

VWEC Quarterly Meeting
led by Elli & Sheila, Val & Zinnia, Dodge & Shaerken
on Wednesday, October 5, 2022
at The VWEC Eduverse Welcome Plaza

“Operation Threefold”

Advocacy & Involvement
Onboarding Efforts
Mentoring & Collaborating

AGENDA:

- 1) 9:00 am - Welcome - Elli
How to find us; VWEC October notecard
- 2) 9:10 am - Madori
- 3) 9:15 am - Overview of meeting
Today’s meeting - use voice and text - Directions on groups and where to go
- 4) 9:20 am - 3 groups move to Deck, Info Center, Onboarding Area

Group Leaders:

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Dodge Threebeards & Shaerken Changeheart

*** *The Eduverse Welcome Center is a work in progress* ***

Current website is <https://communityvirtuallibrary.org/>
under construction: <https://www.vweconsortium.org/>

Welcome Plaza

The VWEC Eduverse Welcome Plaza is an educational gateway and covers the information, skills, and resources needed to be an effective educator in Virtual Worlds.

The goal of the Plaza is to assist both new and experienced educators in Virtual Worlds to become more effective instructors.

Deck:

<http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/VWEC%20Eduverse/184/170/30>

The Deck & Fireside Chat - is the central meeting and social area where educators have conversations about teaching and learning and groups; communities and activities are highlighted here. Signs along the deck advertise events on the Plaza, as well as educational groups events happening soon. (If you have an event you would like us to highlight, send info, surll, picture to Elli.

Educational Resources:

<http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/VWEC%20Eduverse/204/144/30>

Free Resources, ****examples of classrooms**** and teaching strategies used in Second Life, as well as examples of tools used for teaching.

Information Center:

<http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/VWEC%20Eduverse/172/157/31>

Get answers to your questions about Eduverse Plaza, the VWEC Eduverse, as well as Second Life and other Virtual Worlds for education.

DATABASES**VWEC Member Directory**

<https://tinyurl.com/VWECmembers>

Form to add yourself to the directory—<https://tinyurl.com/VWECmemberForm>

Virtual Worlds Database (communities in all vw's)

<http://tinyurl.com/virtualworldsdatabase>

Form to add your community to the database—<http://tinyurl.com/virtualworldsdatabaseform>

Eduverse Plaza Commons:

<http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/VWEC%20Eduverse/137/123/30>

The Commons is a flexible space for demonstrating and experiencing different forms of learning, currently setup for informal social gatherings.

Virtual Worlds Education Consortium Pavilion:

The pavilion, created in 2021 and first located at CVL Cookie is a meeting and resources area dedicated to support for educators and nonprofits supporting education in Second Life.

Behind it are portals to the VWEC Board's Group Sims.

** Future Plans: This area will be redeveloped to share different examples of teaching and learning approaches in VWs and or highlight the groups involved with the Eduverse.

Welcome Area/Landing - Dodge & Shaerken Changeheart

<http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/VWEC%20Eduverse/219/105/45>

The Welcome Area is designed to help new residents learn enough of the basics of Second Life to that they can enjoy exploring the Welcome Plaza. Three topics are covered - movement, camera controls and visiting a general gateway.

When people are new to Second Life it can be difficult to explore a region such as the Welcome Plaza because they have yet to learn some of the basics about operating in this virtual world. The area to the left of this sign is designed to help new residents to learn enough of the basics so that they can enjoy exploring the Welcome Plaza. Three topics are covered – movement, camera controls and visiting a general gateway.

This includes "Movement in Second Life" "Using Your Camera in Second Life" and the Gateways sign.

VWEC Welcome Plaza is a Community Gateway and we will soon have a RegAPI page on our website for instructors to use with their students to land here after signing up for Second Life.

This landing area also includes a Calendar, how to join VWEC and a brief introduction.

Onboarding Area:

Purpose: to help educators new to or returning to VWs to quickly develop the skills and confidence needed to work with students in a virtual environment. Also, to provide them the information and contacts needed to continue to develop their skills in VWs.

5) 10:20 - Meet at back at Fireside Area -

<http://maps.secondlife.com/secondlife/VWEC%20Eduverse/194/143/35>

6) 10:25 - 10:30 - News & Announcements - Val

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – 9:00 am SLT