



**SCHOOL OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

**Virtual World Libraries: Challenges & Strategies  
Research Interview – Information Sheet**

My name is Timothy Greig. I am a student in the Masters of Library and Information Studies (MLIS) program at the School of Information Management at Victoria University of Wellington. My research aims to consider the issues and challenges surrounding the design of a Virtual World Library, and propose how these issues might be overcome or minimized through the application of game design strategies.

As part of my research, I am looking at existing libraries in the virtual world of Second Life. I would like to interview people who are users of the Info Island ‘sim’ in Second Life, in order to gain knowledge and information about their experiences as users, and in some cases designers of, this new library space. I am primarily interested in interviewing those who have visited the Second Library 2.0, as focusing on this single building will enable me to access more detail on how people are using the space. However, I am also interested in hearing about people’s experiences in other library buildings on the Info Island sim.

Research interviews will be conducted via Skype, or another Instant Messenger of your choice, and will take approximately one hour. Prior to the interview you will be given a list of some of the questions that we will be discussing, in order to give you an indication of the type of information that is being sought.

This interview will be recorded, with sections later being turned into transcripts for inclusion in the final report of this project. Your identity will be confidential to my supervisors, and myself. The results will be present in aggregated form so that individual people cannot be identified. Following the interview, you will have the opportunity to review the sections of your information that will be included in the research. Your responses will be kept secure via passworded files on my computer. This raw data will be kept for a period of 2 years after my project is completed, after which it will be deleted.

The information gathered through these interviews will be used to inform my final MLIS research project. This research may be published at a later date in professional or academic journals or presented at a conference. I will also make available a copy of the research project on my website. You may check the progress of this research by visiting my blog at [timothygreig.com](http://timothygreig.com), and are welcome to email or message me at any stage following the interview to query or contribute further to the project, with the option to withdraw your input up until the date of submission for the project.

Victoria University of Wellington requires ethical approval for all research involving human participants, [and this project has been approved by the School of Information Management Human Ethics Committee].

If you have any questions about this project, you can contact via instant messenger or email at [timothy.greig@gmail.com](mailto:timothy.greig@gmail.com). My supervisor for this project is Brenda Chawner, who can be contacted at [Brenda.chawner@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:Brenda.chawner@vuw.ac.nz)

[THIS RESEARCH IS CURRENTLY AWAITING APPROVAL FROM THE HEC.]