ACTIVITIES, IDEAS & GAMES THAT WORK WELL ON ZOOM/ONLINE

Title: Wordwall https://wordwall.net/

Basic Instructions: Allows you to quickly create online games. If you don't have a paid account you can make a maximum of three games but are able to search and use any of the games already made for free. Can be used for any topic at all. There is a leader board and games can be played as many times as you want. You can track the results of the people who play and see their progress.

Resources Needed: An internet connection & tablet/computer. May be harder on phones.

No. of People: As many as you send the link to!

Anything else we need to know: Be sure to search for pre-made games on topic you want.

Shared by Clare Morris

Title: Interactive Presentation – Mentimeter https://www.mentimeter.com/features

Basic Instructions: Host creates an interactive question via the mentimeter website, such as choose 3 words to describe your local community. Ask members to go to the menti.com website, enter the host's code (which host gives them) and complete their answers. This can then be displayed as a word cloud and keeps populating on screen as participants enter their answers. Host screen shares the website page to display the word cloud as it forms. Graphs, etc. also available.

Resources Needed: Laptop/Tablet.

No. of People: Multiple people.

Shared by Jayne Streak jayne@linkvisiting.org

Title: I Spy.

Basic Instructions: Just the same as the 'real life' game – individuals take turns to 'I spy with my little eye, something beginning with…..' They find something on the screen or in the background of somebody on the call. The others have to guess what it is!

Resources Needed: None.

No. of People: As many as you like, and as many 'rounds' as you like.

Anything else we need to know: Works well as a starter activity. Encourages people to use their cameras, gain confidence and forget any self-consciousness.

Shared by Sam Evans sevans@edenproject.com

Title: Vevox Quiz. https://www.vevox.com/?utm_source=login&utm_campaign=explore&utm_medium=html

Basic Instructions: Use an existing quiz on the app or make your own multiple choice/poll.

Resources Needed: Mobile or computer - use the app, create links and if using pictures or sound use in conjunction with zoom screen share function.

No. of People: Multiple people.

Shared by Jen Bucklow

Title: Team 1-10.

Basic Instructions: As a team, challenge is to count from 1-10, in consecutive order starting from 1. People call out the numbers, but only one person is allowed to say each number, so if two or more people say it at the same time you go back to the beginning and start again.

Resources Needed: None.

No. of People: As many as you like.

Anything else we need to know: Works well as a starter activity or to fill silences/technical hitches. Encourages people to use their voice straight off, but in a non-threatening and fun way.

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Title: 3 things about yourself - only one of which is the truth (or two truths and a lie!).

Basic Instructions: Ask the group to think about this beforehand and come prepared.

Resources Needed: Maybe post it notes/paper to help you remember your 3 things.

No. of People: As many as you like!

Shared by Lucy Powell
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three truths...
and a lie!!!
see if you can guess!

Title: Happiness Hunt/Scavenger Hunt.

Basic Instructions: Happiness Hunt – ask people to fetch something from around their home that makes them happy (or any other feeling/topic) and show it to others on the camera. You can start a conversation with the items or just leave it as a shared activity. You can add to this with a Scavenger Hunt – give people a letter of the alphabet and a time limit to go hunt and bring the item back within time!

Resources Needed: Items around the home.

No. of People: As many as you like.

Shared by Sam Evans and others on the call
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Title: Collaborative Rainbow (or any other) Creation.

Basic Instructions: Give all the 'rows' of people a colour of an item to go and find, e.g., top row red, next row yellow etc. Read out their names to let them know. They bring the coloured item back, hold it up close to the camera and create rainbow effect. Take a photo to share with people after the session.

Resources Needed: Items around the home.

No. of People: As many as you like.

Anything else we need to know: Individuals' screens will differ, so will only work if one person directs proceedings.

Shared by Sam Evans
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Title: Mexican Wave.

