

Exploring the use of 'ThingLink' in delivering online virtual fieldtrips

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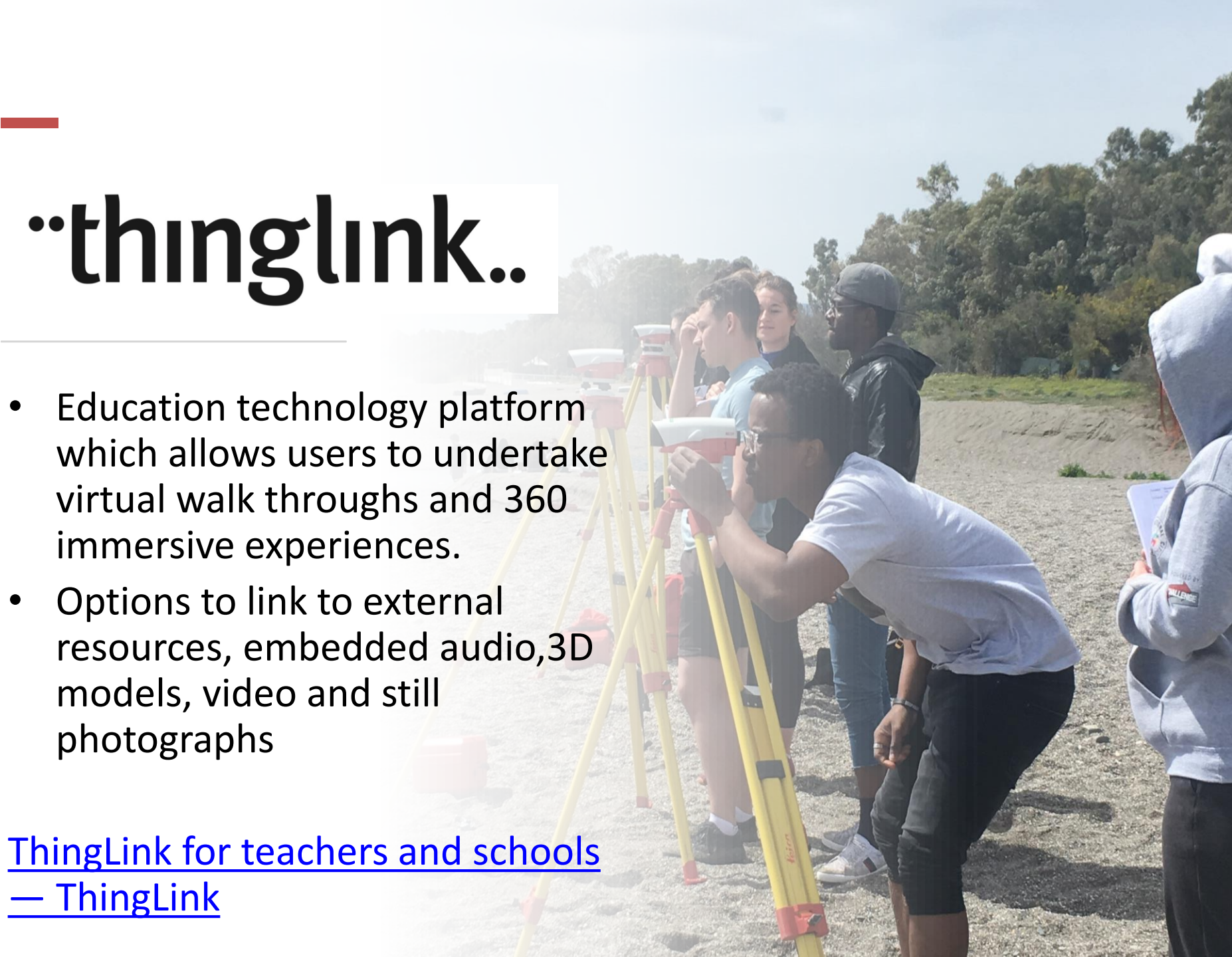
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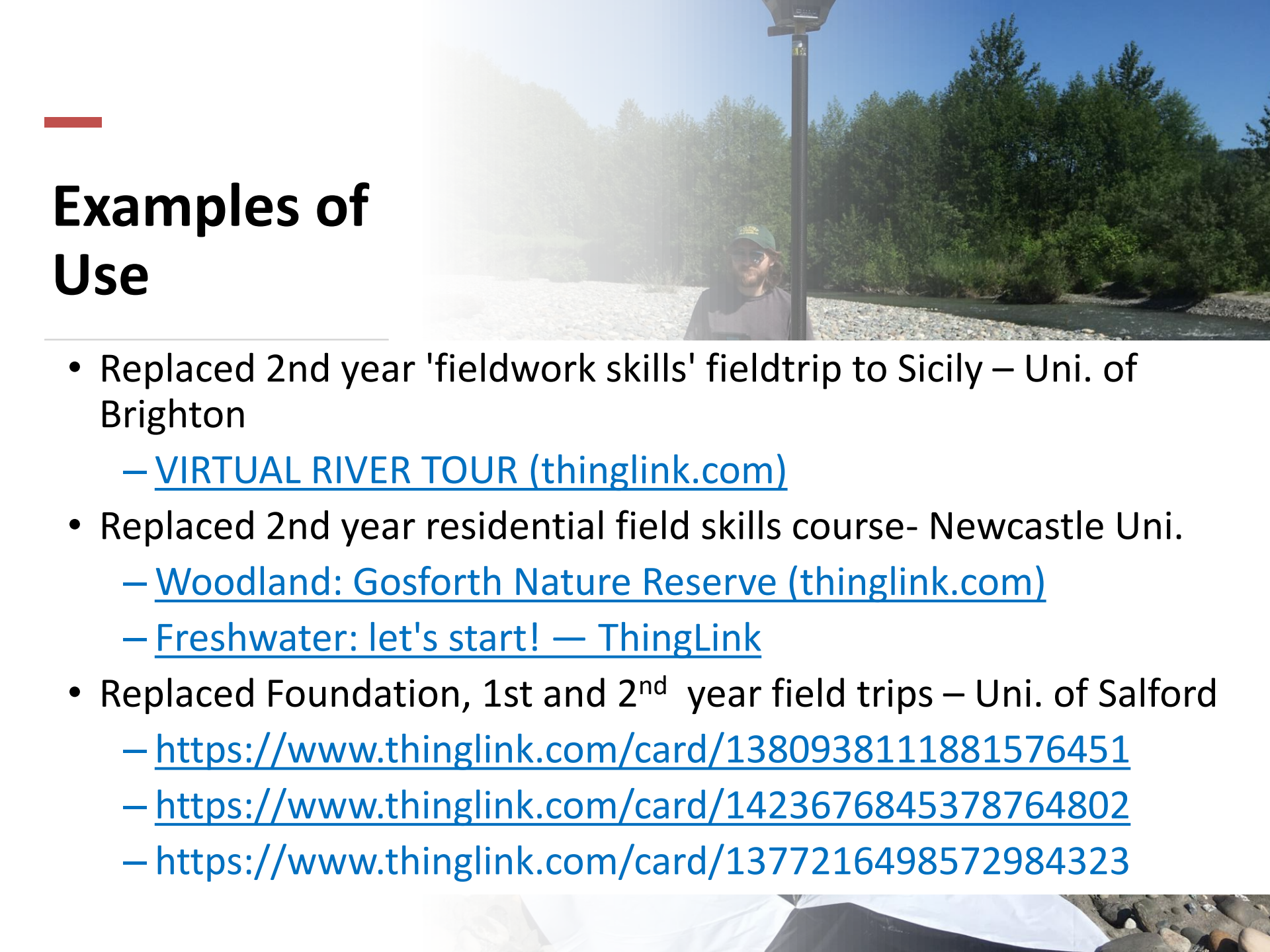
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- Education technology platform which allows users to undertake virtual walk throughs and 360 immersive experiences.
- Options to link to external resources, embedded audio, 3D models, video and still photographs

