



## Wales North Network Forthcoming Meeting

The Knowledge Network

# PROBLEMS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN VIRTUAL WORLDS

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**Wednesday 14th May 2008, 6.30PM**

Technium OpTIC, Ffordd William Morgan, St. Asaph Business Park, St. Asaph, Denbighshire, LL17 0JD.

Robert will share his experiences with companies and students working with virtual world technology. He will visit various locations in Second Life and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of communication in virtual environments. During the last 12 months Second Life has been going through a roller coaster of praise and criticism. What are the issues, where is the roller coaster now and what are the prospects for future virtual environments?

Drawing from his experiences meeting companies developing virtual environments and academics researching virtual environments, Robert will try to untangle some of these issues and make some predictions for the development of 3D virtual worlds. Second Life is a 3-D virtual world entirely created by its Residents. Since opening to the public in 2003, it has grown explosively and today is inhabited by millions of Residents from around the globe.

## Light refreshments at 6pm

Visitors welcome. Admission to the lecture is free.

Registration is requested to help with catering requirements, but not essential:

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