

Pedagogical Use of GenAI:

An interactive showcase workshop



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Write your sentence (up to 50 words)



Voices from the Past brings renowned historians, allowing you to ask questions, explore different perspectives, and deepen your understanding of history through interactive dialogue.

The screenshot shows a Facebook chat window. At the top, the chat header includes the name 'Dimitris', a status 'Online', and a 'Share' button. The chat history shows a message from 'Dimitris' asking 'What's the best way to get up there?' and a response from the user 'I don't know, but I'll try to find out for you.' The user's response is highlighted in blue. Below the chat history, there is a text input field with the placeholder 'Type a message...' and a 'Send' button. The bottom of the chat window shows a navigation bar with icons for Home, Search, Add, and Messenger.

FAMILY MEDICINE CASE STUDIES

Practice your clinical consultation skills with interactive patients. Gather histories, practice communication, and refine your diagnostic approach in realistic scenarios.

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The Virtual Ward



Sign in to create and manage Virtual wards for medical training scenarios

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test Updated: 09/06/2025, 20:40:13 Created: 03/06/2025, 15:53:26

Vet Visit: Max

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Patient Name	Max
Patient Species	canine
Patient Breed	Labrador retriever
Patient Age	10
Patient Sex	neutered male
Owner Name	Mr. Harrison
Owner Age	middle aged
Owner Gender	male
Owner Disposable Income	middle
Pet Insurance	practice payment plan
Owner Relationship To Patient	companion
Owner Comprehension Level/high	
Owner Response Tone	polite

AI for Teaching Innovation

Partnership between the Edinburgh Futures Institute (EFI) and the Moray House School of Education and Sport.

Led by Sian Bayne and Javier Tejera

Supports course teams to build AI app prototypes

Phase 1 (24/25): 10 projects

Phase 2 (25/26): 8 projects



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Overview

In this workshop, we will:

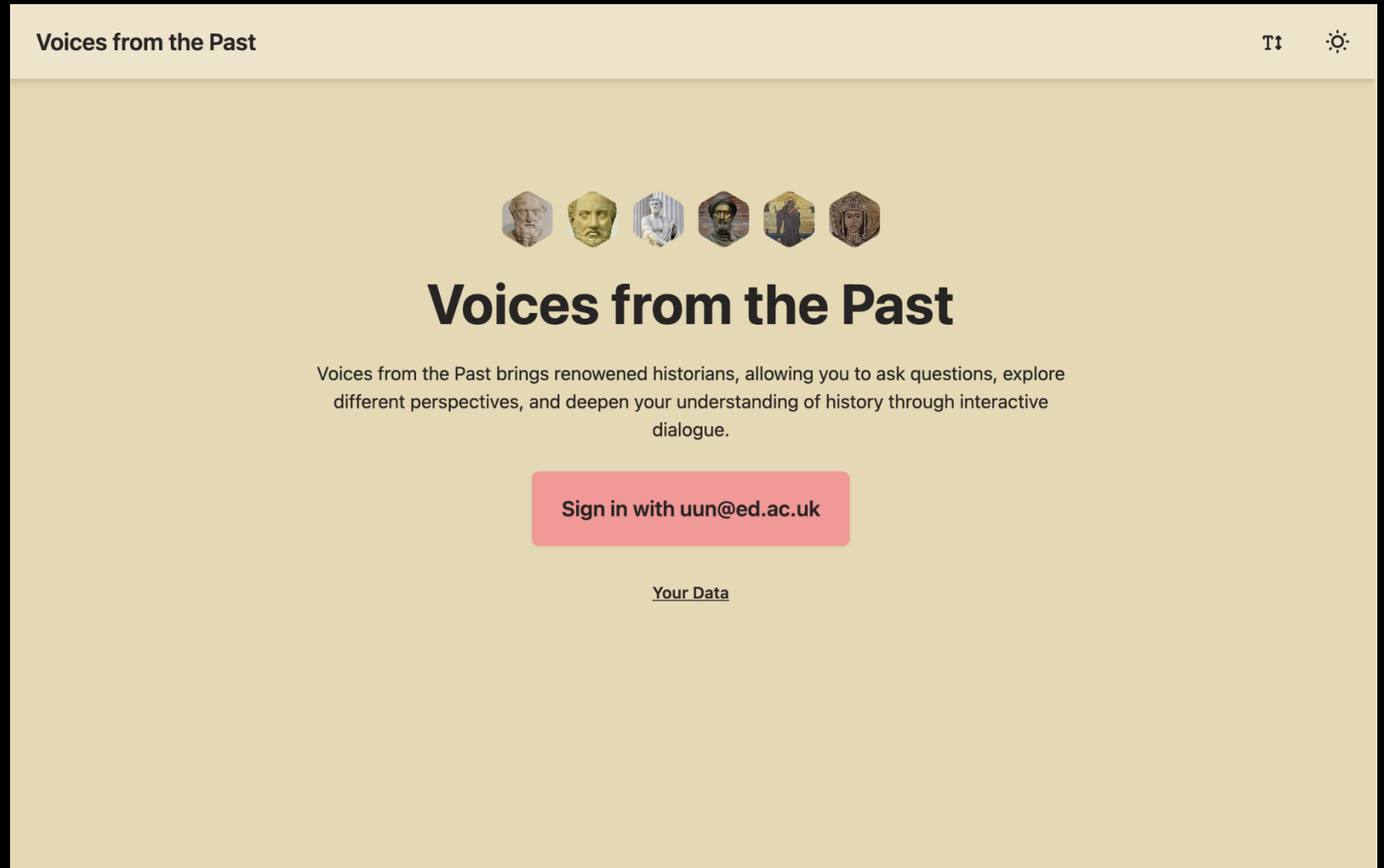
- Introduce the AI for teaching Innovation project
- Showcase the apps:
 - Voices From The Past (History, Marc Di Tommasi)
 - ClientConnectEd (Law, Hermione Hague)
 - The Virtual Ward (Medicine, Simon Maxwell)
 - EnviroForum (Chemistry, Valentina Erastova)
- Have a chance to try out one or two apps:
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- Reflections and Q&A session