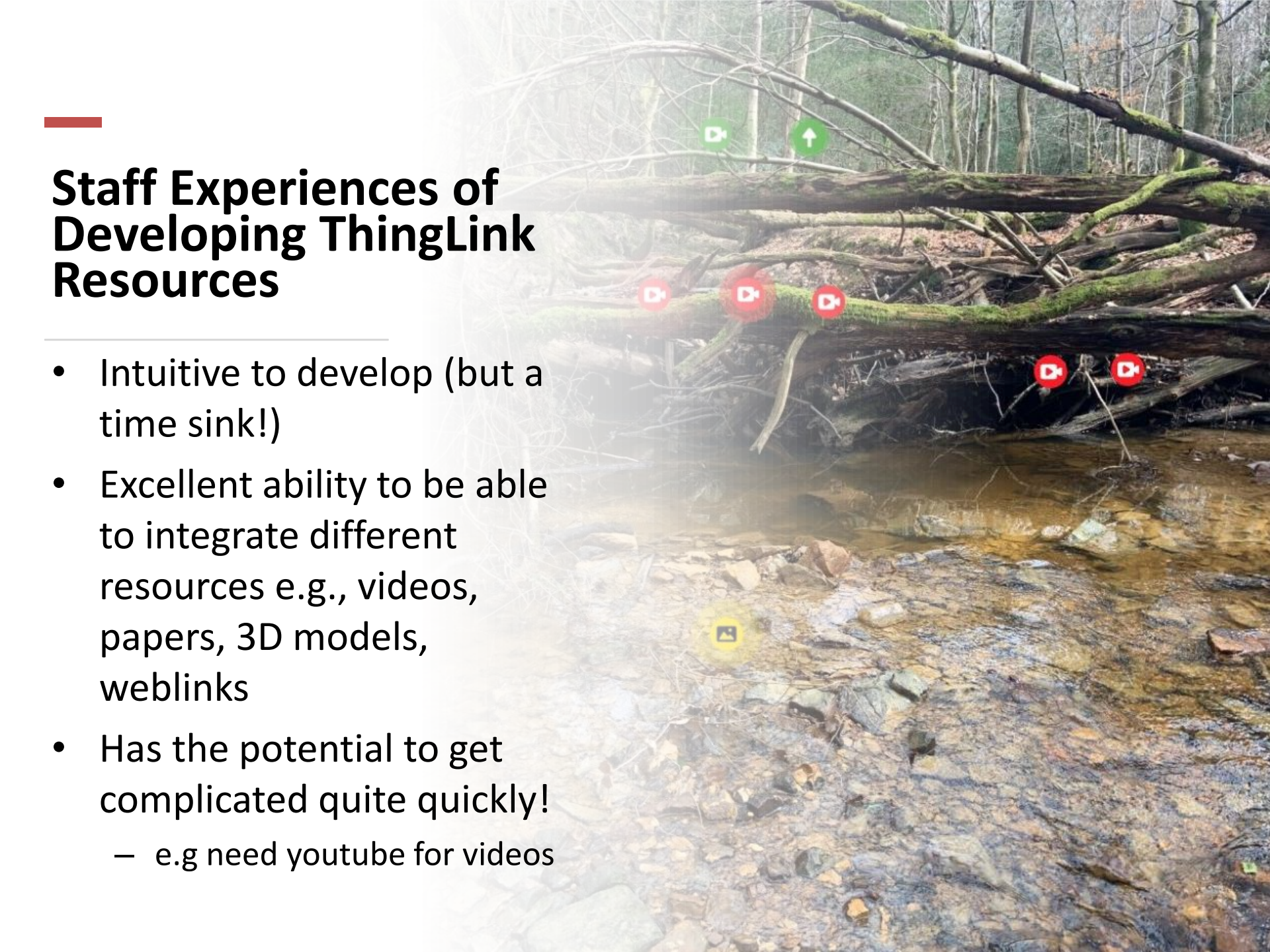
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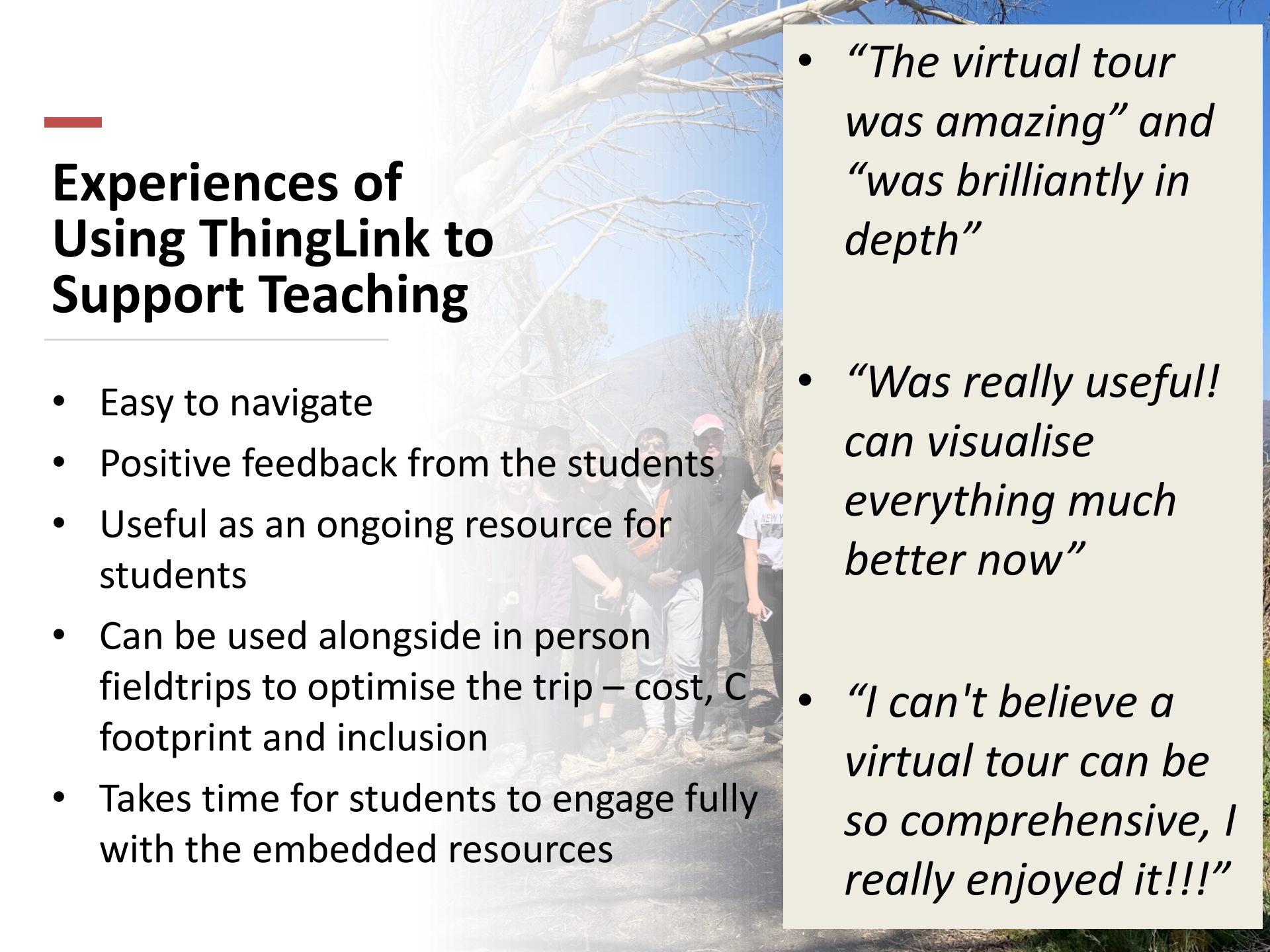
Examples of Use

