



## Great Ideas for Teaching Conference 2022

Thank you for your registration for the GIFT Conference. We are excited to be showcasing 2 platforms, **Gather** and **Zoom Events**, to offer in-person and online opportunities to engage and connect with colleagues and academic technology sponsors. See attached instructions for each.

Check out the [GIFT website](#) for more information.

Some sessions have interactive elements that will require a device (i.e. phone, iPad, laptop) so you can participate fully in the activities regardless of whether you are in-person or online.

### GIFT Overview

- **2 awesome keynotes:**
  - Mohawk College Digital Learning Strategy, Janet Shuh & Marilyn Powers (Oct 11<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 pm via Zoom)
  - Digital Fluency for Adopting New Technologies, Cameron Redsell-Montgomerie (Oct 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am in i102 and via Zoom)
- **20+ information sessions/workshops** presented through:
  - Gather conference space (Oct 11<sup>th</sup>)
  - Zoom Events or In-person in i102, H102, & EA312 (Oct 12<sup>th</sup>)
- **Exhibit hall (DCC) & Tour** (Oct 12<sup>th</sup>)
  - Meet TEMI, AI in Motion
  - Explore demonstrations, simulations, resources, and supports for digital teaching & learning
  - **LUNCH Available** (*for registered in-person participants*) in the Digital Creativity Centre (DCC, EA105)

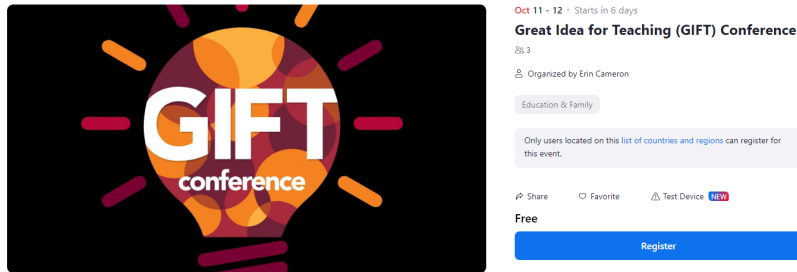
### Preview Gather & Zoom Platforms

To prepare for the GIFT experience, please familiarize yourself with both the **Zoom Events** and **Gather** platforms – instructions are included on the attached documents.

# Zoom Events Instructions

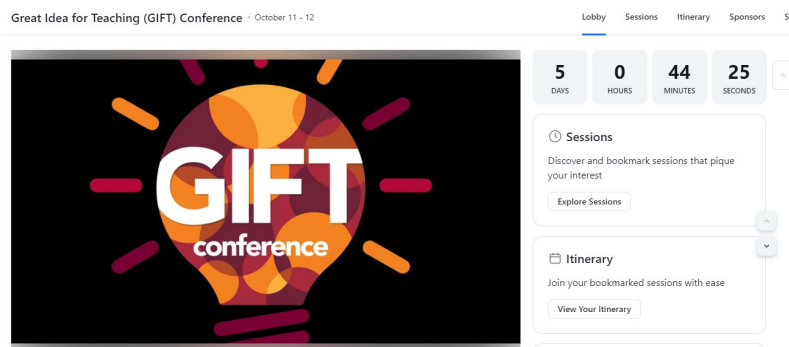
Before 1pm on October 11

1. Access the conference lobby at **Zoom Events**
2. **Register** with your name and test your device



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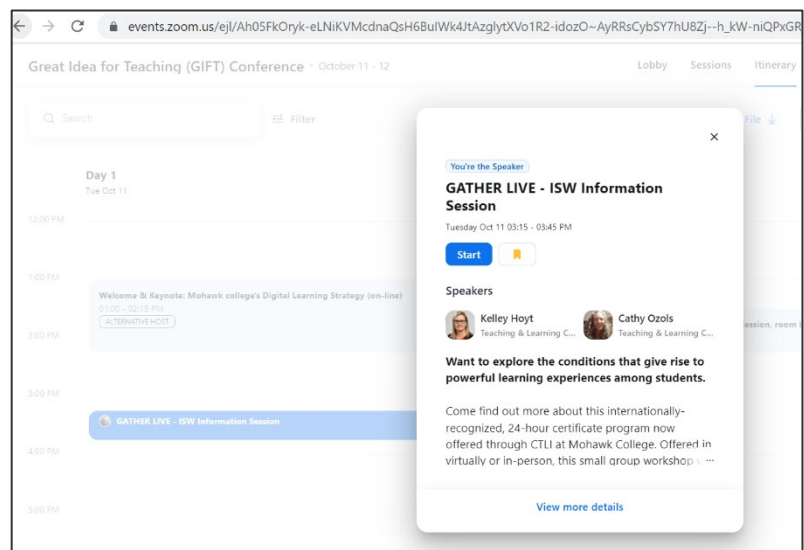
3. **Join the lobby** and **Explore Sessions**
4. Create your personalized **Itinerary**



