

Virtual is Here to Stay

What action will you take to make your virtual engagements more fun and focused?

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Take screen breaks and encourage others to do so

Celebrate special days

pre-event surprises

adding soothing pictures

Pre-event packages

I love the engagement ideas... like sending playdough, snacks or resources in advance of the session.

send pre-event prizes or include contests

Before my next group meeting I will ask participants to come prepared to share a program idea.

Take screen breaks

add a game

Use screen breaks other than polls

Take time to stretch!

More slides to change the visuals

contests for engagement!

Provide more opportunities for interaction during presentations-including eye breaks

Engage more with participants prior to a webinar and allow time for community-building.



Love all of the personalization options here on padlet. This webinar has been excellent!

Great ideas

This was an excellent webinar. I will take screen breaks and I will encourage participants to also do so.

Welcome ice breakers

intros

inviting participants to engage before the program begins.

using meeting boxes

Pre-tech orientation for participants

Asking virtual participants what they will takeaway!

Add fun activities

Include a relevant link, picture, or cartoon in the invite or agenda

Add some interactivity with annotations on screen

I love the idea of sending a little something to everyone on the team.

go for walks and relax

I'm a yoga teacher as well as a librarian, so I plan to incorporate more screen breaks into virtual presentations!

screen breaks

Make sure to follow up afterwards -- need to remember this!

Have fun!

Greet participants as they enter the meeting

Take breaks!

take exercise breaks

try playing a game or have a contest

add relaxation slides to my slide decks

Stretch Breaks!

I am working on a half-day class and I am DEFINITELY going to add stretch breaks.

include contests in presentations

Add some jokes periodically!

use backgrounds

Take screen breaks

Include more pre- and post- event engagement.

Definitely create learner guides!

Background Contest

Incorporate fun

Simon Says

To get participants moving as a break.

Being mindful about incorporating breaks into virtual sessions, even if it's just to look away from the screen!

Take more screen breaks

encourage people to use their favorite background...and maybe vote on our favorites!

Remember to take screen breaks!

Do a better job of encouraging people to connect with each other!



take mini breaks

Incorporate trivia questions and contests for department meetings

Not use my phone as a screen break

pre-work activities; greetings on camera

Teen programming

Using padlet is going to be a priority. What a wonderful tool!

Take doodle/sketch breaks

Meeting boxes! You are absolutely right that the travel budget has been left on the table.

Create a poll or activity in padlet!

Screen breaks is a great idea. I tend to move between my phone and my computer all day. I also like the idea that engagement and virtual sessions don't have to be so serious - you can have fun while you're getting work done!

Add fun to Zoom meetings

ask folks to show their pets!

learning experiences in between sessions

screen breaks

Pre-meeting snack gifts



Encourage more breaks.

screen breaks

encourage physical activity - like drawing

Stretch breaks!

Change up backgrounds in web cams

Padlet is really fun for instruction

use national holidays

art projects during class

use break-out rooms for fun not just serious discussions

Stretching, dancing

Have fun!



prepare votes before meeting starts

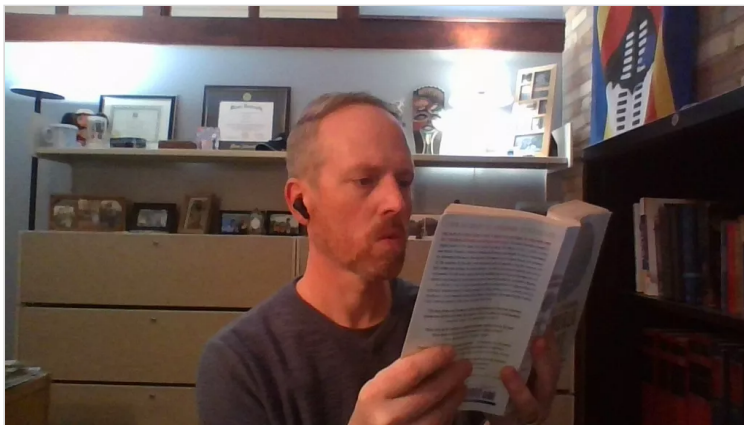
Switch it up mid-meeting by inviting people to get up and stretch.

Provide a snack (or have folks bring their favorite)!

Have folks eat their snack on camera (if they wish).