VOICES FROM THE PAST

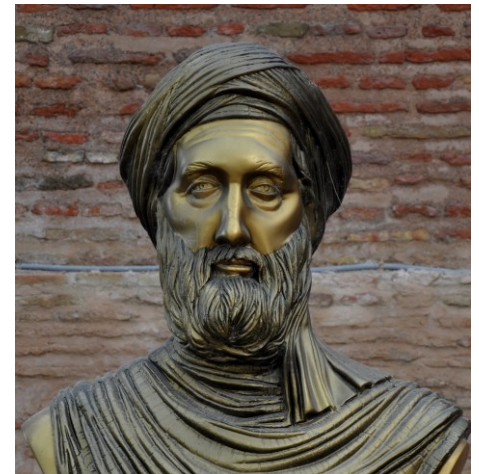
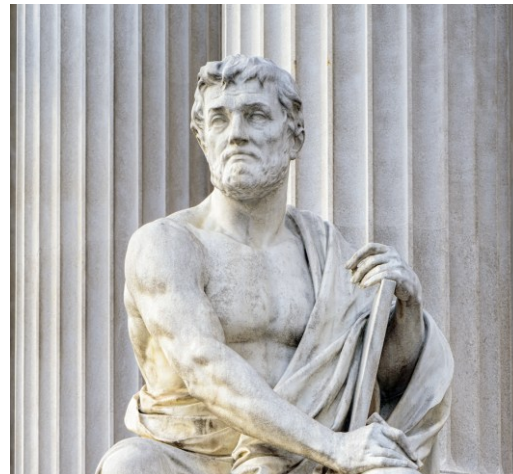
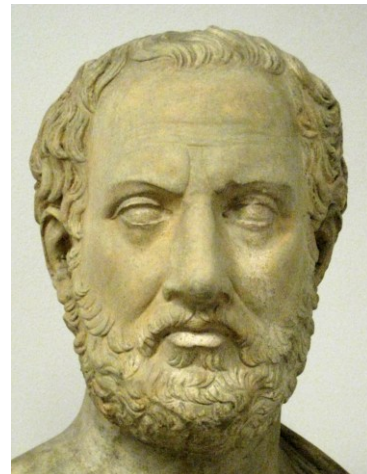
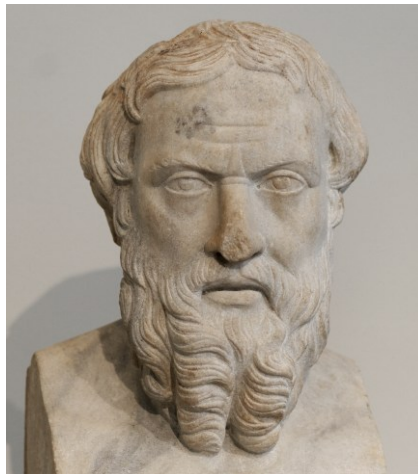
Marc Di Tommasi, History

Using the entire writing corpus of renowned historians to create virtual personas allowing students to engage in dynamic conversation with historians of the past.



