Maximizing Virtual Meetings: Learning and Practice with the DCo Facilitation Network

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Welcome!

- Thanks for joining us for our second webinar.
 - April's webinar recording: <u>https://tinyurl.com/aprildcowebinar</u>
- The world is strange right now, but we've got your back.

• Our Facilitation Network is here to help you grow in your facilitation skills.

(Right now, that means virtual)

Today's Facilitators - from the DCo Facilitation Network

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- Jenny
- Karlene
- Lakesia
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- Michael



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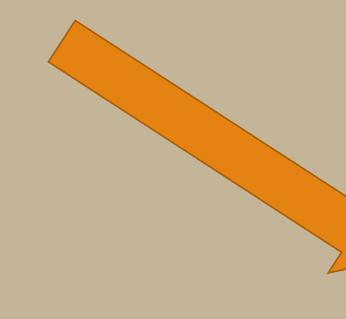
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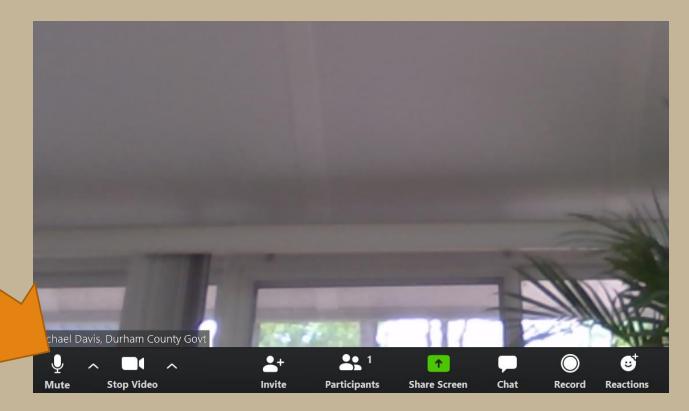
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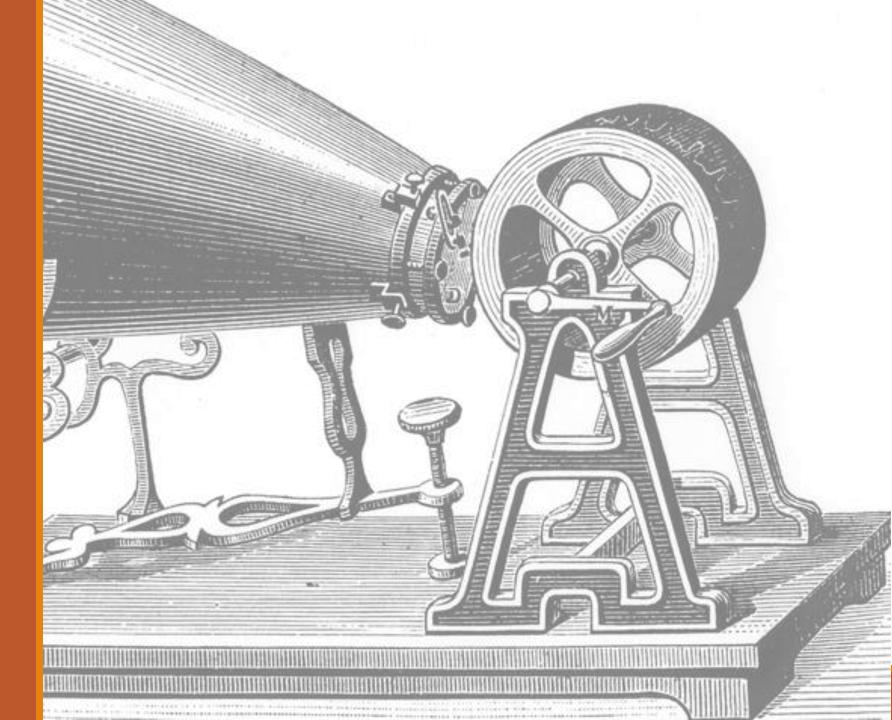
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About the DCo Facilitation Program

In-person '101' training

Facilitating for others: community & county employees

Facilitation Network: a community of practice for quarterly learning meetings



Objectives

 Provide tips and tricks so that you can run better external meetings

 Create a safe space for you to ask questions and practice virtual facilitation so that you can apply your learning back at the "office"