- Replaced 2nd year 'fieldwork skills' fieldtrip to Sicily – Uni. of Brighton
 - [VIRTUAL RIVER TOUR \(thinglink.com\)](https://www.thinglink.com/scene/1380938111881576451)
- Replaced 2nd year residential field skills course- Newcastle Uni.
 - [Woodland: Gosforth Nature Reserve \(thinglink.com\)](https://www.thinglink.com/scene/1423676845378764802)
 - [Freshwater: let's start! — ThingLink](https://www.thinglink.com/scene/1377216498572984323)
- Replaced Foundation, 1st and 2nd year field trips – Uni. of Salford
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A photograph of a forest stream with fallen logs and moss. Overlaid on the image are several ThingLink icons: two green icons (one with a play button, one with an up arrow) at the top, and several red icons (play buttons) along the logs. A yellow icon (picture) is on the stream bed.

Staff Experiences of Developing ThingLink Resources

- Intuitive to develop (but a time sink!)
- Excellent ability to be able to integrate different resources e.g., videos, papers, 3D models, weblinks
- Has the potential to get complicated quite quickly!
 - e.g need youtube for videos



Experiences of Using ThingLink to Support Teaching

- Easy to navigate
- Positive feedback from the students
- Useful as an ongoing resource for students
- Can be used alongside in person fieldtrips to optimise the trip – cost, C footprint and inclusion
- Takes time for students to engage fully with the embedded resources

- *“The virtual tour was amazing” and “was brilliantly in depth”*
- *“Was really useful! can visualise everything much better now”*
- *“I can't believe a virtual tour can be so comprehensive, I really enjoyed it!!!”*

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