Virtual reality for employability skills

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3D virtual environments and virtual reality

- Second Life
- Virtual Skiddaw: 3D geology field trips (Unity 3D)
- 360-degree videos in the browser
- Virtual reality viewers

Mobility
Affordances

- 360-degree visual authenticity
- 360-degree navigation
- 3D view
- Emphasis and in-situ contextual information
- First-person perspective
- Simulation
- Single-user handling
- Synthesis
- Visualisation

3D virtual geology field trip – Virtual Skiddaw

3D virtual geology field trip, video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfbA1s9uRoU
Other types of virtual reality

**VR in health care**

VR’s Healthcare Revolution: Transforming Medical Training at CHLA

Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4om8g0u9a4M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4om8g0u9a4M)

**360 degrees video in Chrome**

Ocean: A 360-degree tour of the mysterious, magical corals of Palau

Video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvtvFHPncsY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvtvFHPncsY)

Employability

“A set of capabilities and achievements that support students in developing their careers, raising their aspirations and enhancing their contribution to society.”

*The Open University Student Employability Policy Statement*
Virtual reality and employability

Virtual reality

awareness

workplace usage

learning and skills development

Continuing Professional Development

risk-assessment training

Continuing Professional Development

emergency and natural disaster management training

treatment of depression, loneliness, dementia

design and prototyping

awareness of virtual reality technologies

sensitising to environmental issues

interviewing; team-working skills

healthcare education; forensic science training

teaching

Virtual reality and employability
Experiencing the invisible

Real places

“The virtual reality helped me because I could see for myself what was happening without having to imagine it.”

Learning through simulations

Simulations

“The animation was very realistic; therefore, I could take more knowledge away from the lesson [...] these images can [...] help me explain about the respiratory system in a much larger amount of detail.”
Local to global – and – global to local

“...It helped me to understand the Chilterns is an area of natural beauty compared to some places in the world. It helped me to feel more caring about the Chilterns.”

The future
Questions and comments

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