2 Image of zoom events lobby

October 11 & 12

5. Access the conference lobby at **Zoom Events**
6. Select **Itinerary** tab
7. **Select session** in the calendar to open invite
8. Click **Start** to open Zoom room

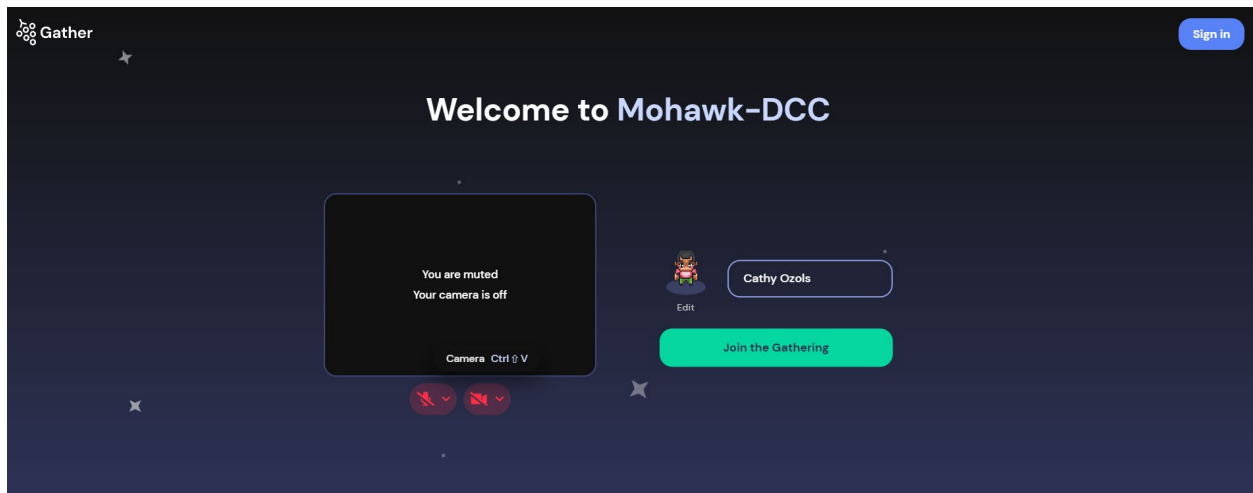


# Gather.Town Instructions

More information about Gather requirements and FAQ's are located [here](#).

Before 1pm on October 11

1. Visit the [Gather.Town](#) space to set up your avatar and **Join the Gathering**.



2. You will be transported to the entrance of the virtual Digital Creativity Centre (DCC). *It's likely that one of the people at the service desk will greet you 😊*
3. Please explore the space by using the arrow keys to move around. The Community Studies Welcome Back is an interesting space to check out.

