



Tools for Interactivity (Virtual Platforms)

As you prepare for your session, we wanted to provide you with some resources to promote audience engagement and enhance interactivity in virtual seminars.

Breakout rooms function slightly differently than regular Webex meetings, so the Webex whiteboard and polls are unavailable. Below are some online tools that offer similar features that can make your presentations more interactive.

Screen Share

To share your screen in a breakout room:

1. click "Share" in the bottom toolbar.
2. click "Share Screen" or "Share Application."

To Stop sharing your screen:

1. click the "Stop Sharing" button in the floating bar at the top of the screen.

Virtual Whiteboards

Virtual whiteboards can be used for collaborative brainstorming and note-taking. This is a great tool to get participants engaged with one another and to share ideas.

- [Limnu](#) is a simple and streamlined virtual whiteboard. Share your screen with participants and use the text or marker tools to collect ideas from the audience.
- [Miro](#) has a few more features, including sticky notes and templates. Share your screen with participants and add their responses to the whiteboard to create a collaborative brainstorming session. You can generate and paste a share link into the breakout room chat. This will allow participants to join you on the whiteboard and add their contributions, which will show up in real time.

Polls

Virtual polls are a great way to get real-time input from participants, promote participation, and represent the insights of your group.

- [Poll Everywhere](#) can create unlimited questions for an audience of up to 25 people using the free "Intro" plan. Participants can respond to questions through a web browser, SMS, or app.
- [Mentimeter](#) has a free "Get Started" plan allows you to create up to 2 questions and 5 quiz slides per presentation. Participants respond anonymously to your questions using a smart device. Mentimeter allows you to create word clouds to represent audience input attractively.

Other Tools

- [WordItOut](#) creates word clouds you can share with your audience by typing words and then choosing how they are represented. Then, share with your participants!
- [Slido](#) or [Visme](#) are presentation applications that offer visualization tools and templates to help enhance presentations.

If using an incorporated interactivity platform, please let your CEPD contact know so we can ensure proper delivery.

If you are looking for guidance or ideas on how to run your seminar, please feel free to reach out to Kristen Shaw, CEPD Instructional Designer, at krshaw@nosm.ca.