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CHOBE Webinar 05.03.2025, 13:00-14:00: “Step into the Spotlight: Immersive Virtual Reality Environment for Overcoming Oral Presentation and Public Speaking Fear in Higher Education?”

Dear Heads and Colleagues,

CHOBE is delighted to invite you our Webinar on 05.03.2025. This will be delivered by **Dr Abhinesh Prabhakaran** from the University of the West of England. We do hope you are able to join us. Please will you forward this invitation to anyone who you think may be interested in attending.

What this webinar will cover

Oral presentation and public speaking (OPPS) are critical skills for student success, especially in UK higher education, where presentations are often used to assess understanding and argumentation. Yet, many students struggle with OPPS fear, leading to missed opportunities, poorer learning experiences, and potential impacts on grades and career prospects.

This webinar explores how advanced technologies like immersive virtual reality, generative AI, and eye-tracking have come together to create Stagecraft—a cutting-edge tool designed to help students overcome presentation fears and thrive in higher education.

About the presenter: Dr Abhinesh Prabhakaran

Dr Abhinesh Prabhakaran is a Lecturer in Building Information Modelling at the School of Architecture and Environment at the University of the West of England. He is a leading researcher in immersive technology and its applications in the AEC industry. His research focuses on leveraging technology in pedagogy, creating intelligent immersive environments for construction safety and health, advancing immersive solutions for vulnerable road user safety, and developing cutting-edge visualisation tools for design optimisation and communication in the AEC industry.

How to join the webinar:

The webinar will be delivered via Teams. To reserve a place please email info@chobe.org.uk and Jane Wright will send you a Teams invite. We look forward to seeing you.