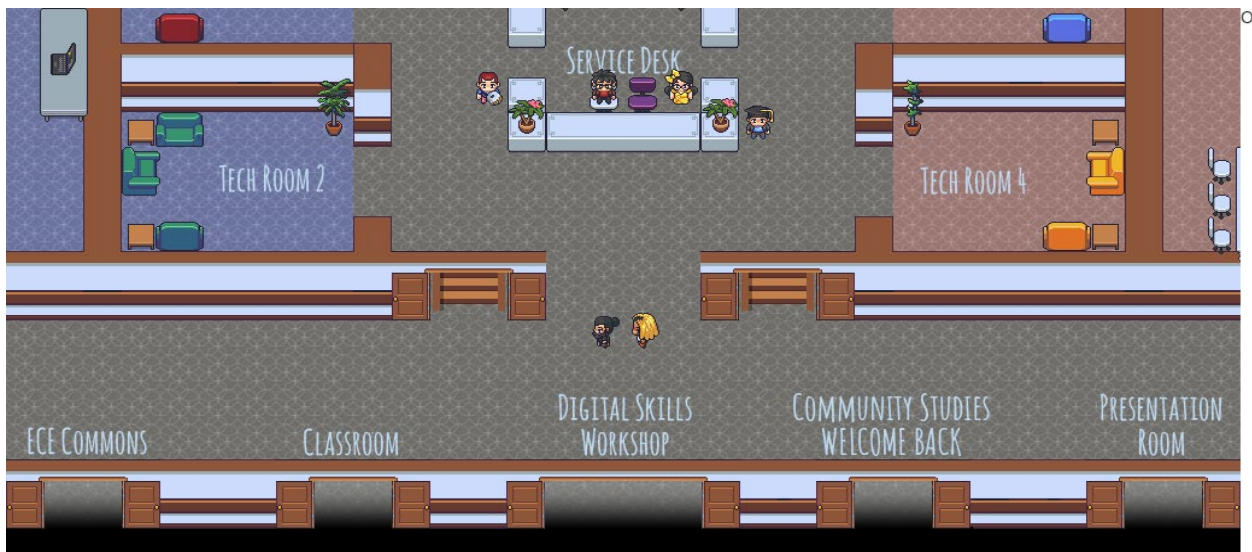
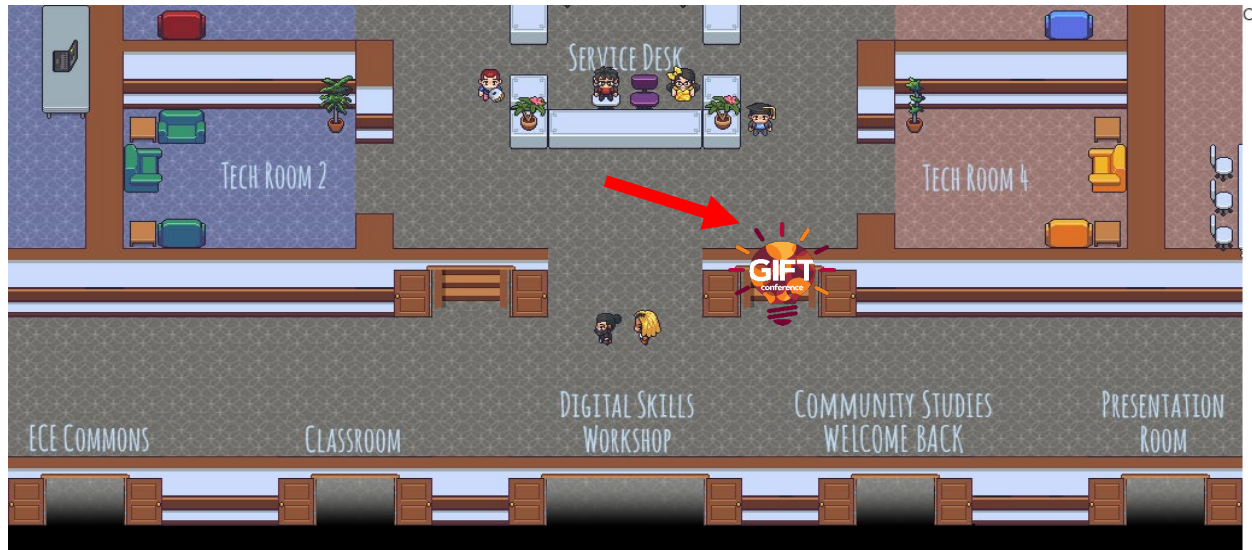


Image of DCC Gather space

## October 11

4. Check your personal itinerary in Zoom Events for selected sessions
5. Access **Gather** or copy & paste URL from itinerary in browser:
6. You will again be transported to the Virtual DCC. **Enter the GIFT Conference area** where indicated.



7. This is a **sneak preview** of the GIFT Conference in Gather. Join live sessions in the centre presentation area, pre-recorded sessions and/or resources at the right side of the room, or meet up with others to chat at the tables on the left side of the room. There will be a help desk as soon as you arrive in case you need help.

