

attending virtual events



TIPS & TRICKS

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE VALUE OF VIRTUAL.



You are a part of creating the experience - be a little fearless, be a little shameless, and don't let the webcam hold you back!



GO INTO IT POSITIVE!



Everyone on the virtual-ride with you is in a similar boat; we're all adapting and looking for the same things. We're all here working to make the best experience possible, and we're gonna be nervous and awkward and make mistakes on the way but as we all know....

GET WEBCAM COMFORTABLE- AND USE IT!



Video conferencing isn't just for meetings any more - do something new! Do a mini work out, eat lunch, and normalize the webcam experience for yourself. It's not so weird - and you get more comfortable having quality face-to-face interactions!



SHARE DISCOVERIES!

Have you found something that makes your virtual experience better? Did you just read a research paper about the topic someone mentioned being interested in? Did you hear a joke that made you laugh? Share the joke to a new group. Send the that link to a new person. Post that awesome tip for others. The experience is made stronger the more that you are connected.



TAKE BREAKS!

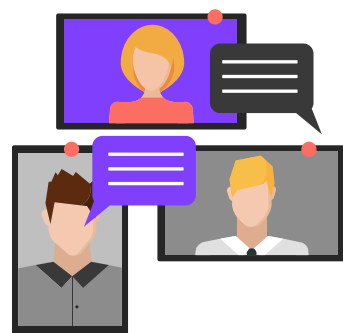
Give your brain (and eyes) a break every now and then, avoid the dreaded "screen trance", and stay bright-eyed and bushy-tailed for the highlight moments of an event.



MANY RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE VIRTUALLY!



Group-work boards? [CHECK](#).
Mad libs or ad libs? [CHECK](#).
White Boards? [DOUBLE CHECK](#).
There are even [house parties](#) and [karaoke nights](#) and [libraries](#) - all available with a click of the mouse.



CHECK THE TECH.

Make sure your software and apps are updated and your security setting updated (You will probably want to share your screen - and you want to enable that in advance, trust me!).

LIFE HAPPENS! EVEN IN A VIRTUAL SPACE.

Just like in-person when you trip over a cord or spill your coffee across the table, life happens! The awkward moments are just as much a part of learning as the shiniest of moments - even in a virtual space.

HAVE OBJECTIVES & EXPECTATIONS

Like attending any event - you have goals! People you want to talk to, projects you want to do, and topics you want to learn about - and a virtual space should not be a roadblock to getting what you want out. You get what you give, - don't be intimidated, and go for it!

TAKE TIME FOR MORNING PREP.

Make sure and give yourself the time to get ready and feel excited about the day - it's still a social experience, after all. As a silver lining of the virtual space, not only do you not have to worry about coffee breath, no one is going to notice a missed shave or smudged makeup. Which can be small blessings!



HAVE BREAKTIME CHATS.

When you meet new people, odds are it's not just the current speakers topic or the history of a qubit that you click over, it can often be those breaktime or hallway chats that spark new connections. Find the ways to create and have those chats - they can still be just as enjoyable online!

DON'T DOUBT IT BECAUSE IT'S VIRTUAL! HAVE SOME FUN!