



# Case Study

The Virtual Classroom –  
How Bath Spa University will  
use Virtual Reality to support  
their teacher training programme

## Organisation Background

Set up by former teachers, connect are accessibility specialists offering accessible resources and training solutions for the UK's top awarding bodies and educational institutions for more than 25 years.

C-Live is the UK's first virtual reality training tool where professionals can practise and master the complex interpersonal skills they need in their working lives. We have environments representing many industry sectors including education, customer service, HR and healthcare. The classroom build includes pupils who have unique personalities and abilities and respond in real time to teacher performance. The computer-generated simulation allows trainees to practise and perfect their techniques and build their confidence in a safe environment.

Susan Day, the founder of connect felt that there was a gap in the UK market for a training platform that allowed teachers to practise interaction with pupils in an environment reflecting a real classroom experience while also providing the opportunity to tailor-make specific situations. She said, "C-Live is especially effective for teacher training as it can offer consistent scenarios. It is not dependent on student behaviour constantly changing as it does in a 'real' classroom, allowing trainee teachers to practise and perfect areas that they might be struggling with."

## Scope of Pilot

Bath Spa University ran a pilot study to explore the use of C-Live as part of their teacher training programmes.

Bath Spa is a teaching-led university and committed to promoting excellence, which is one of many reasons why the Institute for Education is one of the highest rated providers of education training in the country.

The pilot was split into five sessions across two days and during each session there was a mixture of university employees and students in attendance. There was an average of eight participants at each session. Each session incorporated live interactions with the product and Q&A time.



“C-Live gives our Bath Spa teachers the opportunity to enhance their own professional practice in a safe, risk-free yet realistic environment. The flexibility of C-Live allows us to develop bespoke scenarios tailored to a specific trainee’s needs, enhancing the individual support offered across our Bath Spa programmes and courses.”

**Benton Brown, Head of Initial Teacher Training at Bath Spa University**

## Results

The average results from the pilot were very positive.

**100%** of initial Bath Spa participants’ reaction to C-Live was **positive**.

**92%** of Bath Spa participants felt that C-Live would be **beneficial** to their school or department.

**96%** of Bath Spa participants felt that the avatars **demonstrated behaviours** that teachers encounter in a classroom.

**96%** of Bath Spa participants found the C-Live experience **realistic**.

**100%** of Bath Spa student participants felt that C-Live could be **beneficial** to themselves and their school.

**100%** of Bath Spa tutor participants felt that C-Live could be **beneficial** to themselves and their school.

**80%** of Bath Spa student participants said they would be **extremely likely** to recommend C-Live to a friend or colleague.

**100%** of Bath Spa participants said they **would be likely to recommend C-Live to a friend**.

“Really exciting! I love the idea of scenarios that you can react to and the idea of settings. So interactive! The characters sound different too! I would love some of my students to have a go. I think they could make all sorts of mistakes and if they have the scenarios they can look at all sorts of interesting scenarios.”

**Mark Quinn, tutor**

## Next steps...

Based on the success of the pilot study, Bath Spa University are rolling out C-Live as part of their teacher training programme for the 2017 academic year.

“At the Bath Spa University Institute for Education we believe that digital innovation is key to the future of our profession. We are excited to offer this ground-breaking addition to our already outstanding teacher training and education programmes.”

**Professor Dr. Kate Reynolds, Executive Dean of the Institute for Education.**

If you think your students could benefit from using C-Live as part of their training or you require further information about the benefits of our virtual classroom then please contact us on **01270 449 165** or email us at **clive@iwanttoconnect.co.uk**

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