The Run-Down (aka Agenda)

- Intros and Objectives
- Breakout 1
- Content How to Maximize External Virtual Meetings
- Breakout 2
- Share Outs and Discussion
- Close

Reminder

- IS&T requires Skype for Business for internal meetings
- For meetings that include external partners, solutions like WebEx, Zoom and Uberconference are permissible.
- •Today's webinar has invited external partners and is focused on how to maximize virtual tools for external meetings, so we're using this platform.
- •IS&T is rapidly moving toward Microsoft Teams.
 - For more information, please contact Andre Cornette at <u>acornette@dconc.gov</u> and Rebecca Hartigan at <u>rhartigan@dconc.gov</u>.





Source: Dilbert, via Scott Adams (2019)

Breakout Time

Let's check in for five minutes:

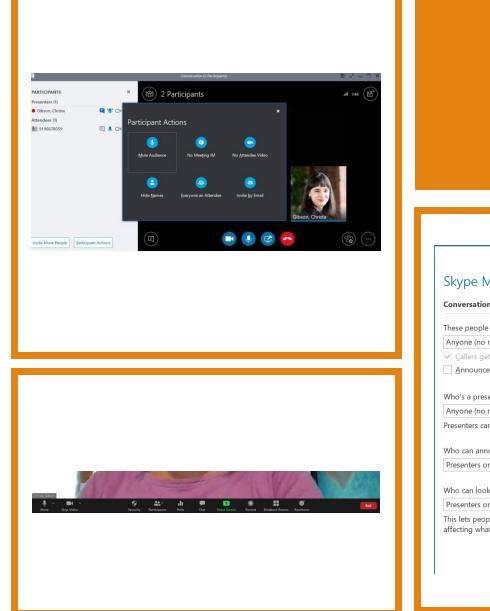
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Planning for Contingencies

Prevent unwanted guests.

Prepare for Internet problems.

Silence those not on mute.

Visual Engagement

Staying engaged through video screens

1. Practice!

2. KISS

3. Be considerate

4. Get a headset

5. Reach out

Chat Engagement

Staying engaged through Chat and Reactions Features

Chat Feature

- Public (Everyone)
- Private (Specific Participant)
- A Word of Caution
- Chat Monitor

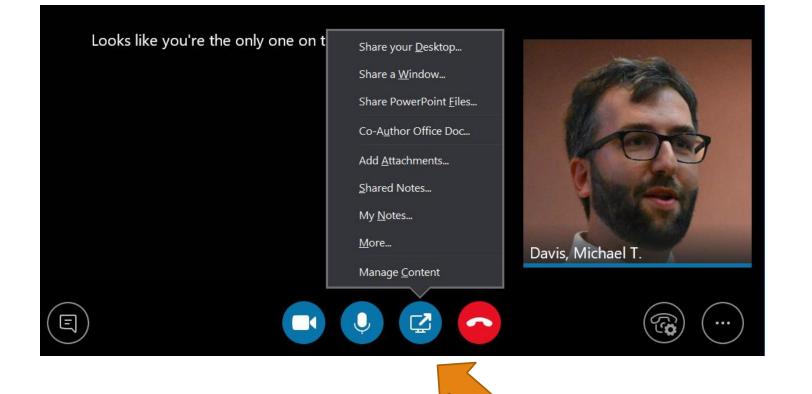
Reactions Feature

Polling Engagement

- "In the moment" polls are a way to get real-time feedback
 - Are people comprehending or paying attention? Ask a review question.
 - Are people enjoying or finding value? Ask an evaluation question.
 - Are people in need of a laugh or a diversion? Ask a fun question.

