# OLC Accelerate 2020: The Basics of Preparing for Session Engagement

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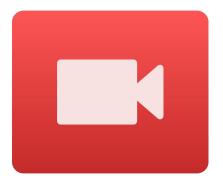
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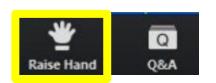


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# Participating in this session

1. Click on **Raise Hand** to ask a question



2. Click the microphone to share your audio



3. Click the microphone again to mute





#### **Panelists**



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# The Basics of Preparing for Session Engagement

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#### Goals for today's session:

- Review of session types and appropriate engagement techniques
- Discuss key considerations for designing and delivering an effective virtual to virtual presentation.
- Consider technology, interactivity, and creative ways to share content and effectively engage your audience.
- Humanizing your presentation
- Presentation logistical considerations



# **Engaging Participants**

- People want to feel heard... how are you giving them opportunities to talk, discuss, ask questions, share ideas?
- How you do this depends on your session type
- Plan ahead (don't try to wing it)
- Have a back up (what will you do if...)



#### Education sessions are:

- 30-35 minutes of presentation
- 10-15 minutes Q&A and group discussion

Appropriate methods of engagement:

 Polling, chat, Twitter hashtags, collaborative notes, audio/video Q&A



#### Express Workshop sessions are:

- 30-35 minutes of presentation and interactivity
- 10-15 minutes Q&A and group discussion

#### Appropriate methods of engagement:

 Polling, chat, Twitter hashtags, breakout rooms, collaborative notes, shared deliverable, audio/video report out or Q&A



#### Gamified sessions are:

- 30-35 minutes of presentation via gamified experiences
- 10-15 minutes Q&A and group discussion

#### Appropriate methods of engagement:

 Polling, chat, Twitter hashtags, breakout rooms, shared deliverable, competitions, games



#### Workshops

- 120-minute block of presentation and interactive experiences
- Format: 45 min 30 min break 45 min

#### Appropriate methods of engagement:

 Polling, chat, Twitter hashtags, breakout rooms, shared deliverable, audio/video report out



#### Pre-conference Workshops

• 3 hours of presentation and interactive experiences (All on Friday, November 6)

#### Appropriate methods of engagement:

 Polling, chat, Twitter hashtags, breakout rooms, collaborative tools, shared deliverable, audio/video report out, follow up opportunities



#### Lightning Talks

- 15-minute short provocation
- Format: 1-2 minutes for introductions, 7-8 minutes for the main presentation, and 5 minutes for questions (recommended)

#### Appropriate methods of engagement:

Chat, Twitter hashtags, follow up opportunities



## **Humanizing Your Presentation**

Technology isn't your presentation

Technology
creates the
environment for
your presentation





## Setting the Stage

#### Manage your environment

- Select your location lighting, noise, camera view
- Minimize disruptions prevention, communicate
- Plan for disruptions humanize the experience



#### Lighting

- Avoid bright backdrops (windows, lamps) which cause overexposure
- Face a window (or light your face)
- Practice your lighting (most computer cameras will automatically adjust to the lighting, try to make the light even)



# Poor lighting example





# Good lighting example





#### Noise

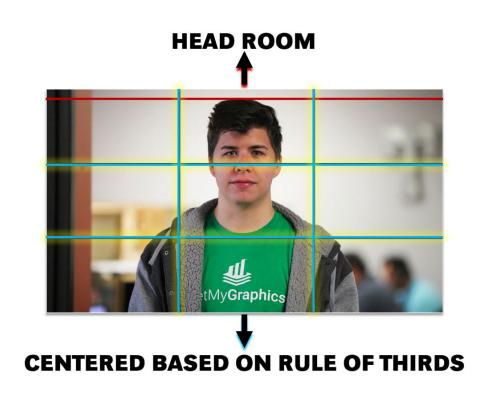
#### Background noise:

- Avoid air vents (turn off an air vent located near or above you)
- Close your door (hang a sign)
- Use an Aux Lav mic or headset if possible
- Check your computer audio settings
- Do a test meeting or recording and playback audio



# Depth of field settings

- Rule of Thirds (center yourself)
- Headroom (make sure you do not have too much or too little)
- Camera position (eye level, 2-3 feet away)





#### Preparation

- Write a script in conversational language
- Practice (in front of mirror, with people)
- Don't read it! (use a bullet point cheat sheet)
- Use facial expressions during practice, blink!
- Be comfortable with small errors in your speech
- Practice eye contact (look at the camera)
- Dress professionally (dark, plain clothes)