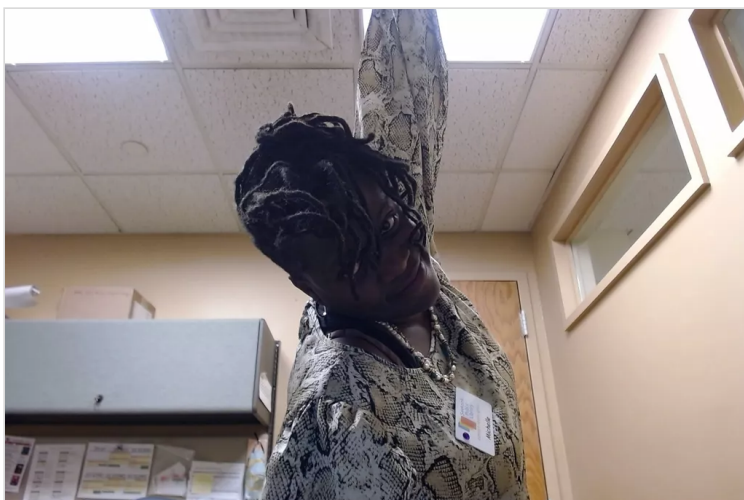
Appreciate the dignity and well being of participants by addressing the learning ecosystem. And making it more conducive to better learning.

Take more in office screen breaks



More pre-event excitement building activities!

encourage stretch breaks even for a one hour event



quick break even in a one hour session

Stretches and eye breaks and drawing/writing activities

encourage active listening when I teach online

all the info I share is important!

Padlet

Love the idea of Padlet!

Take dance breaks



Welcome all participants!



Go through orientation, so everyone is comfortable with the platform we are using.

opening event a little early and talk to people as they join

have zany backgrounds! My next meeting I'm going to have a dumpster fire in the background.

Organizing take away handout materials better in order to make better use of them.

Get out of my rut - have been presenting online programs in a routine, unvaried way.

Share music! Icebreakers! More engaging registration confirmation emails.

celebrate a national event, birthday,etc



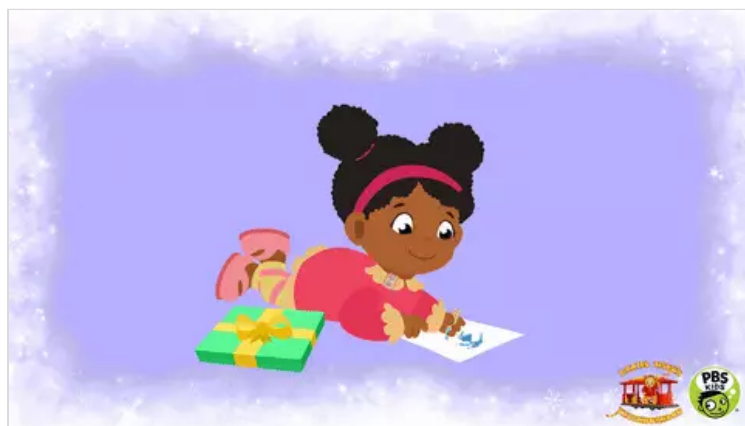
Creating a learner guide for folks!

Use learning guides

Engaging with all participants by greeting them

Coloring Pages!

I am going to add a coloring page or two to pre-class packets so people who need something else to focus while they listen have something to do and feel empowered!



Use padlet!

Work on my program introduction and introduce new Zoom features to the participants

Got to have participants design backgrounds!

Brief exercises to help people stay focused and centered.

Use padlet to accumulate ideas.

centering activity at the start



Meeting packets

Include the Learning Guides, anything they need to participate, and possibly a snack.

Apply what's appropriate to my audience.



provide links like padlet to try something new

Use Padlet

Include some activities and games.

Incorporate Fun!

even if my focus is on business and personal finance

Using Learner Guides

include links, other resources and tips related to the topic

add puppies



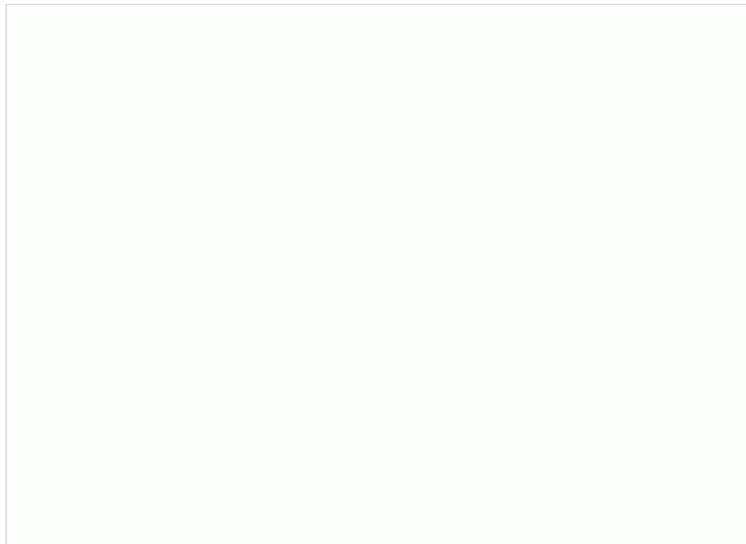
screen breaks and allow a bit of more of myself to be present

Help people feel relaxed by welcoming and encouraging participants to foster connections.



