

# Escape Rooms in Education: Showcase & Celebration

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Escape rooms are rising in prominence within education and whilst colleagues have shared their experiences at conferences, we wanted a dedicated online event to showcase and champion their use across the sector. The event ran on Friday the 9th of June 2023, with a mix of synchronous and asynchronous sessions. Experienced colleagues shared their knowledge and experience regarding the supporting pedagogical approaches, how to design a room, and how to build the room in a digital environment.



**Alison Willows**

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Starting my day with digital escape room puzzles, and all before the first cup of tea. First task completed: accessing another university's Teams site. Not sure I'm up to the sudoku test puzzle this early in the day though! [#EscapeRmEdu](#) thanks [@LTA\\_HWU](#) for great programme

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Thinking we need to build an [#EscapeRmEdu](#) round using Teams and Authenticator as the first puzzle. Looking forward to the sessions today. Already impressed by The Guide for Trouble in Paradise

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Wonderful day for some digital escape room puzzles, Thanks [@LTA\\_HWU](#) for setting up a great programme! [#EscapeRmEdu](#)



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Looking forward to playing Gone Viral by @LizCable at #EscapeRmEdu today

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So looking forward to today's Escape Room Showcase hosted by Herriot-Watt's Learning & Teaching Academy #EscapeRmEdu

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Looking forward to the escape rooms in education showcase today! #EscapeRmEdu

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Excited to be attending [#EscapeRmEDU](#) today! It's jam packed and looks full like a lot of fun!



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Ready to go with the welcome and looking forward to [@nicwhitton](#) talking about Escape games for learning through play and failure [#EscapeRmEdu](#) [@HeriotWattUni](#)



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Onenote escape rooms, absolute genius. Thanks [@scottchesworth](#) for a great intro. My brain hurts now! Take home message:it's not always so complex [#EscapeRmEdu](#) [@LTA\\_HWU](#)

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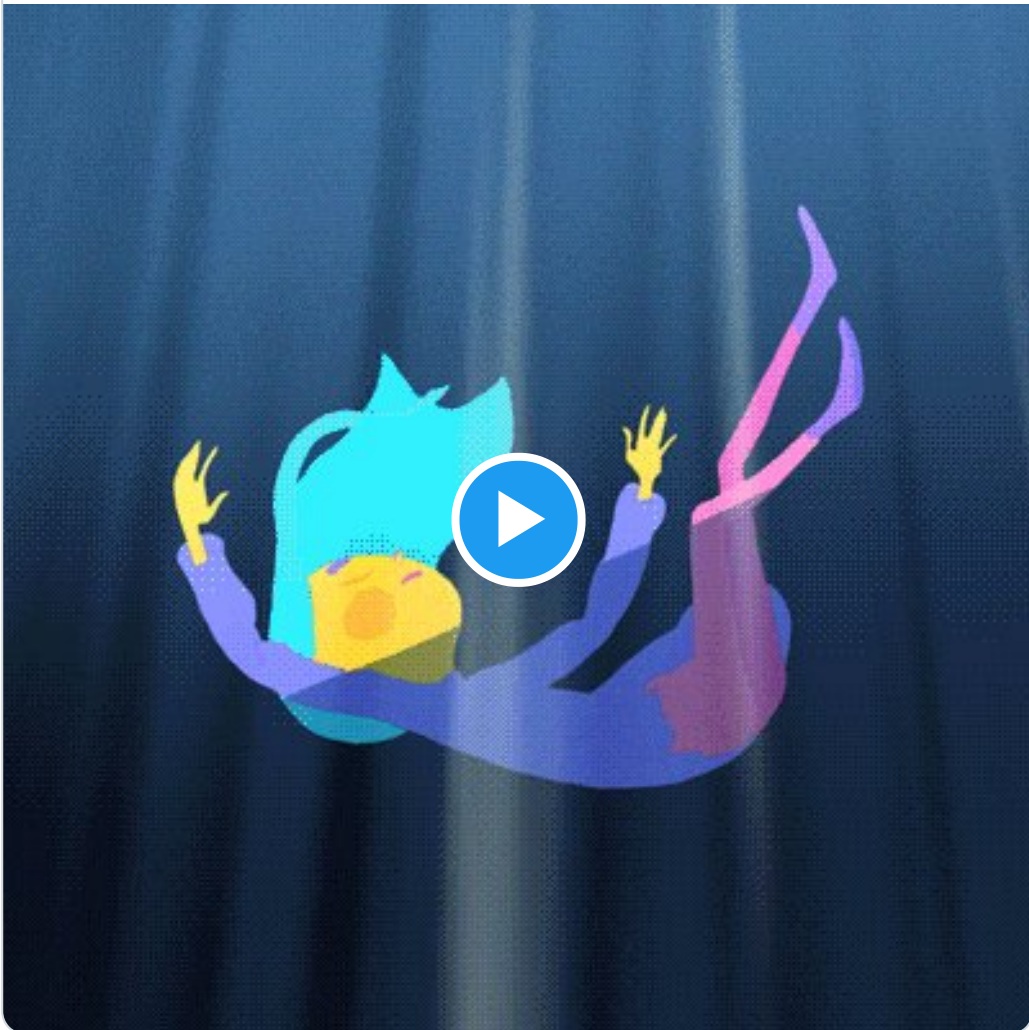