Voices from the Past - Overview

- AI-generated personas of selected ancient historians
- Based on the entire published work
- Designed to simulate their rhetorical style and intellectual perspective
- Reflective tool to enhance critical thinking, explore authorial voices and intent
- Not a source of factual data neither a replacement for the original sources



Voices from the Past - Rationale

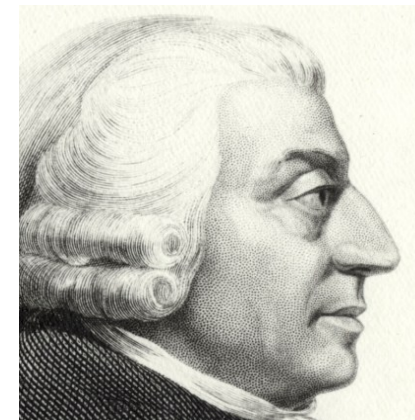
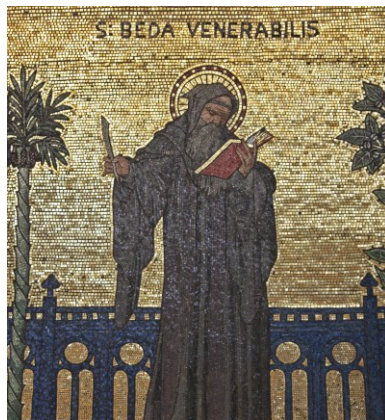
Some students struggle with:

- Engaging with ancient texts, addressing the intentions of the authors, and linking cultural influences.

Learning aims:

- To see the authors as individuals
- Connect them with their times and culture
- Support engagement inside and outside of the classroom

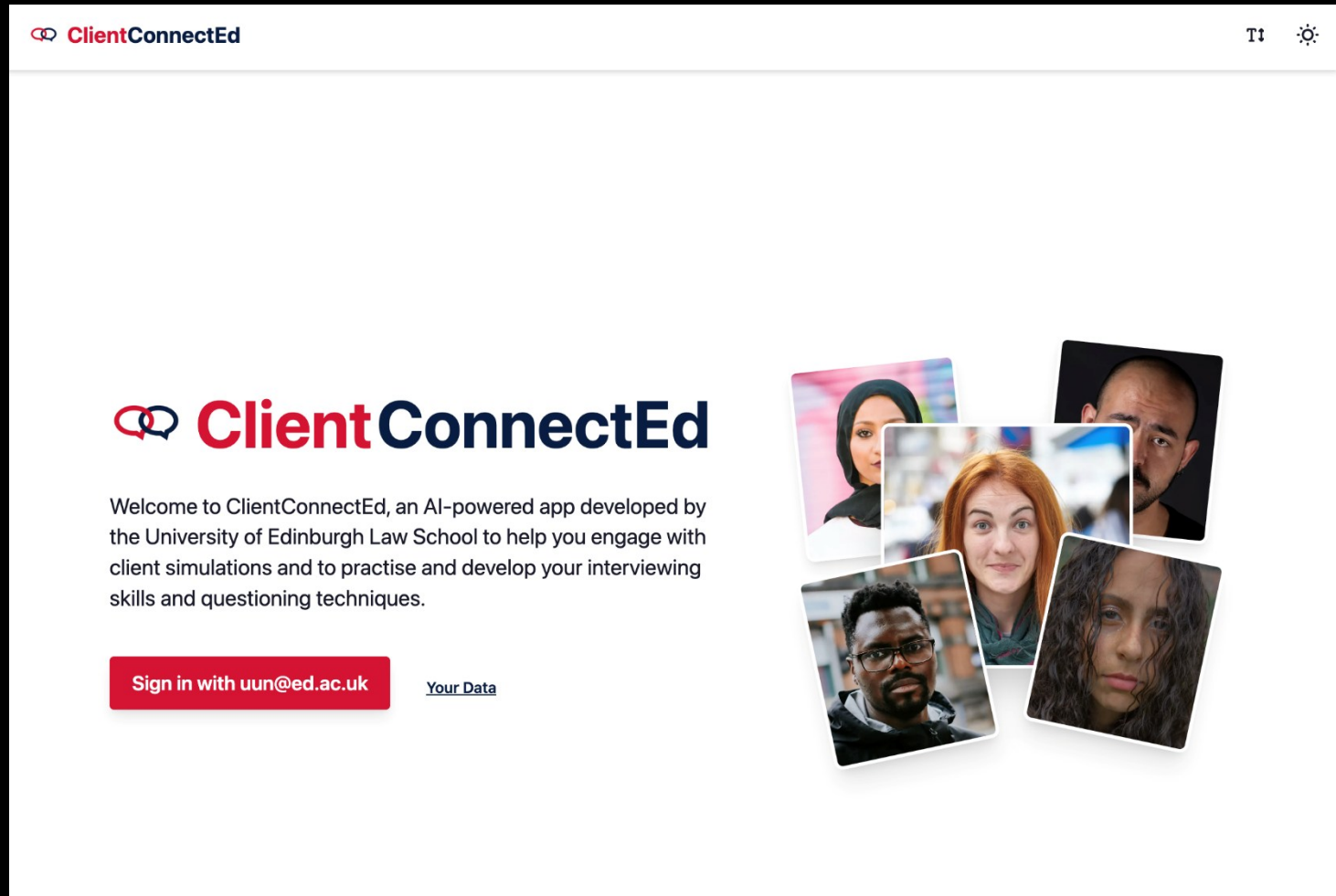
Under tutor guidance – the limitations of LLM are clear helping future critical use of these tools in the future