Basic Instructions: Give everyone a number in the order they appear on your screen (zig zag left to right, right to left, left to right etc). You can read their name and number out or use the 'rename' function on zoom to add number. Use record function on zoom to record it. When you shout out each person's number in order, they do the wave! Share with people afterwards.

Resources Needed: None.

No. of People: Works best with 25 or less (one screen on zoom)

Anything else we need to know: You have to call the numbers quicker than you think. Works well as end activity.

Shared by Sam Evans sevans@edenproject.com

Title: Drawing with a Difference.

Basic Instructions: Pair people up, can be in the main group or split them into breakout rooms. The pairs have to stay looking at eachother while they draw an image of them on a piece of paper – they're not allowed to look at the paper! Share the images with one another for a laugh!

Resources Needed: Pen and Paper.

No. of People: As many as you like, just split them into pairs.

Anything else we need to know: Some might feel comfortable in breakout rooms of two, others might enjoy it as one big group activity.

Shared by Niamh Scullion
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Title: Logo Colour Game.

Basic Instructions: Ask people to bring along a range of colours to the call – ideally coloured pieces of card they've made but could be felt pens also. Let them know what colours they need to bring. Read out a range of famous logos, one at a time, and they have to hold up all the colours they think are contained in that logo. 1 point for those who get all the correct colours. Count the scores at the end.

Resources Needed: Colours (card or pens), logo's and answers prepared by host.

No. of People: As many as you like, and as many 'rounds' as you like.

Shared by Sam Evans
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Title: Growing a Plant Project.

Basic Instructions: Basic packs put together with instructions on how to grow at home. Ask people to bring plants to session so we can see them. Maybe decorate yogurt pots to add to the fun. Bring plants into a communal place afterwards if able to do this, so growing is for a shared purpose.

Resources Needed: Seeds, small pot, soil, any instructions on how to grow, handwritten postcard saying hello.

No. of People: Any size group, meeting every 2 weeks.

Shared by Linzi Cason
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Title: Getty Challenge.

Basic Instructions: Recreate a famous work of art (painting or sculpture) with people/things found around the house. Participants can dress up for the meeting to show their creation, or take a photograph beforehand and share with others during the meeting.

Resources Needed: Items or people around the house.

No. of People: Any size group.

Anything else we need to know: Getty challenge is best at the beginning of the meeting. Do check copyright.

Shared by Natasha Huckle
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Title: Happy News – creating a stage to hear individual voices.

Basic Instructions: Creative activity to craft, visualise, illustrate or perform good news.

Resources Needed: Paper, arts materials, fabric, costumes, objects, a voice.

No. of People: Small to medium size group.

Anything else we need to know: Zoom rules.

Shared by Kirsty Jones
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Title: Zoom Annotate Function - powerpoint slides presented with maps and a landmark for fun quiz.

Basic Instructions: Location is read out and powerpoint slide of map shared. Everyone adds a stamp/ mark, using annotate. The person closest to the actual location wins the point.

Resources Needed: Powerpoint presentation or images prepared.

No. of People: Smaller groups work best.

Anything else we need to know: Requires a little practice.

Shared by Natasha Huckle
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Title: Agile Stationary.

Basic Instructions: You can take a look at what they offer here
https://agilestationery.co.uk/

Resources Needed: 'Serious games' for collaboration. Can work across Zoom, Google Meet and Teams etc.

No. of People: Use different tools depending on groups size.

Anything else we need to know: There's a cost element to purchasing the stationary, but can create your own for free.

Shared by Pip Mcdonald
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Title: Virtual Music Festival.

Basic Instructions: You can take a look here
https://www.facebook.com/Towcester-MidSummer-Music-2020-201194963256346

Resources Needed: Video editing software, good internet connection, good computer (memory & storage), Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, open broadcast software, buy-in from variety of community musicians.

Anything else we need to know: Don't do it by yourself (one for video editing, one for social media, one as back-up/admin). Allow more time than you think you need - up/downloading files and editing takes ages.

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