

#### **SPRING NEWSLETTER 2024**



# Join dHL as a Provincial Library Curator!

Every year Digital Human Library reaches out to teachers and teacher librarians across Canada to help us grow our library of dHL Experts available to K-12 students. We need your help now more than ever!

#### What You Give

- Time to learn about dHL's services and curation process
- Time to build relationships and curate new Experts for students

#### What You Get

- · Access to ALL of dHL's resources to use in your classroom
- Specialized training to learn about dHL's resources and proprietary curation process
- Opportunities to connect with new people, places and ideas from around the world
- Opportunities to support youth and learning across Canada
- · Opportunities to grow and expand your PLN
- The awesome experience of being part of the dHL team
- dHL Provincial Curator Badge for your website, blog and/or social media channels

# **JOIN US!**

Learn more about this incredible opportunity and submit your expression of interest by visiting our website:

### digitalhumanlibrary.com/curators

\*Interviews and training will take place in April 2024.

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# **Meet Our Featured dHL Experts**

Meet a few of our talented dHL Experts and organizations available to connect and collaborate with your K-12 students. Curious? Login to dHL and browse our entire library where you will find hundreds more!

# jack.org

**Jack Talks** are mental health presentations delivered by two trained youth speakers who use the power of personal stories and mental health knowledge to educate their peers and normalize these conversations. Learn the foundations of mental health and strategies for self care.

Designed to enrich and extend the K-12 Science and Social Studies Curricula, **Ontario Parks** school programs provide first-hand experiences that promote: inquiry; problem-solving; active learning; responsible citizenship; a connection to Ontario's natural and cultural heritage; and an understanding of Ontario's history through Indigenous and settler perspectives.





**You Can Play** has been working in sports inclusivity training and advocacy for over a decade, exponentially multiplying the impact of sports organizations' inclusion work and focus. We call upon organizations, players, coaches and fans for their visibility to protect, celebrate, and educate on 2SLGBTQIA+ communities. They offer 10 free programs a year (first come, first served)!

**Unity Charity** uses Hip Hop art forms to promote resilience and well-being among youth, building healthier communities. Unity programs help youth positively express their stress and develop skills for success. Unity empowers youth to make better choices as leaders, mentors and positive community role models leading to more productive citizens, safer schools, and healthier communities.



The Museum of Health Care brings Canada's health care story to life! Programs are curriculum-linked and interactive for all ages. From pandemics to media influence and snot to vaccines, they offer engaging and fun programs that you won't find anywhere else!

# **Get Inspired!**



# 1800+ Virtual Tours & Virtual Reality Experiences for K-12!

Our team of dHL Community Curators have been sourcing hundreds of new tours featuring art and culture from around the world, animals, exhibits, museums, the environment, how things are made, STEM, and more! Join us and enhance your classroom program in ways that provide students with an immersive digital window to the world.

# What is a Virtual Tour (VT)?

Virtual tours are the simulation of an existing location with the help of sequential videos or still images. Other multimedia elements like music, sound effects, floor plans, etc., could also be used. They help in recreating a realistic representation of reality. Virtual tours help in presenting views to inaccessible areas and provide an interesting and excellent alternative to fieldwork when expenses, time or logistics are a barrier.

# What is Virtual Reality (VR)?

Virtual Reality (VR) is a 3D 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.

While immersing yourself in VR requires a headset, the foundational component of all virtual reality is 360° video, which means that dHL tours can be navigated on desktop computers or mobile devices.

Questions? Contact us!

# Featured Museum Tours

## The Canadian Museum of History

The Canadian Museum of History is the country's most-visited museum. With roots stretching back to 1856, it 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. Online, Museum presents a number of excellent virtual exhibitions, including the Virtual Museum of Canada and the Virtual Museum of New France. <u>Explore this Virtual Tour: https://www.historymuseum.ca/exhibitions/online-exhibitions/</u>

# Aga Khan Museum

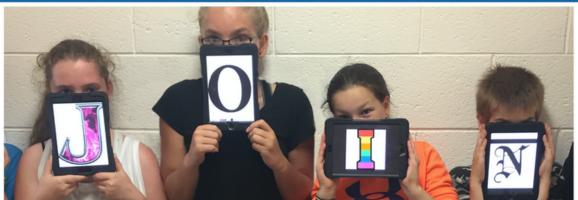
Explore the eye-catching beauty of the Aga Khan Museum with virtual tours of their indoor and outdoor spaces. Virtual reality exhibits include: 1) Rumi; 2) Afghanistan My Love; 3) Hakan Topal: The Golden Cage; 4) The Gwillim Project: Birds Gallery Rotation; 5) IMAGE? The Power of the Visual; 6) Remastered; 7) Aga Khan Museum's Collections Gallery; 8) The World of the Fatimids 3-D Tour; and more! Explore this Virtual Tour: https://bit.ly/30D9dOl

# **Education for Social Innovation**

# 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 creating opportunities for students to experience how positive change happens, and more importantly, how they can be both designers and leaders in creating change, we raise awareness through empathy and give students choice and voice in ways that affect positive change in the world right now. Join us to explore the theme of social innovation in your classroom!

# **GLOBAL STUDENT CHAT**





#### Connecting K-12 students around the world to lead & learn

Global Student Chat (@GlobalEdSsChat) is a student-led social media chat that connects K-12 students around the world to discuss topics related to character education, social justice, and citizenship. #GlobalStudentChat creates opportunities for students to network with others, 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.

#### GLOBAL STUDENT CHAT LIVE

Participate in our monthly YouTube live events, or send us a request to join our Student Leadership Team on panel.



### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Join our Leadership Team and use social media to share your voice and make a positive difference in the world.

Scan the QR code to learn more about joining our Student Leadership Team!



Join in the conversation on Twitter all month long using

SLOW CHAT

hashtag #GlobalEdSsChat

A voice is the first step to change. Without a voice, people will feel powerless and hopeless in the face of adversity. GlobalEdSsChat gives voices to students on issues that impact the entire world. That's why it's so important.

~ Gobi Mathi, Student Leader, 2019 ~

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### LEARN MORE







# Why Use Digital Human Library?

"It was so awesome to learn about robots from InkSmith. They taught us how to program a micro:bit so we could make our robots do all kinds of things. Then we got to make arms for our robots so they could battle. Well kind of. And now I have my own micro:bit to use at home. It was the best day."

# 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
- $\hfill\square$  Access experts across industries from around the world
- Explore new career paths
- Discover new passions
- Acquire valuable networking skills
- Build character
- Develop global competencies/ transferrable skills/ digital literacies
- Learn new content
- Grow as digital citizens

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

# **Get Your Badge**

~Dustin, Grade 6

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 20+ 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/join-our-team/

Volunteering with dHL has allowed me to give back to an industry that has molded me into the designer, researcher, and educator that I am today: Education. I was so happy to support education for youth across Canada with virtual reality educational content that fosters active and contextualized learning. The personalized training that I received at the onset, along with monthly meetings to converse and share ideas on new virtual reality educational tour categories made me feel valued as a team member; it was great knowing that my input mattered and had positively impacted teachers and students across the country! This has truly been an incredible opportunity to leave an indelible mark in Education. ~Stephie Hare, 2022

# **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!