ClientConnectEd

Hermione Hague, Law

AI to enhance the training of law students in professional skills and responsibility, particularly in the interviewing techniques required in legal practice

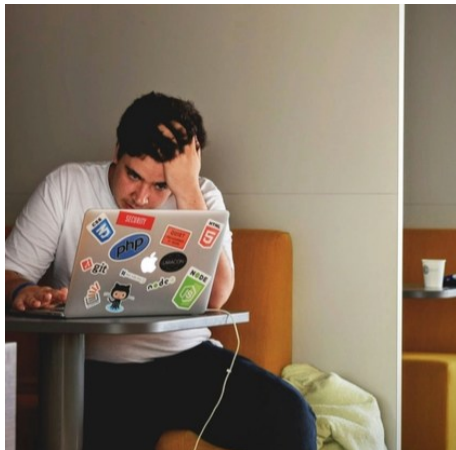
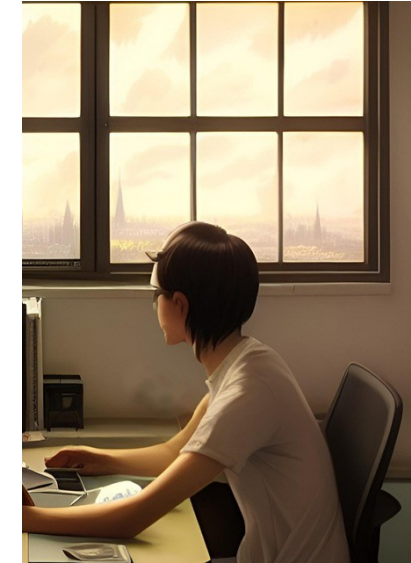


Problem Statement



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Working with students, we identified that, as most have little to no prior experience in interviewing skills, there was a pressing need to develop an effective approach to equip students with competent interviewing skills before they engage with real clients through the Free Legal Advice Clinic.



Our solution: ClientConnectEd



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Please click on a client below to start the interview



Kirsty McCanna



Jordan Garcia

 home saved interviews

 Kirsty McCanna Interview ended 

Hi Kirsty, how are you? 

Oh, hi there! I'm a bit nervous, to be honest. It's been a rough couple of weeks, and I'm just trying to figure out what to do next. But thank you for asking! How are you? 

I'm fine thank you. I'm Jo, a trainee here. Please don't be nervous. I'm just here to ask you a few questions about what has happened to you. I understand you have suffered an injury. How did that happen? 

Well, it all started two weeks ago on a Saturday when I went to the Sahara Sauna in Corstorphine. I was just trying to relax, you know? But then a staff member put water on the steaming rocks, and the water splashed off and burned my upper arm. It was really painful, and I ended up with a third-degree burn. It's been quite a challenge dealing with it. 

I'm sorry to hear that. Did you see a medical professional? 

Key elements:

- Written tool: allows for thinking time
- Self study to practise and reflect
- Opportunity to experiment with different techniques
- Adjustable scenarios / personalities
- AI feedback just in time
- Integrated with teaching: Tutor in the loop

Feedback

Tutor AI

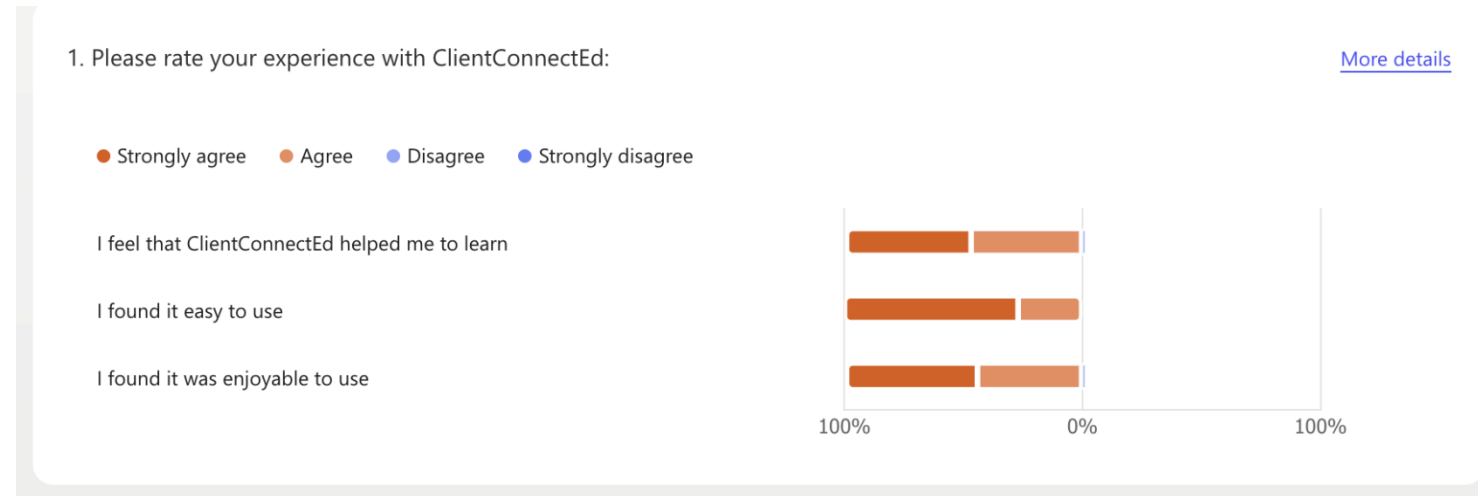
Please download one copy of your interview as a PDF:

