

This year's OT Virtual Exchange (#OTVx17) will be held on October 27, 2017 and will be using World Occupational Therapy Day theme: *Inform, Inspire and Influence*.

**#OTVX17 is the official hashtag for this year's event.**

The #OTVx17 is an 8-hour interactive online conference with invited speakers including Handicap International who will discuss Conflict and Emergencies, World Health Organization (WHO) discussing the Assistive Technology/GATE Programme; two keynote speakers, Marleen van Doesburg-Kaijen and Claire Craig from the European Network of Occupational Therapy in Higher Education (ENOTHE) Annual Meeting in Zagreb, Croatia, WFOT Congress 2018 local organising team and speakers, International Society of Wheelchair Professionals (ISWP) and WFOT President, Marilyn Pattison.

Here is the OTVx17 schedule in UTC/GMT\* time with links to the virtual rooms (TinyURL)

Session	UTC/GMT*	Topic & Speaker	Tiny URL
Session 1	5:00	Meet & Greet – catch up with online friends	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session1">https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session1</a>
Session 2a	6:00	Welcome – Launch OTVx17 Social Media-WFOT Executive Project Team	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session2">https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session2</a>
Session 2b	6:30	Using Social Media to leverage and protect the OT brand	
Session 3	7:00	Doing: a powerful way of learning; Keynote by Marleen van Doesburg-Kaijen	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session3">https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session3</a>
Session 4	8:00	Where OT meets IT: harnessing the potential of digital technologies to promote health and wellbeing; Keynote by Claire Craig	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session4">https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session4</a>
Session 5	9:00	Conflict and Emergencies; Handicap International	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session5">https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session5</a>
Session 6	10:00	WFOT Congress 2018 and Occupational Therapy in South Africa	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session6">https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session6</a>
Session 7a	11:00	Global Cooperation for Assistive Technology (World Health Organization)	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session7">https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session7</a>
Session 7b	11.30	Opportunities to Enhance Occupational Therapists' Wheelchair Service Provision Knowledge & Skills (International Society of Wheelchair Professionals)	
Session 8	12:00	Keynote by WFOT President, Marilyn Pattison	<a href="https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session8">https://tinyurl.com/vx17Session8</a>

The OT 24-hour Virtual Exchange (OT24VX) started in 2010 and has been held each year to celebrate World Occupational Therapy Day. It has been organized and run by Online Technology for Occupational Therapy (OT4OT), a small group of occupational therapists who are passionate about using online technology to advance entry level education, continuing professional development, research, and practice.

We are proud to be transitioning OT24Vx to becoming OTVx in 2017 and look forward to continuing to support knowledge transfer activities using online technologies in collaboration with the WFOT for occupational therapy practitioners and students around the globe.

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\* check your timezone via <https://www.timeanddate.com/>