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| **HA Resource Hub Submission Form** |
| **Resource Title: Free interactive videoconferencing (VC) sessions for home learners on the Aztecs and Maya** | **Age Range: Junior to adult** |
| **Author name and email contact: Ian Mursell** **ian@mexicolore.co.uk** | **Resource Details: (e.g. how many documents does it consist of? In which order?)** One-off VC sessions using free downloadable Zoom app.**Resource sheets available at:**[**https://www.mexicolore.co.uk/aztecs/teachers/videoconferencing**](https://www.mexicolore.co.uk/aztecs/teachers/videoconferencing)  |
| **Necessary prior learning to complete this:** None. Two single A4 resource sheets to be used in the session can be downloaded for free from via link (above, see Resource details) | **What does it lead to next?** An awakened interest in Aztec and/or Maya civilisations via an introduction to ancient Mesoamerican calendar systems |
| **Explanation: How should this resource be used?** The session offers a detailed and interactive look at the famous and mysterious Aztec Sunstone (aka Calendar Stone) with its intriguing story of 5 world creations. Participants are challenged to a) find key elements on our giant Sunstone model - from the ring of day signs to the Stone’s creation date, from the two giant fire-serpents to the name of the Fifth Sun (era) that we live in today – and b) to work out how the four previous Suns were destroyed, by using clues in the free downloadable resource sheets (PDF links provided - ideally these should be printed ahead of the session) and guiding us to the right section of the Sunstone... The session is ‘illustrated’ with demonstrations of artefacts on display beneath the Sunstone model - from copies of ancient Mesoamerican wind and percussion instruments to a replica of the pre-Hispanic Codex Cospi.Each session is flexible in terms of duration (average: 45-60 mins.) and content, allowing for the particular requests and interests of participants. No limit on numbers, and all are encouraged to ask questions as the VC progresses. The ‘default’ subject is the Aztec Calendar, but other topics can cover the Maya, the Mexican Day of the Dead festival, ancient Mexican musical instruments, and more.Once a date and time are agreed, an email is sent to participants inviting them to join a Zoom meeting. They click on the link, download the app, and the session starts…  |