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Feedback:



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Comments:

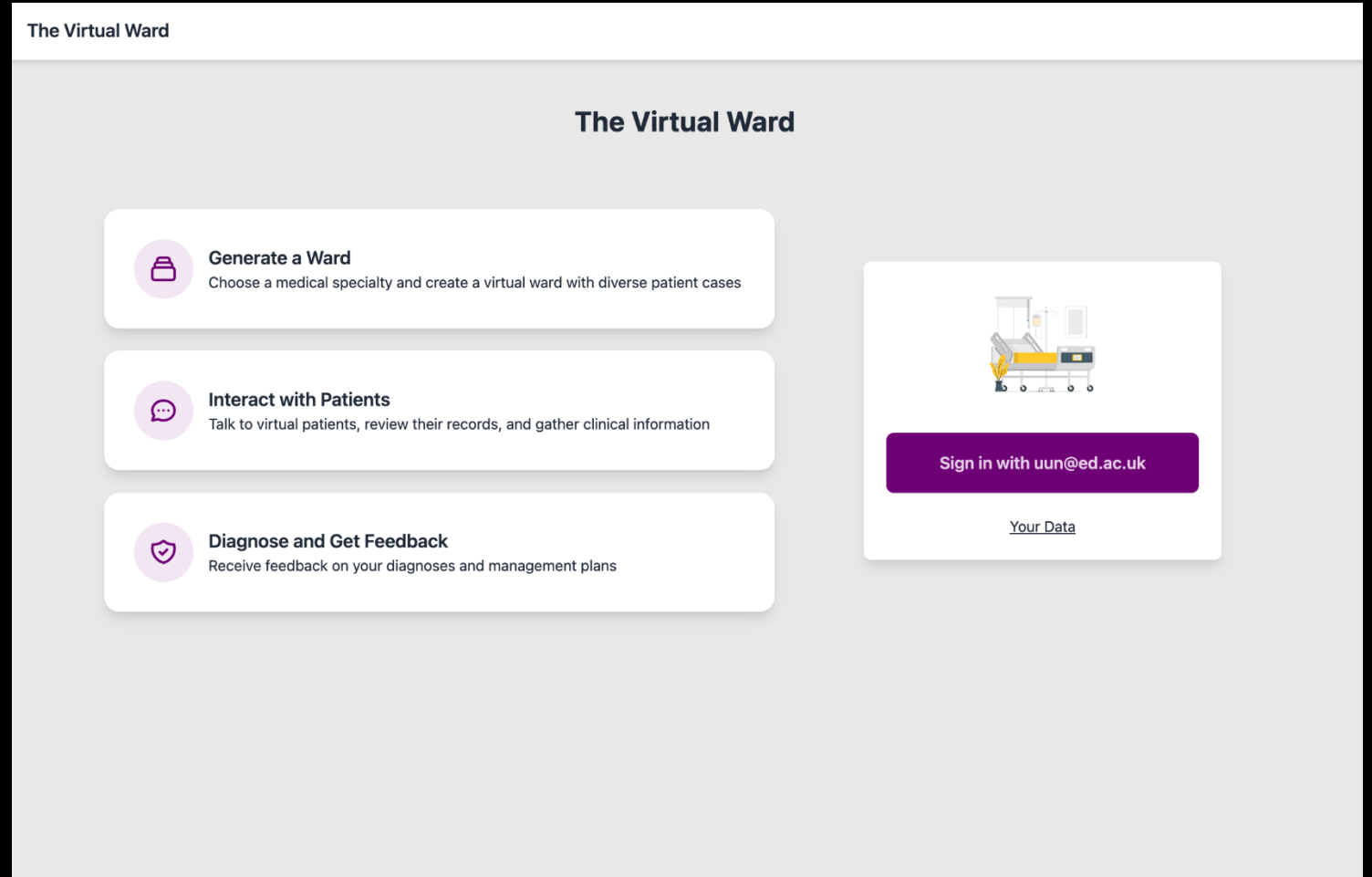
"It provides a good buffer before doing the actual client interview... The question limit I originally...thought was low, but...it helped me be concise and ask better open questions."

