

# GUIDE SHEET: ONLINE FACILITATOR

15 key questions to ask yourself when preparing to facilitate an online group

## PREPARE MENTALLY

Get yourself in the right space before you start

**POSITIVITY:** How will I make this space feel positive?

**EMPATHY:** How will I show that I care?

**ENERGY:** How will I keep energy levels up?

**INCLUSIVITY:** How will I support those that struggle?

**HUMILITY:** How will I create a positive relationship with failure?

## PREPARE TECHNICALLY

Technology is there to help, don't let it become the focus

**SPEED:** Is my internet connection good enough? Check at [www.speedtest.net](http://www.speedtest.net)  
Minimum: 1.5 MBps up and down. If too low, you may need to move closer or plug in to your router.

**TEST:** Are my video and audio working? Do a test call at <http://zoom.us/test>

**CONTROL:** Do I know how to use Zoom? Get help <https://zoom.us/docs/en-us/covid19.html>

**CONTENT:** Do my videos/presentations work? Test anything you plan to share beforehand.

**BRIEF:** Do my attendees know what to expect? Email the GUIDE SHEET to participants.

## INTRODUCE THE SPACE

Collective understanding makes everything easier

**OUTLINE:** Have I explained what will happen?

**AGREEMENTS:** Have I set out rules that everyone agrees to?

**TRUST:** Have I mentioned and invited trust?

**MODERATION:** Have I explained my role in the group?

**PARTICIPATION:** Is everyone clear on how we will work together?

