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All partners are busy working towards the common goal of providing ICT based teaching methods and content for VETPROS in the four thematic areas chosen at the beginning of the project. The Second Life iEducate Island is getting its European Museum built. Come and check it out at ([second life ieducate island link](#)) The museum will have the form of a DNA helix spiral.

Jim Shuker of Knowing Hand explains: "The 'idea' behind this, to me anyway, is that DNA represents culture and heritage well; DNA is passed down (heritage) giving us our connections to the past and future but never perfectly, which is then part of the reason why, over time we become different (culturally at least) to others... The 'media' aspect comes in from the unique way in which we are representing this idea in a virtual space and unique format for the first time..."

You would be able to teleport (or fly) between levels in the middle and an index of what's on each level would be included. The pods you can see at the end of each DNA strand would be normal avatar size and can hold objects, text, short sound bites and/or web pages for visitors to browse and learn from. The surfaces of the DNA itself could also be changed to pictures. Video and audio is also possible but because of technical limitations we aren't able to put a different video / audio in each pod."



#### iEducate at the Lifelong Learning Infodays 2010 in Brussels

The iEducate project awoke much interest at the Lifelong Learning Infoday in Brussels on 12<sup>th</sup> November where Eszter Csepe and Jana Dobbstein of Wisamar Educational Institute went to make known the iEducate project. The project flyers that were displayed in the networking area as well as in the ICT related Key Activity 3 area found many interested readers. Furthermore this event was used for networking activities and information gathering in the project related workshops on ICT and Dissemination.



#### Live Training Sessions in Leipzig in January 2011 for VETPROS who work with People with Disabilities and VETPROS who teach IT or Business related Courses to Entrepreneurs

After the second round of live training workshops offered to VETPROS in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, we are busy preparing for the next workshop session to be held in January 2011 in Leipzig, Germany. This time the thematic areas 'Disabilities & Special Needs' and 'Self Employment & Entrepreneurship' will be covered.

The first workshop will deal with ICT for disabled students. It addresses VETPROS who work with visually impaired people.. The workshop will consist of an introduction to ICT and people with disabilities problems and tools and will practically introduce the T3 technology. The T3 is a touch sensitive, multi-sensory device which provides instant audio feedback from tactile images. This combination of sound and touch transforms the way in which people with or without disabilities can access graphical information.

The second workshop will concentrate on internet technologies and strategies for entrepreneurs. The target audience will be lecturers delivering vocational education in IT or business related courses to self-employed, entrepreneurs, micro & small business owners. What tools and services are available via the Internet that can help small business deliver sustainable competitive advantage? What technologies can the self-employed and small businesses use to make improvements in their performance and profitability. This workshop looks at some of the key issues faced in the teaching and learning of entrepreneurship and business development, given the rapid changes and large range of alternative technologies now available.

For further information please refer to [www.ieducate.eu](http://www.ieducate.eu) or write us a mail. If you want to take part in the workshops please register via e-mail. For those who cannot come to Leipzig the workshops partly will be streamed on the Second Life iEducate island and be made available on the website as video as well.

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## eLearning Technologies:

In each issue of the iEducate newsletter we will be featuring different approaches to eLearning.

- 1) Webquests
- 2) Mobile Learning
- 3) **Virtual Classrooms**
- 4) Rapid eLearning
- 5) Screen Captures

### Virtual Classrooms

For many people the experience of teaching and learning online can be a particularly isolated and isolating one. Virtual classroom technologies offer you opportunities for providing a more human, real time interaction.

Virtual classrooms are about delivering teaching in a learning environment where the teacher and student are separated by time or space, or both, and the teacher provides course content through the internet, videoconferencing, or online meeting tools etc. Students receive the content and communicate with the teacher via the same technologies.

A typical virtual classroom would have a video showing the tutor, a power point or documents to support the learning, audio and chat facilities.

So in order to deliver a virtual classroom you will need to make sure you have a **webcam, headphone/speakers and a microphone**.

A simple way of delivering a virtual classroom is in **Skype** where you can share your computer screen and give an online demonstration of what is being shown on your screen (this could include a power point) whilst you talk to the learners.



A good virtual training session would include lots of ways of engaging with the learners (remember as a tutor you can't see your students and sense if they are bored!) so remember to include lots of frequent interactions. Frequent interactions tools in specialized virtual classroom tools may include visuals, whiteboards, chat, breakout rooms, icons, audio discussions, polling/ surveys, annotation tools.

2 tools you can use to deliver online classrooms for free are 'Supercool School' and 'WIZ IQ':

**Supercool School**

Start your live online school

Supercool School is an online school platform that empowers everyone to create customized education environments for live online learning.

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**WIZIQ**  
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Students can

- Learn in live, Online Classes
- Enroll in Online Courses
- View Online Tutorials
- Practice Online Tests
- Find Teachers to Learn
- Access Free Learning Resources

Teachers can

- Teach in the free Virtual Classroom
- Earn more by teaching online
- Upload and Share Online Tutorials
- Create and Share Online Tests
- Build visibility in Communities
- List and sell courses with WIZIQ

Organizations can

- Take simultaneous Online Classes
- Give or attend a class without signing up
- Download class recordings or host with us
- View attendance and other reports
- Give synchronous classes in Moodle
- Use our API for Virtual Classroom integration

Resource Links:

[www.wiziq.com](http://www.wiziq.com)

[www.supercoolschool.com](http://www.supercoolschool.com)

[www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com)

## SEASONS GREETINGS

Christmas time is near and as it is a tradition in many European countries we put up a Christmas Calendar on the iEducate island in Second Life. Visit us there, have a look around and see what is hidden behind the 24 doors of the Calendar and find out what's going on with the snowmen.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we hope to see you virtually on the iEducate Island in Second Life or at one of the Life Trainings throughout the year. The next newsletter will be sent to you in early January with more information concerning the Live Training Sessions in Leipzig, Germany on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and the upcoming live presentations on the iEducate Second Life Island.