"Being able to retry and test out better approaches allows quickly to see improvement. The exercise as a learning tool takes away the stress whilst trying it out for the first time."

THE VIRTUAL WARD

Simon Maxwell, Internal Medicine

Using AI to generate realistic case scenarios that stimulate clinical decision-making by students, then provide appropriate, evidence-based feedback.



Virtual Ward: An AI-powered solution for delivering simulated clinical practice for trainee physicians

Creating a Virtual Ward

Learner selects the ward type of their choice (e.g. cardiovascular)
Each ward has six patients



Welcome to The Virtual Ward. Here, you will be able to generate an interactive ward of 6 patients for a medical specialty of your choosing and lead the virtual ward round.

You can chat with these patients, provide differential diagnoses and management plans and receive feedback which links to best practice guidelines. You can save these wards and your feedback for your future learning and can access the patient's full medical record at any point.

Disclaimer

The Virtual Ward app is powered by generative AI. While care has been taken to ensure cases and feedback accuracy, there may be occasional inaccuracies.

This app must be used as a supplement to your studies rather than as a tool to treat real patients.

Please report any issues or inaccuracies so we can continuously improve the app.

Generate a Ward

Note that it may take some time to generate the ward and this is to be expected.

Ward Name

Simon's cardiovascular ward

Ward Type

Cardiovascular

Preparing Ward (bed 2/6)

Please be patient while the ward is getting ready...

Select a patient

Learner selects the first patient they wish to meet

Patient: Eleanor Ulrich

Nurse

This is Eleanor Ulrich, a 53-year-old female.

Worsening breathlessness with associated chest discomfort and palpitations.

Patient

Hello, I am Eleanor, what would you like to ask me?

Diagnosis

Consultation starts

Learner interviews the patient and asks them about their presenting complaint, medical history etc.

Eleanor Ulrich 53y, Female Patient Medical Record

Doctor: How long have you been breathless for?

Patient: I've been experiencing worsening breathlessness for the past 72 hours. It started off gradually but has become quite distressing lately, especially when I'm trying to do normal daily activities.

Doctor: Are you breathless in bed at night?

Patient: Yes, I've definitely noticed that I feel breathless when I'm in bed at night. It's quite uncomfortable, and I've even had some episodes where I've woken up gasping for air. I feel like I have to prop myself up with pillows to catch my breath, which is really frustrating.

Doctor: Have you had any swelling of your ankles?

Patient: Yes, I've noticed that my ankles have been quite swollen lately. There's definitely some pitting oedema. It's embarrassing and uncomfortable, and I can feel the tightness in my shoes as well. This swelling seems to have worsened over the last few days, which I'm quite concerned about.

Doctor: Where do you feel the discomfort in your chest?

Patient: The discomfort in my chest feels more like a tightness rather than sharp pain. It seems to be located in the centre of my chest, and sometimes it radiates a bit. It often comes on with exertion, which makes it quite concerning, especially as it's been happening more frequently. It can feel a bit like pressure, but thankfully, it's not crushing in nature.

Talk to the patient...

PATIENT MEDICAL RECORD

Eleanor Ulrich

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PRESENTING COMPLAINT

Worsening breathlessness with associated chest discomfort and palpitations.

HISTORY OF PRESENTING COMPLAINT

The patient presents with a history of progressively worsening shortness of breath over the past 72 hours, accompanied by a feeling of chest tightness and intermittent palpitations. There is a noted increase in orthopnea and paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnoea, with additional symptoms of lower limb swelling and subtle weight gain. The chest discomfort is not crushing in nature but is associated with exertion and seems to coincide with episodes of irregular heart rhythm. There is a background of chronic coronary artery disease, previous myocardial infarction, type 2 diabetes mellitus, and diagnosed stage 2 heart failure with reduced ejection fraction. The patient also reports feeling more fatigued and a slight decrease in exercise tolerance, which she attributes to a recent episode of atrial fibrillation.

PAST MEDICAL HISTORY

Eleanor has a complex cardiovascular profile including a history of coronary artery disease with a myocardial infarction 4 years ago, chronic hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus, paroxysmal atrial fibrillation, and stage 2 heart failure with reduced ejection fraction. She also has hyperlipidemia and obesity, which further complicate her cardiovascular status.

MEDICATION HISTORY

She is currently managed on Lisinopril 20 mg daily, Metoprolol succinate 100 mg daily, Atorvastatin 80 mg daily, and Furosemide 40 mg on an as-needed basis during heart failure exacerbations. Due to her atrial fibrillation, she is on Apixaban 5 mg twice daily. Additionally, she takes Metformin 1000 mg twice daily for diabetes. She has a documented allergy to penicillin.

FAMILY HISTORY

Her father suffered from premature coronary artery disease, having experienced a myocardial infarction at age 55. Her mother has a history of type 2 diabetes mellitus, and an uncle on the maternal side has chronic hypertension.

