

Using Gather.town for #CPED21

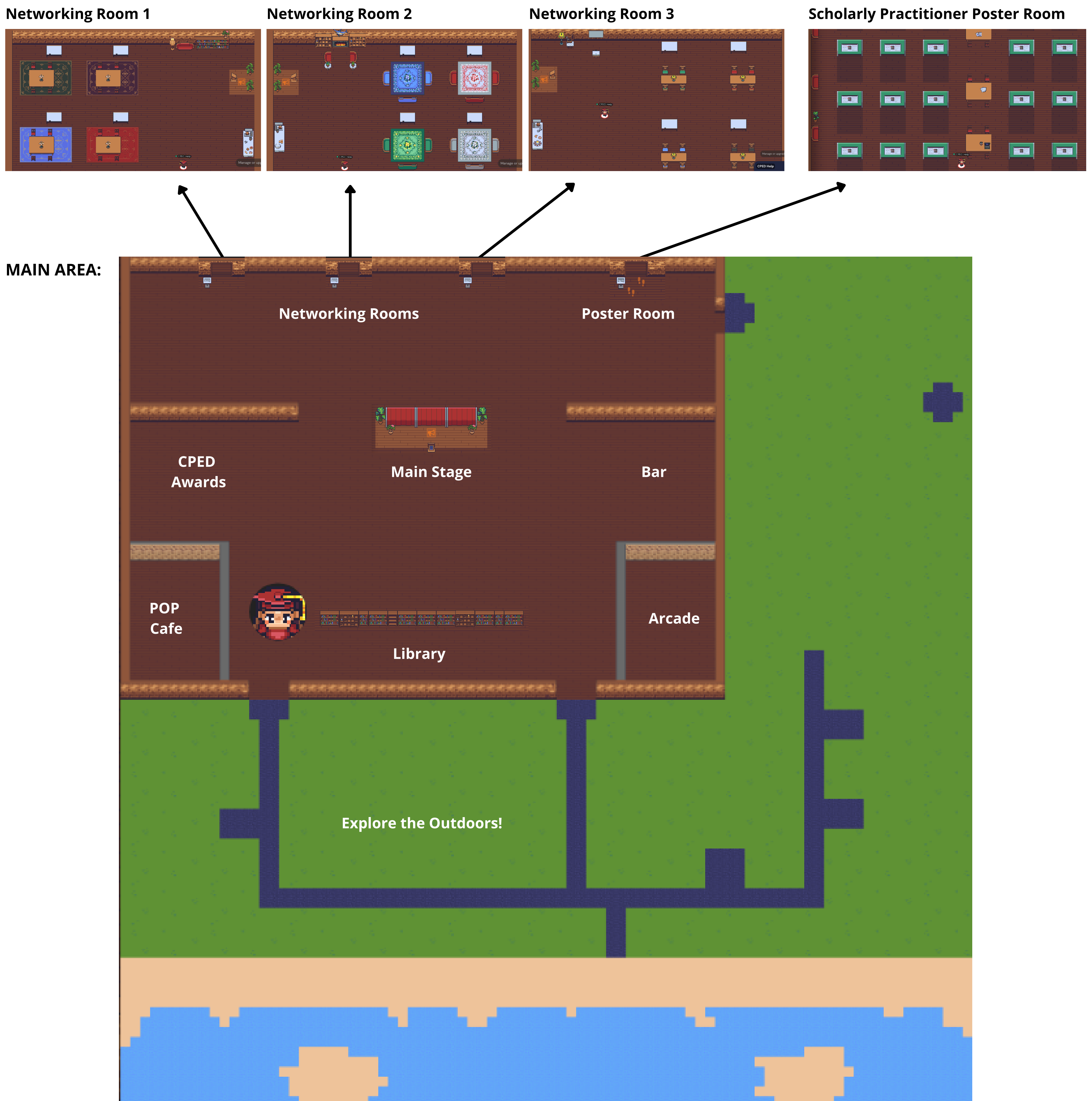
Gather.town is an interactive platform with the ability to move around and interact with other participants based on your locations in the room, just like real life. We suggest accessing Gather.town using a desktop or laptop rather than mobile device.

