

#### FALL NEWSLETTER 2020



# FREE Professional Membership for Teachers

All of us here at Digital Human Library (dHL) are celebrating the success of our teachers who have risen to the challenge posed by COVID-19. dHL has again been recognized for our global community of certified teachers and professionals helping kids learn.



In recognition of the achievements of our community, we are excited to offer all teachers a FREE Professional Membership for the 2020-2021 academic year!



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Now more than ever K-12 teachers need safe access to professionals and digital resources to support youth and learning.

Help us spread the word! Share our newsletter with 5 friends!











**COVER STORY:** FREE Professional Membership for Teachers

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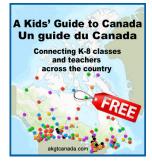


## What is Education for Social Innovation?

Education for social innovation is about recognizing and acting on the power we have for making a positive difference in the world. By giving you and your students opportunities to experience how positive change happens, and more importantly how you can be both designers and leaders in creating change, we raise our awareness through empathy, creating new opportunities for choice and voice in ways that affect positive change in the world right now.

Digital Human Library has partnered with individuals, organizations, and businesses to design social innovation projects to engage you and your students as experiential learners and change-makers! We hope you will join us to explore the theme of social innovation in your classroom to support the development of global competencies and inspire you and your students to be leaders in your own learning.

### **Social Innovation Projects**



akgtcanada.com

A Kids' Guide to Canada project is a national teacher-led initiative inviting all Canadian K-8 students to create Canada's first ever multi-lingual, multi-cultural interactive guide to Canada made by kids and for kids, and in the process help build a new era of "understanding, empathy, respect". (Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Call to Action 63.3)



Walk With Us Project is helping students build a map of virtual tours of Indigenous communities across Canada. Created by Melissa Lavoie in northeastern Ontario, together we providing educators and students in Indigenous communities with a means of producing their own virtual tours, with their own content and curriculum.

sites.google.com/view/walkwithusproject



@GlobalEdSsChat is a student-led Twitter Chat that connects K-12 students around the world to discuss topics that matter to them. #GlobalEdSsChat creates opportunities for students to network with others, gain perspective, build relationships with new learning partners in a literacy-rich learning environment, experience social media as a powerful platform for learning, and establish a positive digital footprint. Join us: **globaledsschat.com** 

## **Get Your Badge**

Download your badge to display on your website, blog or socials! Find your badge on the Teacher or Expert section of the dHL website.



## **Volunteer With Us**

The important work we do at Digital Human Library would not be possible without our 50+ incredible volunteers and B.Ed student interns. As dHL continues to grow, so does our need for volunteers. If you are looking for opportunities to make a long-lasting, positive difference in the lives of students then we need you!

Learn more:

https://www.digitalhumanlibrary.com/volunteer/ https://www.digitalhumanlibrary.com/internship-opportunities/

## **Get Inspired!**



Celebrating dHL Teachers with FREE access to our Virtual Tours/ Virtual Reality Catalogue!

dHL teachers have curated and annotated over 1000 educational VT/ VR experiences to enhance classroom learning and provide students with an immersive digital window to the world. In an effort to ease the additional challenges caused by COVID-19, teachers may now access our entire Catalogue for FREE during the 2020-2021 academic year.

## What is a Virtual Tour (VT)?

A Virtual Tour (sometimes referred to as a virtual field trip) is a simulation of an existing location, usually composed of a sequence of videos, 360° images, panoramic images and/or still images. It may also use other multimedia elements such as sound effects, music, narration, and text. Virtual tours are designed to create a tele-tourism experience.

## What is Virtual Reality (VR)?

Virtual Reality (VR) is a three-dimensional computer generated 'virtual' environment that users explore and interact with in an immersive way. The feeling of being present in these environments requires the use of a VR headset. Some examples include: Oculus Rift, Samsung Gear VR, HTC Vive, Google Daydream View, or Google Cardboard. \*These headsets remove vision of the real world and provide video to each eye allowing for depth of vision. This technology is then supported by head and body tracking to connect the virtual world to what the user is seeing. (OISE 2018)

Questions? Contact us!

## **Featured Sample Tours!**

#### **Canadian Museum of Civilization**

The Canadian Museum of History is one of Canada's oldest public institutions and a respected centre of museological excellence, sharing its expertise in history, archaeology, ethnology and cultural studies both within Canada and abroad. In addition to its ongoing exhibitions, the Canadian Museum of History presents a number of excellent virtual exhibitions, including the Virtual Museum of Canada and the Virtual Museum of New France.

https://www.historymuseum.ca/exhibitions/online-exhibitions/

#### **Google Arts and Culture**

Discover online collections and exhibitions about the artists, locations and history of street art. Start your journey by exploring the map. To continue the experience, follow the Street Art Project link. https://artsandculture.google.com/project/street-art

#### Blacktip Reef

Blacktip Reef, replicating Indo-Pacific reefs, is a breathtaking, coral-filled exhibit bright with colour, light and movement located in the heart of National Aquarium.

https://aqua.org/Experience/Blacktip-Reef

# Why Use Digital Human Library?

It was so incredible to be connected to so many people from countries around the world. Everyone was generating so many ideas to help solve the issue of climate change. And to be connected to climate change experts who asked us questions and shared their research made it the best experience I've ever had as a student.

~ Ahmed, Grade 10

# It's not about *WHAT* you know, it's *WHO* you know...

Support K-12 student learning with access to hundreds of industry leaders, experts and organizations in every curriculum subject area.

#### **Benefits for Students:**

- Build relationships for learning
- □ Discover new passions
- Learn relevant content from professionals in the field
- □ Acquire valuable networking skills
- Develop global competencies/ transferrable skills
- Explore new career paths
- Build character
- Grow as digital citizens

Why? Because building relationships with others is how we learn.

# **Meet Our Newest Experts!**

Meet a few of our new talented Experts and organizations available to connect and collaborate with your K-12 students. Curious? Register and login to dHL to browse our full Video Conferencing Catalogue where you will find hundreds more!



Jim Arnold, Folklore Music



Heather Gale, Children's Non-Fiction Author



Dr. Rebecca Merkley, Developmental Cognitive Scientist



Dr. Abbas Poorhashemi, President of the Canadian Institute for International Law Expertise

## **Update Your dHL Profile!**

It's that time of year again! Please update your dHL profile.

Be sure to check your profile description, contact information, profile picture and social media links. Including a profile picture improves the appearance of your profile and will result in more connections!