Am so chuffed that I worked out the first clue but internet issues mean I can't access the chat to tell anyone 🙄 #EscapeRmEdu



**Dr Claire Timmins** @clairemtimmins

About to dive into the world of Escape Rooms in Education  
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What a day! Bouncing between a Large Class Pedagogy conference [#PHELC](#), an online symposium about the coolest educational escape rooms in the world!!! [#EscapeRmEdu](#), and an event celebrating Education for Climate Futures [@EULab\\_Community](#) I'm already buzzing with ideas for teaching!

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Looking forward to a day of puzzles, challenges and inspiration!

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I'm very much enjoying [@nicwhitton](#)'s keynote, and in particular the focus on spaces for safe failure / micro failures in higher ed.

"We fail our students by not supporting them to fail."  
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What better way to start your day / end your week than with some escape rooms?

[@nicwhitton](#) challenging us to 'escape the keynote' 😊 What an exciting learning opportunity!

(Keynote recording will be available later for those not lucky enough to get a ticket) [#EscapeRmEdu](#)



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Discussing the importance of creating a safe space to fail and how we frame this.

Thanks to the participant who suggested FAIL - First Attempt In Learning. [#EscapeRmEdu](#)

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Only at the keynote and already in love with the format of [#EscapeRmEdu](#)

Keynotes that you escape from by finding the keywords, games and puzzles everywhere, options to play and explore some resources in the evening.

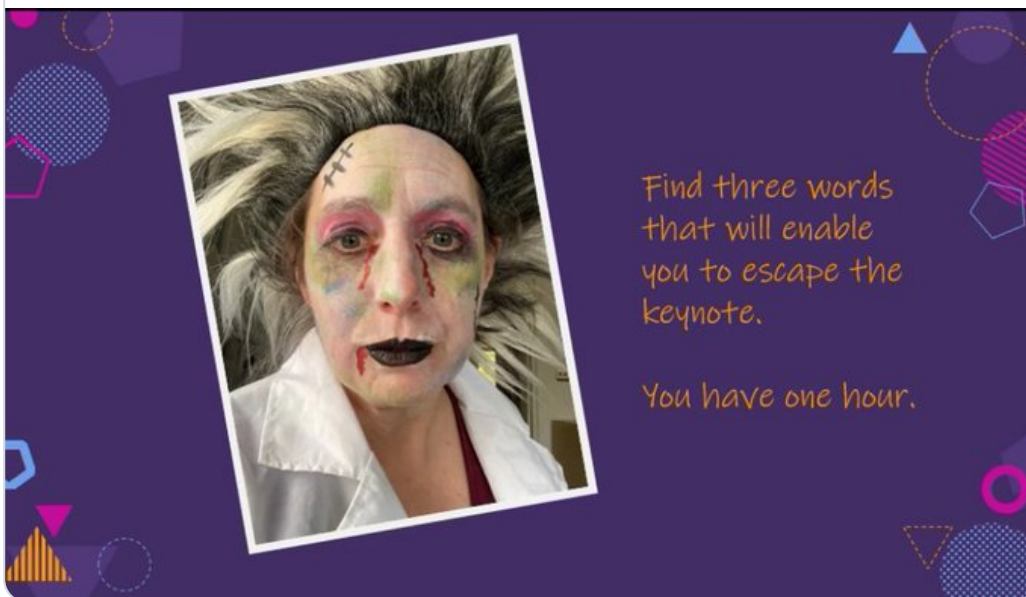
Already bamboozled trying to decipher codes - loving it!

