

VIRTUAL CLASSROOM CONSIDERATIONS



When you're facilitating a Virtual Classroom for the first time, it can be easy to feel unsure of where to begin. Here are 3 key considerations to keep in mind when designing your VC:

TECHNOLOGY



What VC technology is available to your participants?

It's important to find out before your first VC whether your group can access the platform you've planned your VC for.

For example, if Zoom is blocked by your group's IT department but MS Teams is available to them - you'll need to quickly get familiar with that format.

ENGAGEMENT

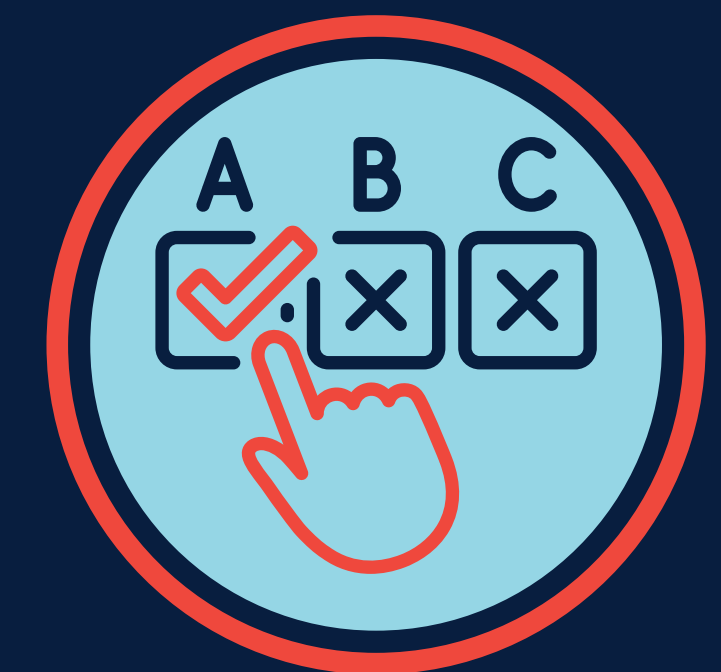


Have you fallen into the trap of designing a webinar, instead of a VC?

In other words, don't simply deliver content to participants for 2 hours.

Build in lots of opportunities for engagement, such as group-wide discussion, smaller breakout groups, short presentations from participants, and activities.

ACTIVITIES



Are you using a range of activities to keep things feeling fresh for participants?

Introduce activities other than polls and breakout rooms. There are a number of useful free or inexpensive online tools such as:

- Kahoot quiz
- Mentimeter word cloud
- Padlet group collaboration
- Sketchpad drawing



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