Escape rooms are live-action team-based games in which players work together to discover clues, solve puzzles, and accomplish tasks within a time limit to reach a specific goal. Besides being a very popular pastime for people of all ages, they have recently started to gain momentum in academic circles as educational tools. Research findings have established that educational escape games can create immersion as they combine the strengths of storytelling and gameplay, therefore eliciting high motivation and engagement and so promoting successful learning. This workshop will provide participants with hands-on, practical instructions for how to plan, design, and run an educational escape room. By the end of the workshop, participants are expected to have created a prototype pop-up educational escape room to use.

Workshop outcomes:

- Learn the core principals of escape rooms by playing a pop-up escape room
- Demonstrate an understanding of puzzles, themes, and challenges commonly used in escape rooms
- Critically analyse and identify educational purposes for using ideas based on escape rooms
- Design, implement, and playtest an educational escape room prototype

Workshop Application details
The workshop will be held on **Wednesday 23 September 2020** at The University of Brighton, UK.

The attendance fee for each workshop is **£50 for those attending ECGBL and £100 for those not attending the conference.**

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