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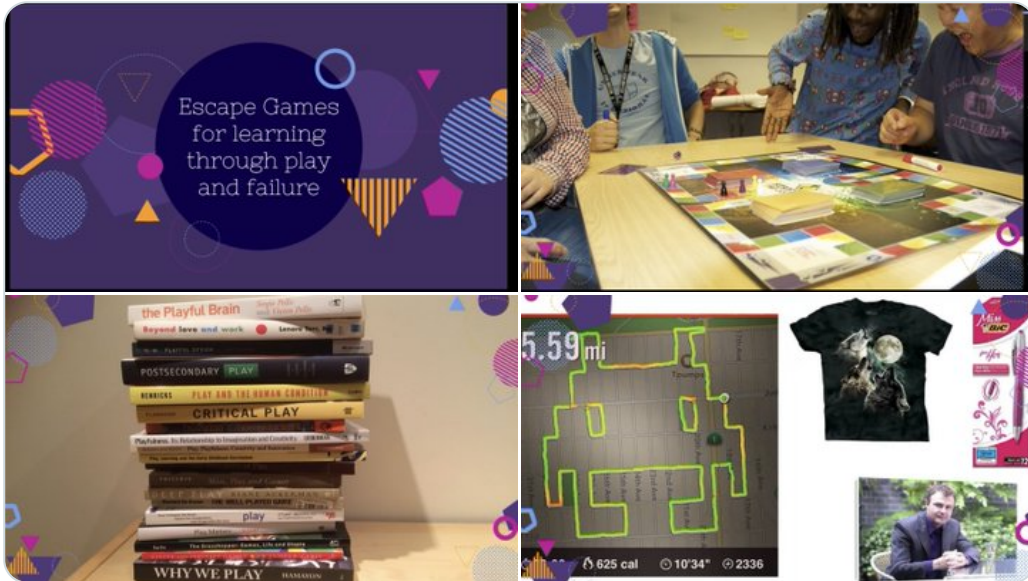
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Awesome keynote by [@nicwhitton](#) Looking at collaboration, storytelling, puzzles and problems  
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In the spirit of [#EscapeRmEdu](#) I'll share my simple escape games for kids - they're about mathematicians who aren't white men and suitable for upper primary/low secondary:  
[gamebasedlearninginhe.wordpress.com/maths-games-fo...](https://gamebasedlearninginhe.wordpress.com/maths-games-fo...)

Lmk what you think :-)

[#gameBasedLearning](#) [#seriousGames](#) [#GBL](#)  
[#EscapeGame](#) [#edtech](#)



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Maths games for kids

Here are 7 maths puzzles in an 'escape game' style for children working at maths Level 2 (approx P5...

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Places focus on effective learning.

Helps predict how learning might happen.

Allows us to 'tweak' learning process.

Helps us situate our escape room in broader context.

