

Using virtual fieldwork to support, not replace, in-person field experiences

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BACKGROUND

WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR

2022/23 and beyond

Fieldwork and EDI issues

Include

- pre-fieldwork anxiety
- access and logistics
- problematic destinations

virtual

fieldwork

Strategies

- more information in advance
- photos, videos
- Plan B

See Giles et al. (2020), Lawrence and Dowey (2021)

website

- making the case
- support and guidance on creating virtual field trips
- Free stuff!!

website

articles



more inclusive fieldwork

supporting in-person fieldwork with virtual reality

workshops

departmental support (×5)

community of practice

conferences, other dissemination

What we learned

- an ambitious timeline!
- build it and they will come!*
- an effective 'sales pitch' required for impact
- people and relationships

*unlikely



More information

- More Inclusive Fieldwork website: https://fieldwork.wp.worc.ac.uk/wordpress/
- Online workshop: https://forms.office.com/r/FJ3EWc8jRL

