

"Speak up!"

**the fine art of sharing
and presenting**

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put out nametags, w/
pronouns

Ohai! 🖐️

Speaking and workshop
history

Worst speaking mistake(s)

Doing this to (hopefully) help
you get started

Agenda

Put up A4s

Trying something a bit

different: modular workshop

Section:

Debunking myths

short presentation

Things that you think stop you
from speaking, but maybe
don't have to

Myth 🙈

**“I’d be a terrible
speaker”**

Debunk 🙌

**You don't need to
be perfect**

Just "good enough".

Start small, Practice a lot. You
can learn, grow.

Everyone gets nervous. It's
because you care.

Myth 

“I’m not an expert”

Debunk 🙋

**You don't need to be
to succeed**

You don't need to be a super-nerd.
Making mistakes is part of learning,
and being a dev.

Your point of view, way of seeing
things, is unique. We need diverse
viewpoints.

Your background, education,
experience.

Myth 🙅♀️

“But I’m not ready yet!”

Even after all that...

Debunk 🙋

You don't have to be

Submit a proposal

If it's accepted, work on the talk.

You don't have to know

everything about the topic when

you write the abstract

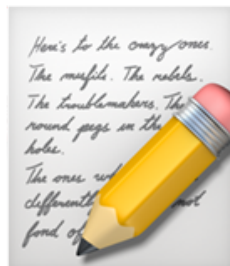
You can buddy up with someone:

we can help with that! 😬

Activity ✨

What was the most interesting thing? 🤔

Write it on a sticky note



Discuss the results

Keep it short!

Section:

Debunking myths ✓

tick it off on the wall
any questions?

Section:

Getting Started

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Talk about your work or side projects

Topic that means something to
you

Writing helps you clarify an idea

Good for testing an idea

Gives you credibility

Raise your profile

Value to your readers

Getting Started

Talk Types

to the wall

Code, tool, process, workflow?

Mistakes we made

Want to talk, but don't know

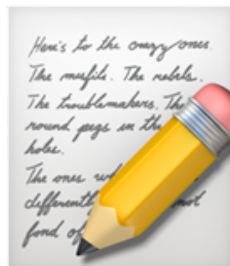
what yet

Anyone seen one like this?

Activity ✨

**What could you
speak about?**

Write a topic idea or two



We'll use one of them later

Getting Started

Picking the right event

Lunch and learn at work

Local meetups

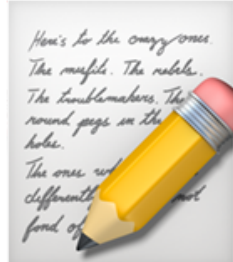
conferences

Activity ✨

Where could you speak?



Write it on a sticky note



Go wide!

Discuss the results

cough CTFEDs *cough*

Section:

**Getting
Started** 

tick it off on the wall
any questions?

Section:

Writing a bio

Activity ✨

Write a bio

This is just the first draft

Write it, then revise it

Do tiny example of ourselves

Activity ✨

Pair up

Read your bio

Get feedback

Use the handouts

Read, for practice

Stand up. Yes, it's silly. Yes, it helps.

Activity ✨

"Noice!"



thumbs up, high 1, high 5

Section:

**Writing
a bio ✓**

Break!



Section:

Submitting a talk

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Audience

Who will be there?

How will people decide to see your talk?

Say what you're going to discuss in detail.

Specify the audience.

Submitting a talk

The abstract

Fancy way of saying the blurb

Style, Structure

Hand out handout

Activity ✨

**Write an abstract for your
(5m) lightning talk**

**Audience, Talk Type,
Title, Description**

Give out handouts

Examples? This meetup group,
our poster list

First draft! Rough!

Activity ✨

Pair up

Read your abstract

Get feedback

Use the handouts

Gonna go around the table
and read

Practice speaking!

Stand up. Yes, it's silly. Yes, it
helps.

Activity ✨

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Section:

Submitting a talk ✓

tick it off on the wall
any questions?

Section:

Preparing a talk

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Practice

Maybe the best bit of advice
3 big things

Practice

Your words

Knowing it gives you
confidence,
room to improvise.

Practice

Your timing



We tend to run really short or
really long

Practice

Again and again 

A few times is probably
enough

Activity ✨

**Write a
⚡ lightning talk
On an index card
to keep it short**

About 5 minutes.

A little short is fine.

You already have your audience,
talk type, title, abstract

If you do slides, 1 or 2 plain ones
is probably okay: not enough time
for design today

Section:

Preparing a talk ✓

tick it off on the wall
any questions?

Break!



Section:

Giving a talk

Activity ✨

**Give your ⚡ lightning
talk to your group**

Get feedback

Use the handouts

Groups of 4

It's only a first draft

Not gonna be perfect

But will give you some useful
feedback, some new ideas

Stand up. Yes, it's silly. Yes, it helps.

Stop at 5m, whatever happens.

Activity ✨

"Noice!"



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Section:

**Giving
a talk ✓**

Activity ✨

What's your next step?

5Ws and 1H

Activity ✨

Workshop feedback

**One thing you'll
tell a friend about
this workshop**

stickies on the wall

Anonymous, please be honest!

Thanks!



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