Ask questions that encourage people to respond to each other's comments, questions or ideas

Greet people as they join the meeting



Appreciate the recommendation to make BiblioCommons pre-reading list.



Brain Breaks

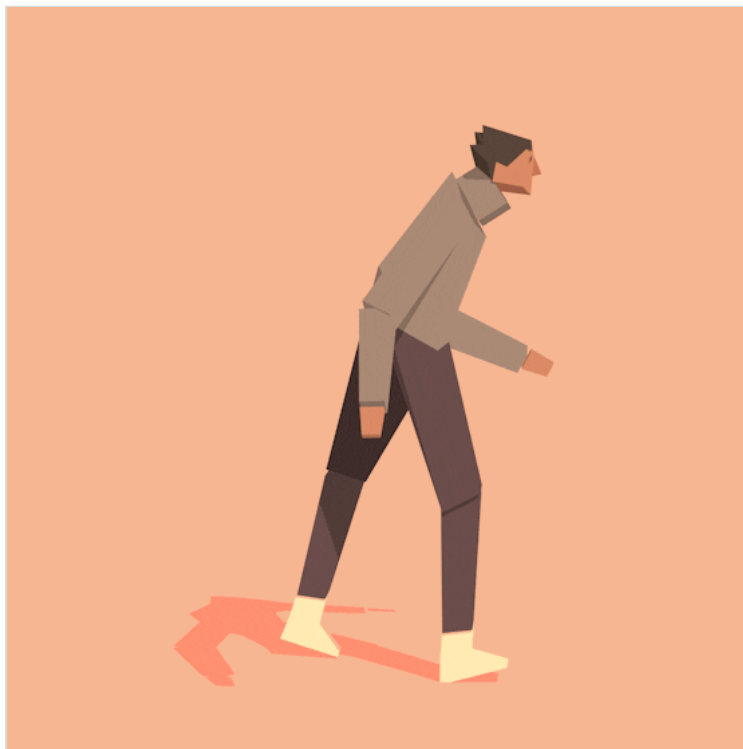
Encouraging participants to look away and stretch to help prevent cognitive overload.

Invite participants to submit questions or comments ahead of the event.

Allow anyone who's off-camera to stay there. They may just need a break.

"DAD" JOKES

5 minute Walk breaks



I attended a webinar where they did sound check trivia with Zoom polls!

Excited to try using Learning Guides



Screen Breaks



I have to get better at that - greeting people when they arrive - make in more like a live meeting

I love the idea of a doodling page or coloring in the packet

I need to find out about Brain Yoga Cards!

Always play music before the webinar begins so folks know their audio is working. Create a quick slideshow to display until the webinar beings.

Add an element of surprise to virtual events that tend to be the same each time.

Eye Breaks

<http://www.eyebreaks.com/>

Eye Breaks - The Browser-Based Break Reminder

No battery-draining apps or installs necessary... just a free browser-based reminder to help relieve computer eye strain. Most computer users at one point will complain of eye strain. In fact with so many using computers in their occupations it is now a recognised complaint.



EYEBREAKS

dance moves!

Remember that some folks are viewing on their phone, so asking them to click on links isn't easy.

6 Refreshing Eye Exercises for Tired Computer Users

<https://www.rebuildyourvision.com/blog/vision-conditions/computer-vision-syndrome/6-refreshing-eye-exercises-for-tired-computer-users/>

6 Refreshing Eye Exercises for Tired Computer Users | Rebuild Your Vision

Staring at a computer screen all day long sure puts a strain on your eyes. Poor lighting, an increase in visual demands and not enough blinking are all factors that contribute to computer-related eyestrain. Added to that, many computer users often turn to smaller devices like their phones, which just makes the strain on your eyes even worse.



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With ILL I would thank the potential participants for signing up and provide a link to the ILL Libguide and encourage them to peruse it before the session.

Introduce your pet and encourage others to do so as well.

"Trivia Dance Party"

Give people pieces of trivia - if they think it's true, they do a little dance; if they think it's false, they don't. Learn fun trivia AND