After undertaking an interactive consultation with the patient, the user is provided with the case summary including the **PRESENTING COMPLAINT**, the **HISTORY OF THE PRESENTING COMPLAINT**, a **PAST MEDICAL HISTORY**, a **MEDICATION HISTORY**, **FAMILY HISTORY** and **SOCIAL HISTORY**, followed by important **EXAMINATION FINDINGS** and results of **INVESTIGATIONS**.

SOCIAL HISTORY

Eleanor works as a part-time administrative manager and lives with her spouse. She has a 10 pack-year smoking history but quit smoking 8 years ago. She consumes alcohol socially, averaging 1-2 drinks per week.

EXAMINATION FINDINGS

Airway: Patent, no obstruction noted.

Breathing: Bilateral basal crackles on lung auscultation with mild use of accessory muscles; respiratory rate 24 breaths/min.

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Exposure: Extremities reveal bilateral pitting oedema; abdominal examination demonstrates a soft, non-tender abdomen with no hepatosplenomegaly or organomegaly, and normal bowel sounds.

INVESTIGATIONS

12-lead ECG: Atrial fibrillation with a ventricular rate of 110 bpm, no significant ST segment changes observed (consistent with known paroxysmal atrial fibrillation).

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Differential Diagnosis

Please enter your preferred (most likely) diagnosis and any other differential diagnoses that should be considered.

Congestive heart failure secondary to rapid atrial fibrillation

Differential Diagnosis Feedback

Your preferred diagnosis, "Congestive heart failure secondary to rapid atrial fibrillation," is indeed correct and plausible given the patient's presentation. The patient's symptoms and examination findings, combined with the history of atrial fibrillation and the elevated NT-proBNP level, support this diagnosis. The irregular heart rhythm and elevated heart rate noted in the examination are consistent with atrial fibrillation with rapid ventricular response leading to heart failure exacerbation.

While your primary diagnosis is accurate, it would be beneficial to consider additional differential diagnoses. This case is complex and multifactorial, and the patient's background of coronary artery disease and elevated troponin levels could also suggest other potential issues such as arrhythmia-induced ischemia or an underlying acute coronary syndrome like a non-ST elevation myocardial infarction. Additionally, the possibility of hypertensive emergency contributing to cardiac decompensation should be considered, given the patient's history of hypertension and the findings of pulmonary venous congestion on the chest X-ray.

Additional feedback: It's crucial to recognize the interplay between the patient's various conditions. While atrial fibrillation clearly plays a role in the current decompensation, you should not overlook other potential contributors like ischemia or increased afterload from hypertension. Including these in your differential diagnosis can provide a more comprehensive approach to managing the patient's complex cardiovascular status. Always consider the full scope of the patient's medical history and the acute findings in your assessment.

Continue to Management Plan

Patient

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After submitting their plan, the user will receive tailored feedback to support learning.



Initial management plan:

- furosemide 50 mg IV
- high flow oxygen to maintain saturations above 94%
- bisoprolol 2.5 mg PO stat for rate control (with IV digoxin or IV amiodarone if needed).
- If ongoing ischaemia, shock, or pulmonary oedema despite therapy → urgent DC cardioversion
- start anticoagulation with apixaban 5 mg PO twice daily

Your plan needs refinement in terms of safety and specificity, with adjustments aligning with current guidelines. For best practices, consult the NICE guidelines on heart failure management NICE Heart Failure Guidelines and atrial fibrillation management NICE Atrial Fibrillation Guidelines. Ensure all interventions are documented with clear rationale and any updates in patient condition are communicated promptly to the healthcare team.

Save

talk to the patient...

Wider applicability of the concept

PROFESSION

Medical profession with particular relevance for hospital doctors and general practitioners

Dentistry, Nursing,
Law, Architects,
Pharmacy, etc.

SCENARIOS REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL JUDGEMENT

Doctor-patient consultations with particular relevance for hospital patients, outpatients and general practice consultations

RECOGNISED PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

NICE guidelines
Good medical practice (GMC)
British National Formulary

LEARNER GROUPS

Medical students
Resident doctors

ENVIROFORUM

Valentina Erastova, Nicholle Bell, Chemistry

Simulating interviews with stakeholders in environmental projects, eg land managers, government advisors, environmental protection officers and engineers working on critical issues such as nuclear waste management, peatland restoration and plastic recycling.

EnviroForum



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EnviroForum

where town Berry meets

Valentina Erastova & Nicholle Bell, School of Chemistry



What is the App designed for?

