

GatherTown Tips and Tricks

- You can familiarize yourself with the platform in advance, as it can be a little tricky the first time. There is a great demo with instructional videos on the website: <https://gather.town/>
- You will need to use a Google Chrome or Firefox browser. Link to join the LangFest room: <https://gather.town/app/ypEy1titnTIEGejl/LangFest>
- When you first enter the space, you will need to set up an avatar if it's your first time. You will spawn into a sitting room, where you'll find tables and chairs and a photo book from previous Language Fests. Enjoy!
- Use your keys to move around. As you get within close proximity to others, your audio and visual will be shared, much like in real life. When you walk away, they will no longer be able to hear or see you. You'll get a notification when you enter a private space. Note that private space means that you can only be seen or heard by those in the space with you. This is meant to eliminate outside distractions, such as those quickly walking by.
- Please do not approach the podium – this is in here so we can broadcast a message if needed. If you do approach the podium, all conversations will be interrupted by your feed.
- When you click on the participant icon on the bottom left-hand side, you are able to search for a participant and “follow” them wherever they go, or search for someone on the map if there is someone in particular you'd like to talk with.
- There are also chat features just like in Zoom. You can send private charts or to everyone in the Gather space.
- When you approach a poster, you'll see a preview in your screen. To view the entire poster, approach it and press “X”.