Makes it easier for us to carry out research



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A few useful articles from this keynote:

Veldkamp et al. (2021) You escaped! How did you learn during gameplay? [bera-](#)

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Moffet et al. (2023) Exploring Medical Students' Learning Around Uncertainty Management Using a Digital Educational Escape Room: A Design-based Research Approach [pmejournals.org/articles/10.53...](https://pmejournals.org/articles/10.53...)



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Great tips from Jenny Moffett on aligning learning theories with educational escape rooms [#EscapeRmEdu](#) (f.i. [@CatherineETeach](#)). [#EscapeRoomsEdu](#)

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Lots of useful links added to the Creating Online Escape Rooms [#Wakelet](#) courtesy of the [#EscapeRmEdu](#) event this morning - thank you!



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Creating Online Escape Rooms

A collection of ideas on creating and some examples

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I love [@rachelleebrien](#)'s "choose your own adventure" approach to her [#EscapeRmEDU](#) session! And the gentle suggestion to find your own path through the whole idea of using escape games.

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Great session on the importance of learning theories to support escape room creation by [@SkillsTreeHQ](#) [#EscapeRmEdu](#) [@LTA\\_HWU](#)

**Escape rooms for learning: Under the bonnet**  
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Faculty Developer, Education and Health Professions Education Centre  
RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences

**Learning Theory**  
by Richard Willwood  
teachthought

**Why might we use learning theory to build and run an educational escape room?**

- Grand theories e.g., behaviourism, cognitivism
- Mid-range theories e.g., adult learning theory
- Micro-level theories e.g., self-regulated learning

Generalisable (upward arrow) / Supported by data (downward arrow)

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Thank you for being such a wonderful group [#EscapeRmEDU](#) and getting so involved with the session. We had duck funnels, essay shuffle, plot twist AI bias and convergent wicked problems. Look forward to connecting more and hearing about your puzzling!

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Choose Your Own Workshop w [@rachelleobrien](#) - participants chose option 3. Some great tips from Rachelle to help them identify a problem and design their own puzzles.

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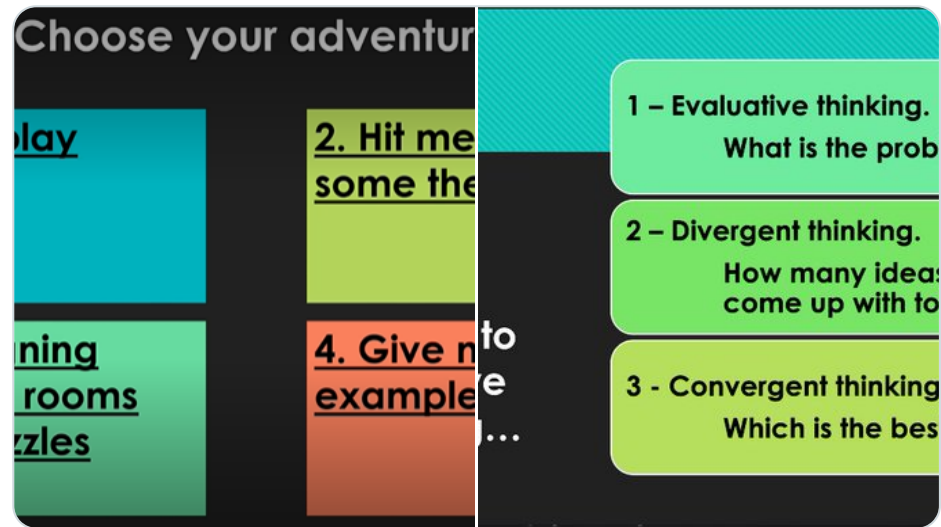
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3 steps to creative thinking...

1. Evaluative thinking. What is the problem.
2. Divergent thinking. How many ideas can you come up with to solve it.
3. Convergent thinking. Which is the best solution?

