



## Using Virtual Meetings for Community Education: Hosting a Guest Speaker

As your chapter launches virtual meetings and events, you'll need ways to continue the work your chapter has done to educate your community about LGBTQ+ equality, just in a new format.

**Now's a great time to introduce your chapter to new people.** Did your chapter invite guest speakers to your in-person chapter meetings to educate your members and your community about LGBTQ+ issues? You can still host them online! The PFLAG Connects Zoom platform offers video broadcast and screen sharing options that make hosting a guest speaker a breeze.

### A few tips:

1. Follow all of the same safety and security precautions your chapter has put into place for your support group meetings.
2. Invite PFLAG chapter members, supporters, and community partners to participate in your vent.
3. Ask the guest speaker, facilitator, and live-chat facilitator to log in 30 minutes in advance of your scheduled start time to test the technology.
4. If appropriate, consider sharing an online tip-jar (for performers) or a link to a donation page (for nonprofit representatives) in the live-chat.

Not having any luck confirming a guest speaker? Reach out to Jamie Henkel ([jhenkel@pflag.org](mailto:jhenkel@pflag.org)) to learn more about hosting a member of the PFLAG National staff as a guest speaker or to receive instructions on how to use a recorded [PFLAG Academy On-Demand](#) session during your meeting.