

# Elevate Virtual Trainings through Creativity and Connection

GoSkills online course syllabus

**Skill level**

Beginner

**Lessons**

21

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**Pre-requisites**

No prior experience needed

**Video duration**

58m

**Estimated study time**

58m 50s

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## Introduction

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### 1 Unlock virtual engagement

With more and more employees working in a remote or hybrid environment, it's important that you're able to create engaging and memorable virtual training experiences for your team.

## Connect Before the Training

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### 2 Start with connection

Too often we develop trainings without considering the role connection plays in the ability to absorb the content.

### 3 Set the tone

If you aren't mindful about engaging with your learners as soon as they log on, chances are they're already disengaging before your session even starts.

### 4 Question activities

One of the best ways to engage people is simply by asking a question.

### 5 Trivia activities

Everyone loves trivia!

### 6 Word clouds and polls

People love responding to polls, and they have the advantage of being interactive, which sets a tone for your interactive session.

### 7 Annotation activities

Zoom's annotation tools offer a great way to get participants to interact with the screen.

## Connect Throughout the Training

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- 8** **Leverage micro-engagements**  
So you've used "unofficial starts" to connect before your session, but it's important to connect during the session too.
- 9** **Connect with physical cues**  
If your participants are sharing their webcams, this can provide a great opportunity to connect throughout the training.
- 10** **Engage with visuals**  
If your participants aren't sharing their cameras or if you're teaching a webinar, there are still ways that you can have your participants engage throughout the training.
- 11** **Integrate polls and scales**  
Polls and scales can be a great way to assess how your learners are feeling throughout the training.

## Elevate with Brain Breaks

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- 12** **Get physical**  
With virtual trainings, it's easy for everyone to get stuck at their desks.
- 13** **Use your space**  
Help get your learners away from their screens!
- 14** **Integrate movement activities**  
Sometimes you need a brain break.

## Scale Learner Connections

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- 15** **Incorporate breakout rooms**  
Many facilitators are reluctant to use breakout rooms, but breakout rooms can be a great tool to scale connection during your virtual trainings.
- 16** **Overcome participant objections**  
Not everyone likes being sent into breakout rooms.
- 17** **Evaluate your approach**  
As you design your sessions, there are two different meta approaches to consider for the activities you use.

## 18 Prepare your participants

When you open up breakout rooms, it can be disconcerting for participants, who feel like they're being sent into the void.

## 19 Break out room activities

It's a superpower to master the art of using breakout rooms to enhance creativity and connection in virtual trainings.

## 20 Debrief after activities

One of the most important elements of any training is the debriefing after an activity, especially if you've just sent people off into breakout rooms.

# Conclusion

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## 21 Elevate your trainings

Thank you for watching this course!

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