Environmental Chemistry Year 2

- 70 – 90 students
- 2nd semester
- Summative (1 lab equiv.)
- Small groups (~4-5 ppl)
- Each group researches a topic
- Students report by making an infographic + debate

Skill Development:

- Practice professional communication, *often lacking in science courses*
- Learn subject-specific vocabulary & interdisciplinary concepts
- Build real-time questioning skills, applying chemistry knowledge (e.g., water quality, air pollutants)
- **Bonus:** learn about possible careers post chem/ env. sci degree

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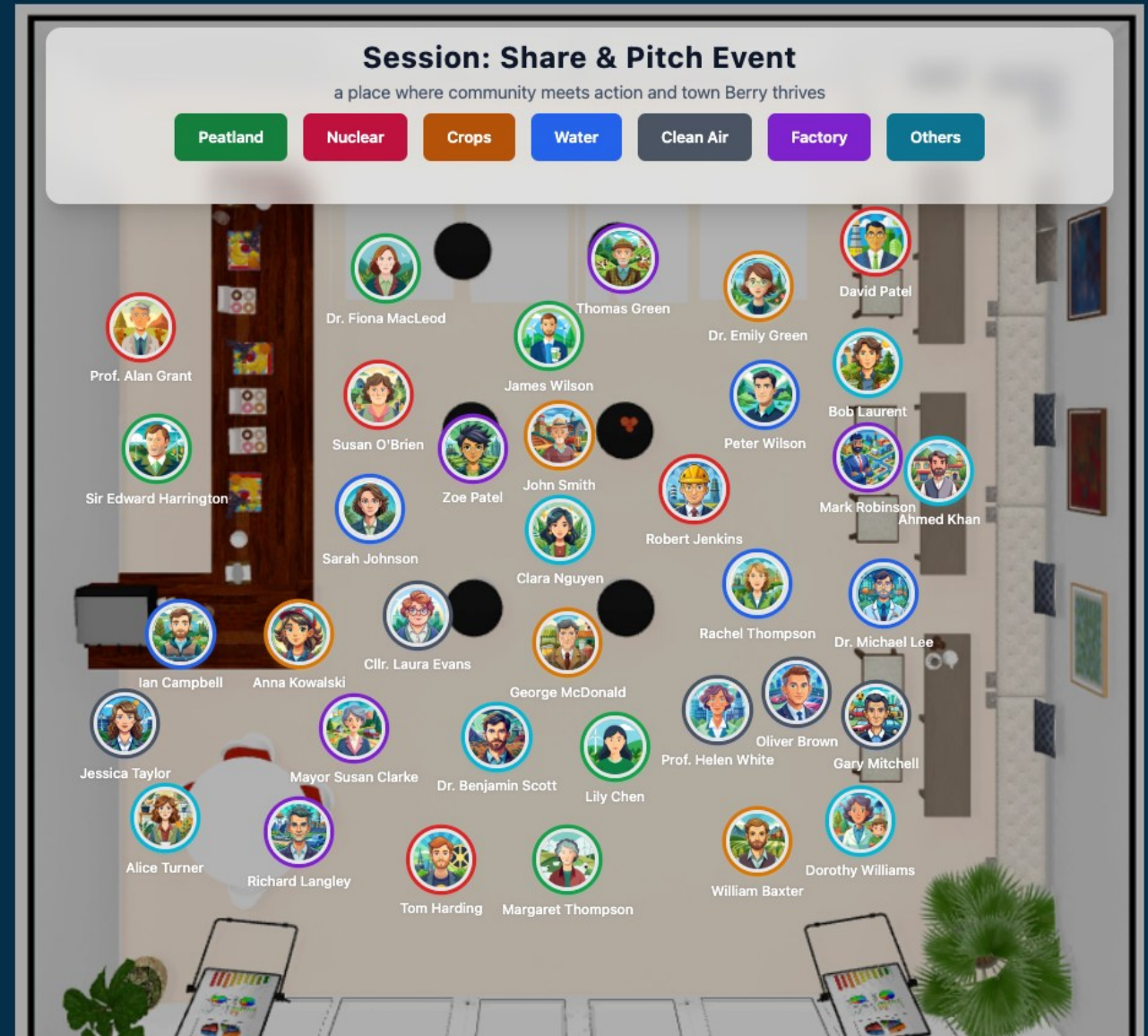
- Interactive chat-bot app set in Berry, a fictional County Durham town.
- Students role-play as interviewers at a forum coffee break, engaging 30 AI stakeholders (e.g., scientists, engineers, farmers) on 6 projects:
 - **Peatland** Restoration vs. Wind Farm
 - **Nuclear** Waste Storage
 - New **Crop** Farm
 - Drinking **Water** Treatment
 - **Clean Air** Zone & Electric Cars
 - Car Manufacturing **Factory**

EnviroForum

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Laptop recommended: most applications are optimised for desktop and laptop devices.

If you want to try the apps presented today, please note that only "Voices from the Past" works on a mobile device.

Discussion and Q&A

Reflections and what's next

- Reflections:
 - Involve students in development
 - Safe space to practise
 - Pilots positively received
 - Acceptance that artificial
 - Understanding AI feedback makes things up: critical thinking necessary
- What's next: continuing development, research and further opportunities; exploring commercialisation

Thank you

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