Polling Engagement

•Now an "in the moment" poll



Polling on Skype for Business

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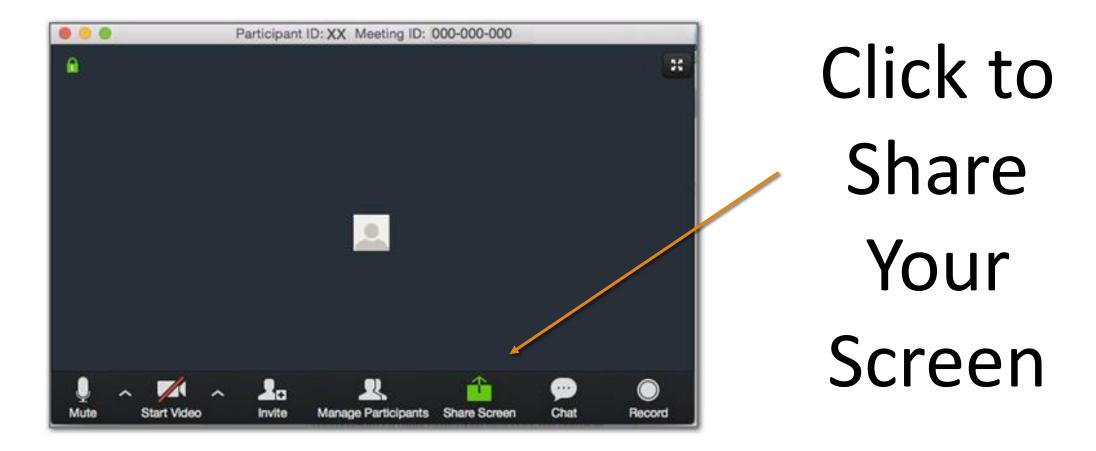
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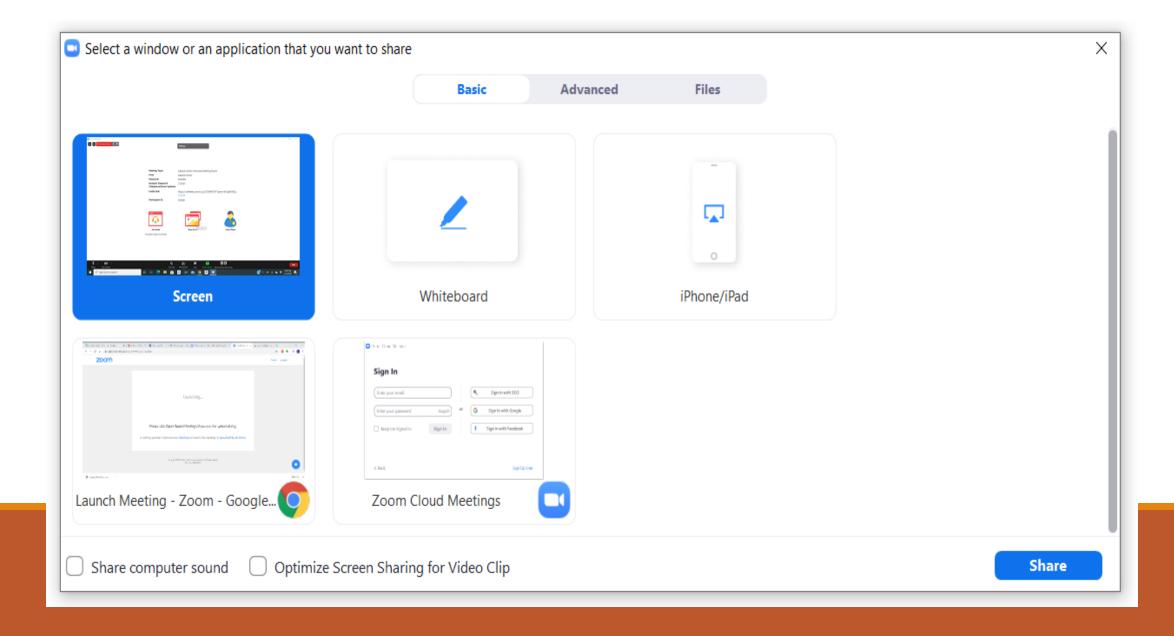
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Polling Engagement

- Good for something quick and, again, "in the moment"
- A way to check in, entertain or take the pulse of the meeting
- Don't forget the chat box can be used to ask a question and get quick answers, too
- For deeper inquiry, use SurveyMonkey or another survey solution

