

THE AWARDS 2021

Knowledge Exchange/Transfer Initiative of the Year

Institution name	University of Glasgow
Submission title or project name	Edify
Nominee/key personnel	Fiona Macpherson and Neil McDonnell, Centre for the Study of Perceptual Experience
URL	https://www.edify.ac/
Submission	<p>Edify is a virtual reality teaching platform created by collaboration between the University of Glasgow and Sublime Digital. It brings the amazing power of VR into Higher Education, including our pioneering VR-by-proxy method.</p> <p>VR-by-proxy flips the use of VR from the student to the teacher. The teacher is in VR—and students share the teacher’s experience remotely using Zoom or Teams. This retains the benefits of VR while enabling student access from home without VR headsets.</p> <p>During the pandemic, Edify enabled hundreds of students across many disciplines at the University of Glasgow to experience virtual labs, field trips, and the most extraordinary, impossible, lessons, safely from home via Zoom or Teams. The students loved it. The benefits were also felt at institutions across the world, as this innovation became a leading EdTech product. In so doing, it transformed the nature, scale, and scope of the work undertaken at Sublime.</p>