Dear NPRLG,

This edition of our NPRLG Resources Newsletter is dedicated to tools for community building in an online setting, for any of you who might want to integrate this component into your programs this year.

As a reminder, each month, we'll be sending one resource on a specific theme. The idea is for each newsletter to spark conversation and for the community to share their own resources/ideas on the month's topic. I'll monitor these discussions and compile resources by theme in the NPRLG Google Drive.

This Month: Fun Online Community-Building

This month I’m sharing a set of platforms that can help with online community building through fun activities, which might be a good resource for you to think about how you’ll engage your students if you’re running an online program this year.

1. Mozilla Hubs: This is a free and easy to use 3D virtual space platform. As an example, I created an environment for our participants last year, where we had some scavenger hunt activities.

2. Drawception: Easy to set up drawing telephone game.
3. **Gather.town**: Another virtual room setup that’s a bit more intuitive than Hubs because the virtual space is 2D.

4. **Sketchful**: A simple drawing game.

5. **Slack** and **Discord**: Messaging apps useful for asynchronous, but more engaging than email, group communication.

6. **Draw.chat**: One of many collaborative “chalk-board” tools. Others include **Sketchtogether** and **Ziteboard**.

If any of you has other tools, ideas, activities for online community building, please share!

**Future Newsletters**

Planned ideas for future newsletters include: program activity resources, best practices in mentoring, etc.

If you have a resource (developed by/for your site or not) you want to share, or topic ideas, for coming months, let me know.

Best wishes,

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