space

## Other Features:

Here are some things you might find useful but aren't immediately obvious.

- There is a **messaging feature** that allows you to message people in four ways:
  1. *individually* by clicking on their name in the participant panel,
  2. *locally* to the people you are video chatting with,
  3. *room chat (must be requested)* with all the people in the current room you are in,
  4. *globally* to all the people in your map.
- There is a **locate feature** to find others by clicking their name in the participant panel.
- Interaction distance is also sometimes altered by **designated private spaces**. This allows conversations to only include people inside that space. We have included these spaces at each poster and at various spaces throughout the gather.
- Want to **full screen someone else's video**? Just click on their video.
- Talking to a group of people? Click the down arrows below the videos to shift into **grid view**.
- If you wish to reduce the number of video call connections your device makes, you can turn on **Quiet Mode** by clicking your name at the bottom of the screen and select turn in quiet mode.

## Technical difficulties:

- Refreshing the page will fix most things!
  - If that doesn't work, try muting and unmuting your mic and camera in Gather.
  - Check if your browser permitted camera and mic access
  - Additional troubleshooting at <https://gather.town/video-issues>

### Join the Joint Conference Gather:

<https://gather.town/app/3j1kvU0B2S3qVyOC/JointCDTConference2021>

Please note this link will stay live throughout the month of June