Screen Share Engagement



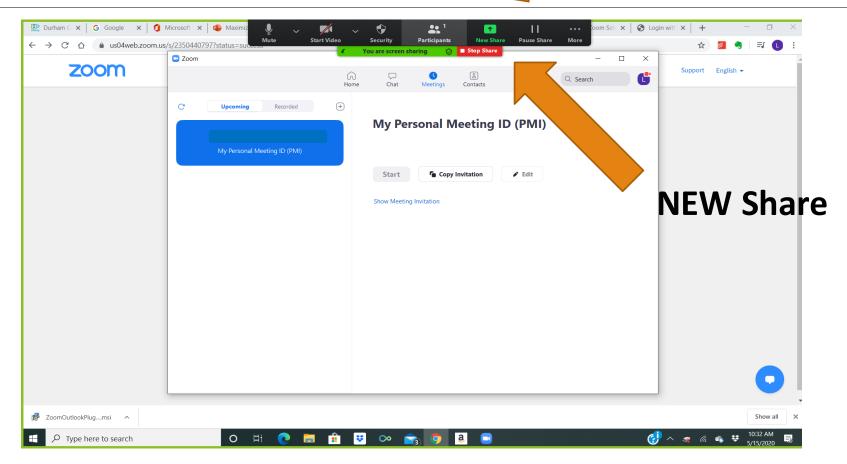


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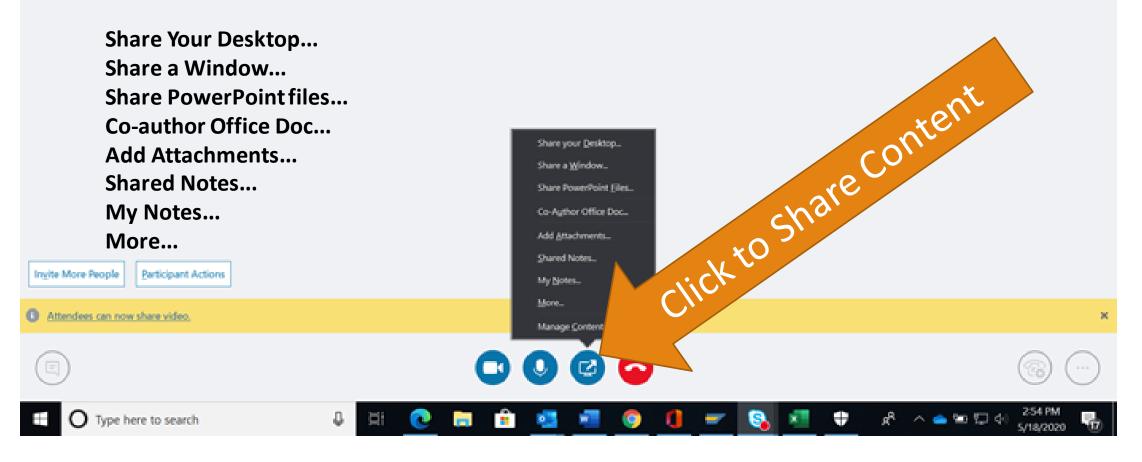
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Screen Sharing Tips



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Screen Sharing in Skype for Business



