

Presenting Science Online

Trainer



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In 2012 Millie founded the company Presence Training, and is now director of The Speaking Adventure, which offers workshops and coaching in authentic public speaking.

Objective

The world is evolving to a new norm requiring a whole new set of skills, and we're increasingly being asked to meet, discuss and present online. Some of the basic techniques of traditional scientific communication apply here, but there are some new skills needed if we're going to do this well – and it's not all about the technology.

- Without eye-contact, where do you look?
- How can you know your listeners' responses if you can't see them clearly?
- What about body-language?
- How do you keep people engaged when their attention is divided by multi-tasking or distractions?

The good news is that once you've developed the skills to meet these challenges, you'll be in a good position to take advantage of the opportunities opening up to speak about your science online. You may even find yourself motivated to create new opportunities to do so.

Description

This is an interactive workshop about communicating and presenting science online. We'll be using the Zoom meeting platform to have discussions, practice and present. You can expect to

- develop more fluency presenting with online meeting tech: sharing screens, whiteboarding, breakout rooms, polls etc.,
- strengthen professional presence in the online environment,
- relax in the role of speaker/presenter,
- explore new ways of engaging listeners and manage 'divided attention',
- practice interacting with the group and answering questions
- get your point across clearly, concisely, and make your contribution more memorable.

Each participant will get the opportunity to give a short presentation to the group and receive feedback. There is the option for presentations to be recorded.

Methodology

You don't need any previous experience of presenting online, but you will need

- a 5 min. scientific presentation with slides,
- a quiet, private space where you won't be disturbed during the workshop (this also means turning off all app notifications, emails, and pings of any kind),
- stable internet signal, a laptop (tablets and phones are not adequate), earphones with microphone

Organizational Information

Language	English
Target group	Doctoral Candidates at all stages and Postdocs from all faculties
Date	Wednesday-Friday, 26-28 May 2021, 10:00 – 15:00
Registration	For registration click here