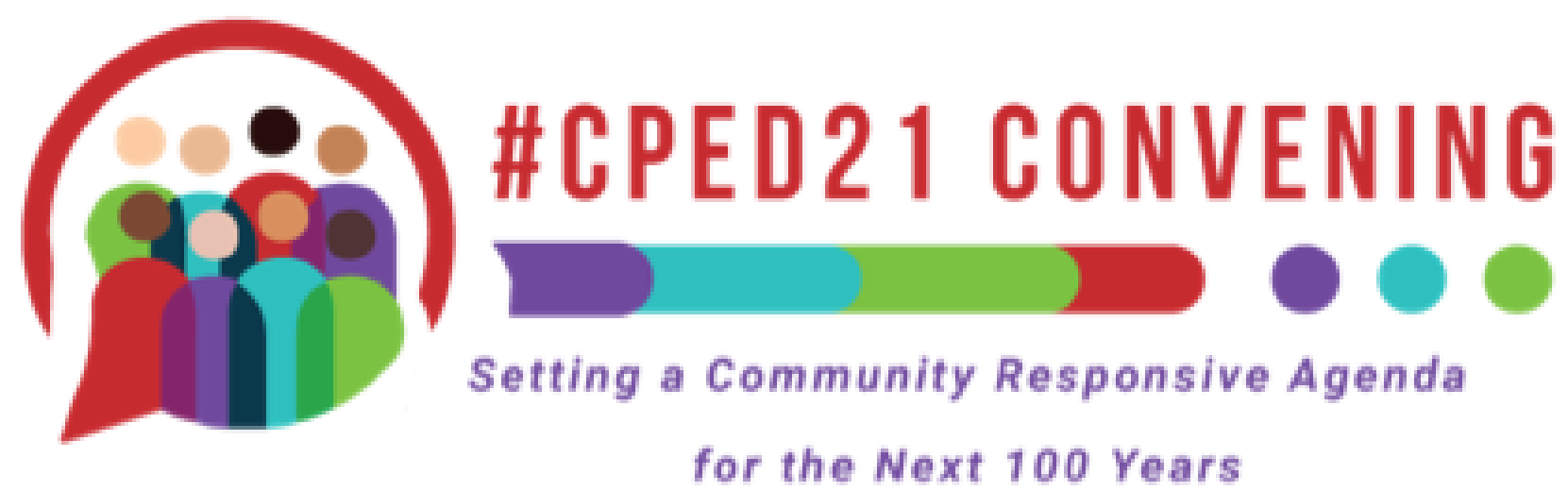
Here is the link to enter the CPED12 Gather Space: [LINK HERE](#)

Before you enter a Gather Space, you will set your name and build your avatar. Once inside Gather, move your avatar using the arrow keys. When your avatar approaches others, a video call automatically starts between you and the people you approach. All videos will appear at the top of your screen. In an open area, you will be connected to everyone within 5 tiles. When you are in a "Private Area," you will be connected to everyone who is also inside of the private area.

Users can also communicate with others in the space using the Chat in the Left Nav Menu. Here, you can view past messages, as well as send messages of your own. You can also click on a person's name in the chat panel to automatically start private messaging them. To receive notifications about messages, open the Chat panel from the Left Nav Menu, then click on the Settings icon in the Chat panel. You can then toggle the Notifications on or off.

Below is a map of all spaces within the #CPED21 Gather Space:





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Tips & Tricks, Troubleshooting, Accessibility

Tips & Tricks

Make the most out of your experience with Gather.town with the below tips and tricks.

Messaging - Users can send and view messages using Chat in the Left Nav Menu. Here, you can view past messages, as well as send messages of your own. You can also click on a person's name in the chat panel to automatically start private messaging them.

Emotes - You can easily respond to the current situation and let others know how you are feeling by using emotes! You can access emotes by clicking on the Emotes Icon on the far right side of your Control Panel and selecting the emote you wish to display.

Follow Feature - Allows someone to easily follow another person without having to move their own character around a space. When you are in follow mode, you automatically follow the person you chose to follow. To activate follow mode, click on the person's name in the Participants List and select 'follow.' To exit follow mode, press any arrow key to move away from the other person.

Conversation Bubble - A bubble is a temporary conversation between you and another person. Bubbles are great for a speedy whisper with your neighbor without talking over the current group conversation. Right clicking or double clicking on another avatar in the space to open the Context Menu. Then click Start Bubble! People outside your bubble will still be able to hear you, albeit very softly (and with transparent video). People can join and leave bubbles freely, even across private spaces.

Dancing! - You can make your avatar dance by pressing "Z" on your keyboard. A heart displays above your avatar's head when you are dancing.

Quiet Mode - If you wish to reduce the number of video call connections your device makes, you can turn on Quiet Mode by pressing Ctrl + U (Windows) or ⌘ + U (Mac) or by selecting it from your user menu. When you're in Quiet Mode, you will only be able to connect with and video chat with those who are immediately adjacent to you (diagonals included).

Troubleshooting



CPED Help - If you experience trouble while in the Gather Space, reach out to CPED Help via the Messaging feature by sending a private message with your question OR by using the location feature to find the CPED Help associate to assist you.

Signing Out of Gather - To leave a space, you do not need to log out. You can simply close the tab or web browser to leave the space when you are done for the day. The moment the tab is closed, Gather will no longer be transmitting audio or video from your device to others in the Space.

Additionally, the below links to Gather.town's step-by-step instructions may help you navigate through the following issues:

- [Video and Audio Settings](#)
- [Browser Settings and Permissions](#)
- [How to View and Navigate Video Calls](#)

Accessibility

The Gather.town company is currently researching and implementing accessibility features. However, these features are not yet fully available. The virtual space was designed in line with Gather.town's accessibility standards. We have removed unnecessary obstacles and made it as easy as possible to move about the space. For the best experience, we recommend using Chrome as the web browser. Chrome now includes a [Live Captioning extension](#) that works well for users who have hearing impairments. Additionally, we will offer virtual tour of the space in advance of the conference by request, provide free access for personal support workers, and where possible, provide sighted visitor (SV) guides to help you move from virtual room to room, or to find participants with which you wish to speak.

CPED is prepared to make reasonable accommodations, or otherwise take steps to ensure that people with disabilities can take part in the convening. Please reach out to info@cpedinitiative.org to make a request.

See you at the 2021 CPED Convening!
Questions? Reach out to us at info@cpedinitiative.org