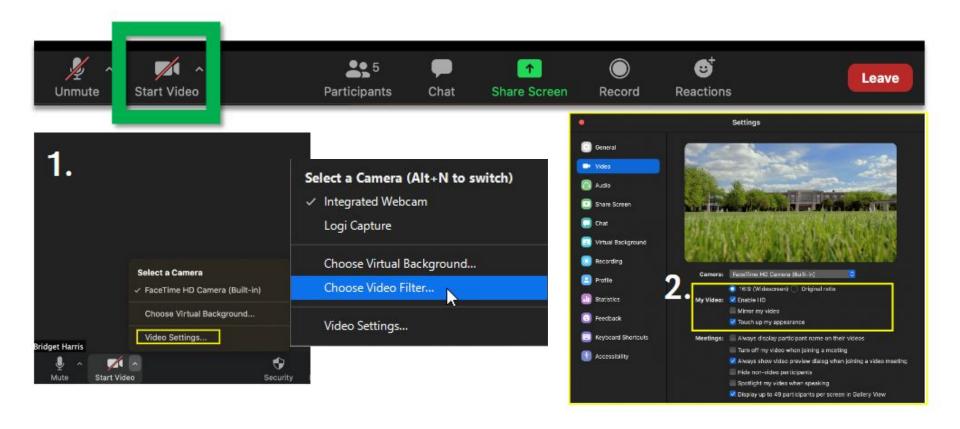
## Setting the stage

#### Manage your technology

- Assess hardware Webcam, audio, which screen will display, lighting
- Assess software Screen sharing, multiple presenters
- Test your connection/bandwidth
- Don't rely solely on your technology
- Test, test, and test some more



# Setting up your camera and background





# Being present in your own presentation

#### During your session:

- Ratio
- Background
- Look at camera (not yourself)
- Hide non-video participants
- Animating, tone, hands
- Talk TO and WITH your participants (not AT them)





# Connecting with your participants

#### **Involve Participants**

Ask questions or encourage

comments in chat, monitor and

acknowledge

Use names

Polling or collaborative notes

Props can be good

And...

Be animated, tone, hands

Look at the camera

Smile!



#### Humanize and engage

- Polling (in Zoom, Poll Everywhere, Mentimeter)
- Chat (in Zoom)
- Twitter hashtags (#OLCAccelerate)
- Collaborative notes, shared deliverable (Google)
- Audio/video report out, Q&A
- Competitions, games (Kahoot!, Quizizz)
- Follow up opportunities (Google form, survey)



#### Create access

#### Is your presentation visually accessible?

- Can we see colors and contrast? Are you using accessibility effective practices?
- How does your presentation look in Zoom?
- Are your slides clean and uncluttered?

#### Create access

#### Is your presentation shareable?

- Check settings for sharing
- Will all your materials during the presentation be available on the presentation or other document?
- If you are using other materials, how will you share them?

#### Create access

#### Is your presentation engaging?

- Find your style
- Bullet points, graphics vs. words, images/videos/audio
- Test it out on your own screen and with a friend



# **OLC Staff Will Help**

Zoom housekeeping - Tech support - Help in the chat

However, be practiced and prepped - have a plan and communicate ahead of time



#### **Session Chair**

#### **Session Chair -**

Will help moderate the chat, keep time, bookend announcements & reminders

Will not order you lunch, answer presentation specific questions, play your walk on music, or tell your dog to stop barking at the UPS truck



#### Remember this...



# **OLC Presenter Logistics**





# Technology Considerations

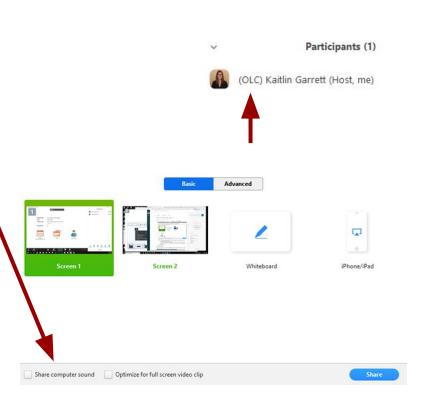


- Prepare your technology
  - A headset with mic for good audio quality
  - A webcam
  - A stable internet connection
- Upload materials in advance deadline is November 2
- All session times are listed in ET



#### Logistical Considerations

- Arrive early (10-15 min) to get set-up and test your mic, video, screen share
  - Note: "Share computer sound"
- Request polls or breakout rooms by November 2 with OLC at conference@onlinelearning-c.org
- Use Google Docs for collaborative work in lieu of breakouts if possible
- OLC Staff Member present in each session if you need support





#### Logistical Considerations (continued)

- All sessions will record automatically
- Session Chair will introduce you, as well as give you a "5 minutes remaining" alert
- Share a tinyurl or QR code of your slides
- Encourage use of the chat





#### **QR** Codes

Create a QR code

https://www.gr-code-generator.com/

Enter your URL

Download the code

Paste on your slides



#### Additional Support

Guides and session specific webinar recordings can be found on the Presenter Services Webpage:



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# **Accessing Your Session**

OLC will email all presenters with specific access instructions.



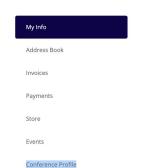


#### Uploading your presentation

#### Log into your OLC user account

- Select "Conference Profile" from the left-hand menu.
- Once in the Conference Management System, click on "My Sessions" in the upper right.
- Next to your session, click on the "Edit" link.
- Click on the "Upload Files" link for your session.
- Add your presentation url or upload your presentation file using the file browser. (If you are using PowerPoint, we recommend saving your ppt file as a PDF and uploading the smaller file-size PDF.)
- Scroll down and click "Save."
- Deadline is November 2









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## Evaluations and Housekeeping



# Questions