Virtual Breakout Rooms

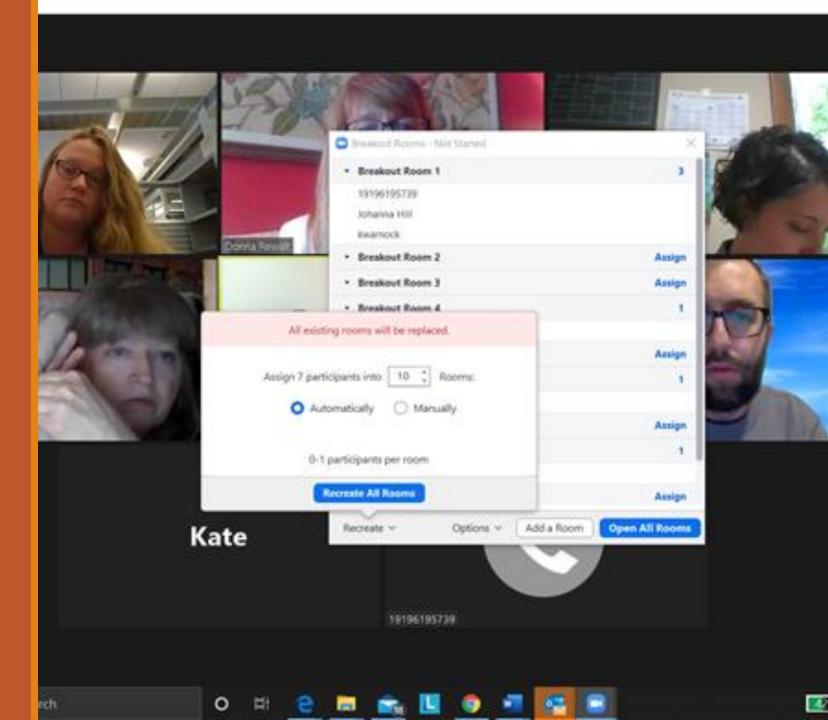


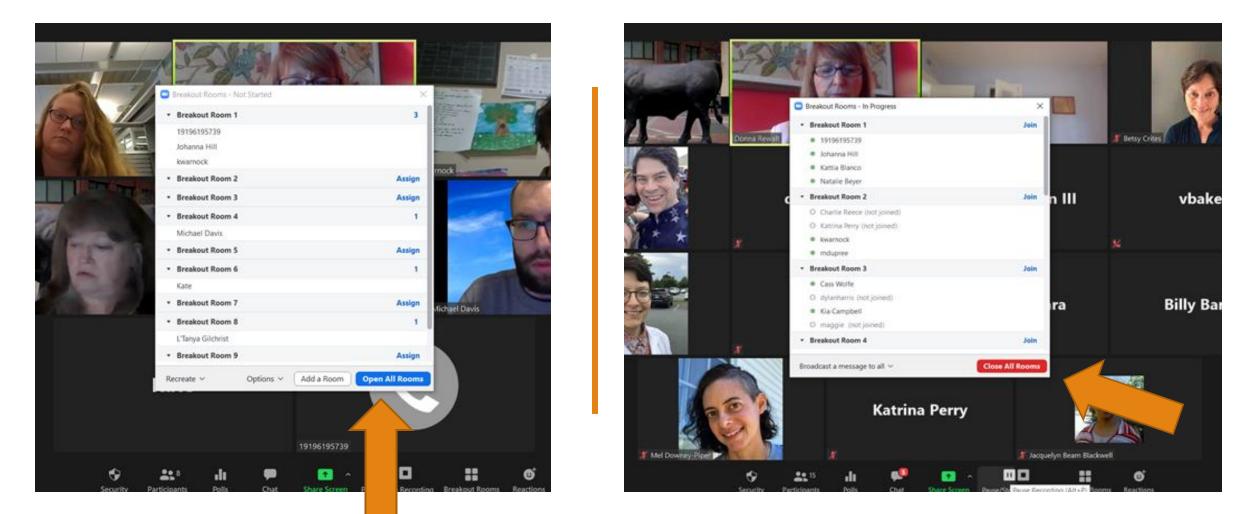
Uses for breakout groups—discussion, focus on different topics, application of learning, work in teams

- Benefits—deeper engagement & learning, higher quality information from groups, more openness, breaks up meeting
- Monitoring & Managing Breakout Groups is Essential

□ Watch for report out fatigue

Starting Breakout Rooms Automatic vs. Manual





Opening and Closing Rooms

Breakout Rooms

- What has worked well in virtual meetings for you?
- What have been the challenges?
- What might you need to support you and help you overcome those challenges?

Report Out

- Share your room's thoughts out loud
- Or type it in the chat!

Questions

What tips can you share?

Where else do you need support?

What else do you want to see covered?

Announcing "Virtual Lunch"

•Upcoming chances to chat, experiment with virtual meeting tools and ask questions of the DCo Facilitation Network

Round 1: Wednesday, June 3, 12-1 pm Round 2: Tuesday, June 9, 12-1 pm

Quick Poll

Question 1

•Question 2

Thanks, Stay Safe, and Have Great Meetings