

# Gather Town Overview

VIII International Symposium SRUK/CERU (19-20 June 2021)

Any sufficiently advanced Technology is indistinguishable from magic  
(A. C. Clarke)

## How to attend the online symposium in Gather Town

1. You should have received an email with an invitation. If you did not get such email, please get in contact with [symposium@sruk.org.uk](mailto:symposium@sruk.org.uk).
2. Click [here to join the space](#).
3. Enter the password indicated in the invitation email.
4. Now it is time for you to personalise your avatar. Enter your name and choose your appearance and clothing. Take your time and find your style 😊.
5. Once saved, click **Join the Gathering**
6. Tachán! Welcome to The VIII International Symposium SRUK/CERU. If it is your first time in Gather Town, you will go through a short tutorial (it should not take more than 2 minutes).

## How to use Gather Town?

### 1. *The Entrance Hall (bottom)*

Once you enter the space, you will arrive to the entrance hall. We have designed it to be a **training area**. Move around and interact with the objects and spaces!

-Use **arrows** to move.

-When you approach an interactive object, **press "x" to interact**. Press "x" to stop interacting, or close the window by clicking on the cross (top right).

-If you want to talk to someone, **get close to them**. This will activate their audio and video; if they are boring, you'll just need to move away! Easy! 😊

-If you see a table with chairs, it might be a **private space** – only those inside the highlighted area will be able to talk and see each other.

Also, at this point we want to highlight that we are very keen to hear your opinions on everything, please interact with the **Board objects** and leave us a note on our **shared online mural** – it is accessible from every room. Don't forget to vote on your favourite decorations, and to find all the secret passages and the magic that is going on throughout the weekend!

### 2. *The Quad (centre)*

Having learned the basics, please proceed to the **Quad** (just follow the arrows). The quad communicates with all the other rooms you will want to visit. We hope you enjoy going for a walk outdoors 😊

### 3. *The Common Room (top left)*

As everyone knows, the coffee room / bar is the most important space in any conference!

Feel free to take a seat in any of the private spaces, we have something for everyone: a bar, tables to play games, fireplaces, and even a secret trap door for a very special networking event (Saturday from 6 pm – be ready!).

### 4. *The Keynote Room (right)*

When it is time for a **Keynote session**, please proceed promptly to the Keynote Room, on the right of the Quad.

-Once inside, **please take a seat** – start **from the front** to avoid traffic jams: this is the only occasion when that won't have any unintended social consequences, take advantage of it 😊

-When you find a seat, you will have the option to interact with an object, press "x" and **click the link to join Zoom**

-Once the Zoom session is over, click "Re-enter" and you'll find yourself back where you were.

-Don't forget to give your thoughts on the talks by using the mural!

For this sessions you can, alternatively, use the Zoom link provided in the email but being all in the same room makes it more fun!

### 5. *The Poster Room (top right)*

-Please check the posters at any time by visiting the Poster Booth room and give any feedback or questions to the presenter by using the **interactive Book** on the left.

-**Watch the short poster video** by interacting with the screen on the right.

-**Check the poster** by interacting with the poster board.

At 3 pm on Saturday, please proceed to the **Poster room** and enter the **poster private space** of your choice to interact with the presenters.

### 6. *The Science Zone (top left) (Saturday 4.30 pm)*

-Please proceed to the Science Zone and enter the private space of your choice. Each activity will have their own private space.

-Make sure to tell us what you thought on the mural!

### 7. *The Workshop Rooms (left) (Sunday 11.30 am)*

-Please proceed to the workshop room you have registered for (you will receive an email with this information). These rooms have different private spaces that you might use during the workshop.

## SOS!!!!

No worries if things get messy, we are here to help 😊. At any point:

-message HELPER – **Virginia Casablancas** or HELPER – **Helena Rodriguez** using the chat function on the bottom left of the screen and we will assist. You can also email [symposium@sruk.org.uk](mailto:symposium@sruk.org.uk).

Alternatively:

-If you get lost, **check the Marauder's map** (bottom middle)

-If you are still lost, you can **re-enter the space** by clicking the configuration wheel, then scroll to the bottom and click "re-spawn"

-If your camera or microphone are not working, click the configuration wheel and check

## Other Features

- You can chat with the other attendees using the chat feature on the left of your screen. You can message any participant, all the participants "nearby" (those that can hear you and see you), or all the participants in the symposium. Please note that the chat messages do not disappear.

- If you want to chat to someone, you can select them using the participants menu and click "Follow". This feature will "walk" you to the selected person (you will keep following them until you select "stop following").

- You can share your screen by clicking the button in the middle of the panel at the bottom of your screen. All the people nearby (or in the same private space) will be able to see your screen.