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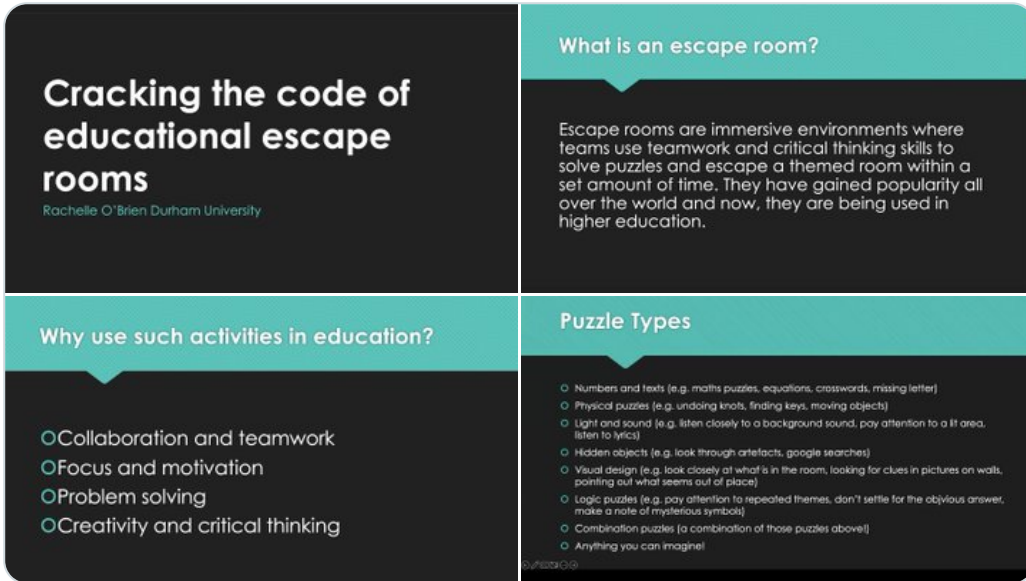
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Interested session with [@rachelleebrien](#) around puzzle creation [#EscapeRmEdu](#) [@LTA\\_HWU](#)



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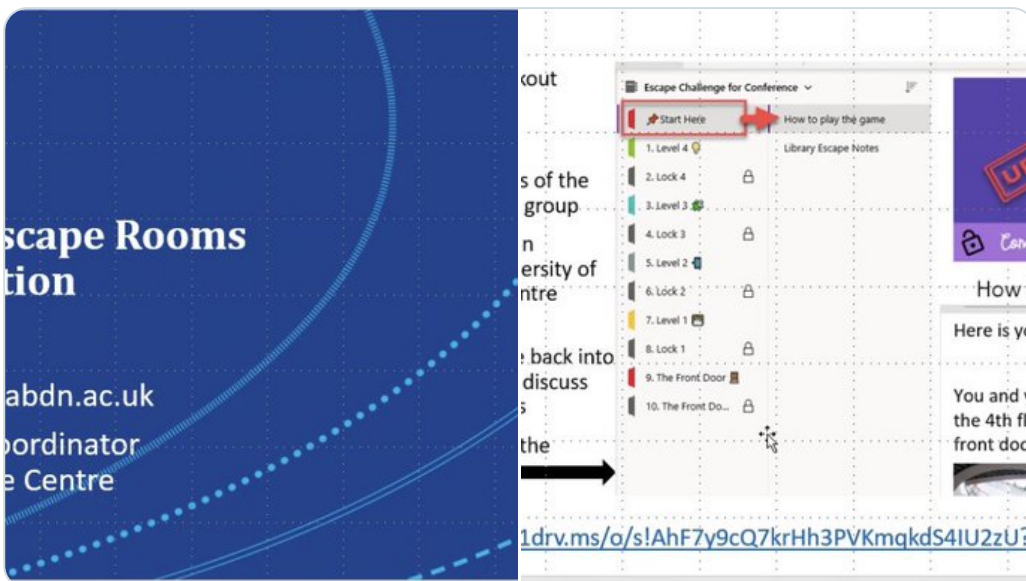
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Wonderful fun escaping from the library Thanks [@CaieSusan](#) [#EscapeRmEdu](#)



