VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

Virtual exchange, also known as telecollaboration, is a great way to connect your students with native speakers around the world through one-on-one conversations and project-based learning.

Virtual Exchange (VE) is a practice that consists of sustained, technology-enabled, people-to-people education programmes or activities in which constructive communication and interaction takes place between individuals or groups who are geographically separated and/or from different cultural backgrounds. Virtual Exchange combines the deep impact of intercultural dialogue and exchange with the broad reach of digital technology. [Click here to learn more.]

SECTION 1
RESEARCH ON VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

Journal of Virtual Exchange
https://journal.unicollaboration.org/

Journal of Virtual Exchange (JVE) is an online, open-access, peer-reviewed journal aimed at practitioners and researchers in the field known variously as telecollaboration, virtual exchange, or online intercultural exchange.
Research on Brazilian Teletandem Projects

http://www.teletandembrasil.org/publications.html

SECTION 2
PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS/ASSOCIATIONS
SUPPORTING VIRTUAL EXCHANGE

UNICollaboration

https://www.unicollaboration.org/
UNICollaboration is a cross-disciplinary professional organisation for telecollaboration and virtual exchange in Higher Education. UNICollaboration’s website seeks to keep practitioners, researchers, policy makers and management informed of conferences, training opportunities, documents and policy developments relevant to their field.

Red Latinoamericano (COIL-Collaborative Online International Learning)
https://www.uv.mx/coil/

The Latin American COIL Network is an interdisciplinary network focused on the development of Collaborative Online International Learning methodology at a higher education level. It is being formed by Latin American universities and institutions around the world that are integrating COIL methodology in courses and which wish to do research in this area.
The idea of creating a Virtual Exchange Program follows current trends in International Education that highlight the importance of fostering internationalization activities at home, enabling students to enjoy international experiences with low costs for higher education institutions.

Teletandem

http://www.teletandembrasil.org/

Teletandem is an online language exchange program, wherein foreign language students in one country are paired with native speakers from universities abroad where the target language is spoken. The Teletandem Brasil Project of UNESP - Universidade Estadual Paulista, Brazil, matches up Brazilian university students who want to learn a foreign language with students in other countries who are learning Portuguese.
SECTION 3
THIRD-PARTY PROVIDES-SPECIFICALLY FOR LANGUAGE CONNECTIONS

Conversifi
https://www.conversifi.com/

Conversifi connects language learners with native speakers for on-demand language practice and cultural exchange over video chat. Conversifi believes the best way to complement classroom learning is with immersion in the language. Conversifi is a third-party provider and charges a fee.

Lingua Meeting
https://www.linguameeting.com/

Lingua Meeting introduces a new way to enrich the foreign language classroom experience. Students can work outside of the classroom with a personal, native-speaker language coach in a real-time online learning environment. Instructors are supported by our coaches, who work as teaching assistants, helping them to implement more conversation into their curriculum. Lingua Meeting is a third-party provider and charges a fee. Lingua Meeting works with Spanish and English.