



## **Escape Rooms in Education: Your guides to freedom**

## Keynotes



1 - Nicola Whitton

**Nicola Whitton** is Director of the Durham Centre for Academic Development and Professor of Education at Durham University. She researches in the area of play and learning in Higher Education, and publishes widely in the area, most recently [\*Play and Learning in Adulthood: Reimagining Pedagogy and the Politics of Education.\*](#)



*2 - Jenny Moffett*

**Jenny Moffett** BVetMed MSc DipMC SFHEA PGTL is a faculty developer and educationalist based at RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences. Jenny is Programme Director of the RCSI Postgraduate Diploma in Health Professions' Education, as well as a qualified veterinary surgeon and life coach. Jenny is currently completing a PhD on supporting learning through online escape rooms with Utrecht University and has published several papers in this subject.



*3 - Panagiotis Fotaris*

**Dr Panagiotis Fotaris** is a Principal Lecturer at the University of Brighton, where he teaches Game Design, Narrative Design, and Design Thinking. His research outputs have received over 1000 citations and focus on the pedagogic potential of escape rooms, video games, and immersive environments. Current research projects include using Generative AI tools to optimise the process of designing educational escape rooms. Panagiotis chaired the 14th and 15th European Conference on Games-Based Learning (ECGBL2020, ECGBL2021) and the 21st European Conference on e-Learning (ECEL 2022). Before entering academia, he held a variety of roles in the Creative Industries, including mashup artist, radio producer, DJ, graphic designer, and music journalist.



*4 - Briyana Morrell*

**Dr. Briyana Morrell** is an Associate Professor and Nursing Peer Tutor Coordinator at the University of Indianapolis, in Indiana, USA, where she teaches Critical-Care Nursing. Dr. Morrell received her Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from Texas Christian University, her Master's in Nursing Education from Texas Woman's University, and her PhD in Nursing from Catholic University of America. She is a certified critical-care nurse and Certified Nurse Educator. Dr. Morrell has received the Indiana League for Nursing's Horizon Teaching Award, the University of Indianapolis' Outstanding Faculty Award and has been a university Teacher of the Year finalist. Dr. Morrell has been developing and implementing escape rooms for nursing students as well as church and school groups since 2017. She enjoys studying interprofessional education and practice as well as innovative (and fun) teaching practices. She has published several articles on her work in escape rooms and has presented at international conferences. She enjoyed sharing a live escape room with international nursing colleagues at the Sigma Nursing Honor Society Convention in 2021. She appreciates sharing her work with colleagues across the world as they develop and implement their own escape rooms.

## Workshops



*5 - Rachelle O'Brien*

**Rachelle O'Brien**

Rachelle has spent a decade as an educator who is passionate about transforming education through developing and empowering others to experiment with playful and inclusive education. Now a Senior Learning Designer at Durham University and an Educational Consultant, she champions a more active, inclusive, and playful approach to learning and teaching. Driven by a curiosity to understand and celebrate the unique and diverse education community, Rachelle actualises opportunities for others, enabling exploration of learning and teaching in ingenious and pedagogically driven manners. Rachelle's practice facilitates a divergent, holistic approach to learning, effectively producing curious, innovative, valued, independent and playful practitioners.



*6 - Inge Donkervoort*

**Inge Donkervoort** was originally a teacher. After a few years she started working as a consultant for the government and in businesses. She became interested in applying ICT for online communication, collaboration and online learning with schools, governments, health care institutions and companies and in 2010 she started her own business in online learning. Inge is director/owner from DLearning. She develops online learning materials for the companies she works with and teaches them how to use Xerte considering their goals and target group. Since 2009 Inge has been involved in the Xerte project working on various elements including the translation tool - the internationalization part. In the last years she also provides training in building escape rooms and supports organizations to develop escape rooms in Xerte.

## Live Escape Rooms



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*There will be a range of different digital escape rooms to try out during the event, including synchronous and asynchronous. Note these sessions will not be recorded.*

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7 - Wilma Hodges

**Wilma Hodges** is the Director of Training and eLearning Initiatives at Longsight, Inc. and the Sakai Community Manager for the Apereo Foundation. Wilma is an Apereo Fellow and a member of the

Sakai Project Management Committee. She has more than 20 years experience in faculty training, LMS administration, online pedagogy, instructional design, online course and program development, teaching, and technical writing. She holds a master's degree in Technical Writing from the University of Central Florida, and an Ed.D. in Instructional Technology and Distance Education from Nova Southeastern University.



*8 - Scott Chesworth*

**Scott Chesworth**, Liaison and Research Support Librarian at Keele University since 2015 is a keen advocate of innovative and engaging learning experiences and the creator and facilitator of Escape [to] the Library's Library Escape Rooms. Scott loves playing video games, card games and board games, so the opportunity to apply this to make library inductions more engaging and competitive is ideal.

Scott was awarded with an in-house Excellence Award in 2021 for his innovative work in supporting student learning. He has produced a paper on his initial 2018 pilot of the Library Escape Room: [Escape \[to\] the Library: Reframing the Library Induction.](#)



## Organising Team



9 - Clare Thomson @slowtech2000



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12 - Rosemarie McIlwhan @RMc\_LT



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## **Bios**

### *Clare Thomson*

Clare Thomson is an Assistant Professor of Digital Pedagogies & Course Design at Heriot-Watt University. Clare has worked in higher education for over sixteen years and within the field of education technology for over twenty years. She a PhD student at the University of Edinburgh

researching reflective practice in medical education. Her interests focus on reflection, inclusion, digital accessibility, creativity and care. Clare is co-chair of the Association of Learning Technology Northern Ireland members group, a Senior Fellow of AdvanceHE (SFHEA), Certified Member of the Association of Learning Technology (CMALT) and an AdvanceHE Collaborative Award for Teaching Excellence (CATE) holder 2022.

#### *Coral Condeco-Dunachie*

Coral is a Learning Technologist and Design Specialist who has worked in higher education for ten years, specialising in supporting organisations to develop their Technology Enhanced Learning practices. She recently completed her Masters in Online and Distance Education, with a focus on accessibility and use of AI technologies. Her expertise includes instructional design and the integration of technology to enhance the learning experience.

#### *Deb Baff*

Debbie Baff is a Subject Specialist (Leadership and Culture) focusing on the Digital Leaders Programme at Jisc and has over 25 years experience of working in Higher Education & the voluntary sector. An Open Educational Practitioner and PhD Student in E Research and TEL. Her research interests are in online social support and the impact on wellbeing for educators. She is co-chair of the Open Education Special Interest Group and contributes to several committees and groups at the Association for Learning Technology. An open digital badge enthusiast and keen sketchnoter, Debbie has a creative approach to learning, teaching and building communities both online and in person. Debbie is a Fellow of Advance HE (FHEA) and a Certified Online Learning Facilitator (COLF) and a member of the Research in Learning Technology and the Journal of Social Media for Learning Editorial Board.

#### *Rosemarie McIlwhan*

Rosemarie McIlwhan is an Associate Professor of Digital Pedagogies and Practices, at Heriot-Watt University. She leads on digital pedagogy across the global university and is also the Programme Director of the Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning. Rosemarie has an interdisciplinary background encompassing law, education and development management. She has been teaching and researching in higher education for over 20 years, with a particular focus on equity, open and digital education and widening participation. Rosemarie is a member of the Research in Learning Technology Journal Editorial Board, co-host of the FutureTeacher webinar series and a Senior Fellow of AdvanceHE (SFHEA).

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