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So much inspiration, motivation and practical guidance in today's [#EscapeRmEdu](#) event - I'm definitely going to be reviewing the recordings next week! Thanks [@LTA\\_HWU](#) for hosting! [#in](#)

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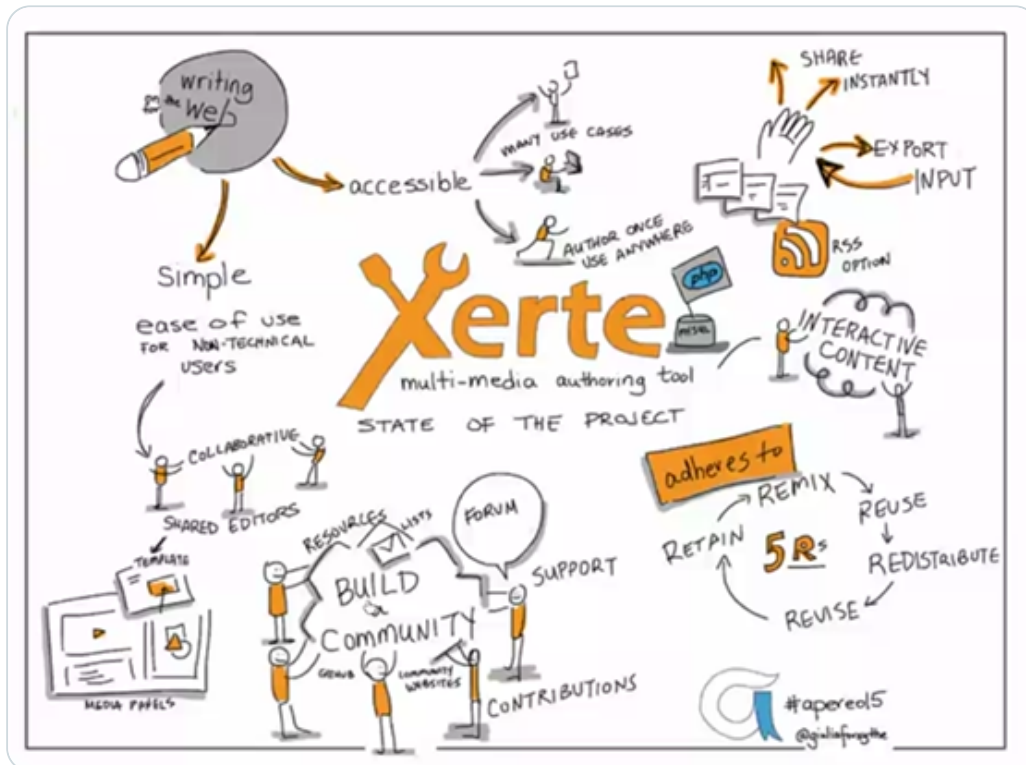
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In our next session [@DlearningInge](#) is explaining how to use [#Xerte](#) to build escape rooms. She's highlighting the importance of [#accessibility](#) and how Xerte can help with this.

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**Dr Catriona Cunningham**

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I had a fantastic day at [#EscapeRmEdu](#) and can't wait to get started building my own virtual escape room. Thanks [@LTA\\_HWU](#) for organising!

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Terrific range of ideas and resources on show today at the Escape Room Showcase. Thanks to all involved #EscapeRmEdu @LTA\_HWU



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What a day! What a community!

It's [#HeatwaveFriday](#) & colleagues from across the global sector are still enthusiastically engaging with Escape Room activities & sharing ideas.

Huge thanks to the team [@LTA\\_HWU](#) & beyond for organising a truly timezone-busting event.  
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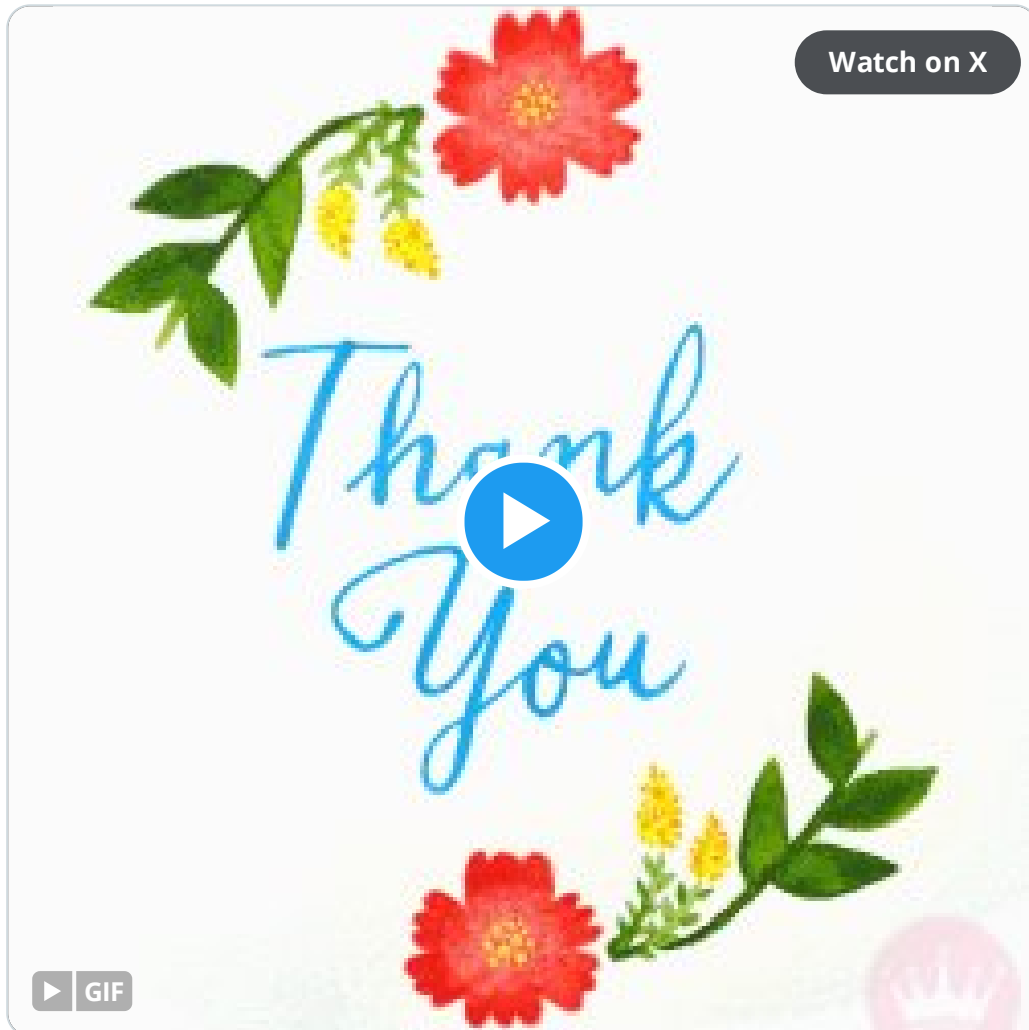


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To everyone who has joined [#EscapeRmEdu](#) today - a huge thank you! Such a brilliant community of educators sharing practice, we hope to continue these inspiring conversations long after today.



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And a final thank you to the [#EscapeRmEdu](#) committee [@slowtech2000](#) [@debbaff](#) [@coralcondecodu1](#) Yuka & [@RMc\\_LT](#).

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What a great day [@LTA\\_HWU](#) organised on using Escape Rooms in HE. Very inspiring talks and so well timed (for me at least) [#EscapeRmEdu](#). Looking forward to [@playlearnconf](#) next for more creative teaching and assessment ideas.



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