

PFLAG CONNECTS

meeting where you are.

Using Virtual Meetings to Socialize and Create Community

PFLAG Connects isn't just for support group meetings! As your chapter launches virtual meetings, finding ways to create community and give people an opportunity to socialize should be a part of the effort. We've compiled a few ideas and tools to help get you started.

Group Movie/Documentary Watch Party ([Netflix Party Extension](#))

Netflix Party is a Google Chrome extension for watching Netflix remotely with your chapter members. It synchronizes video playback and adds group chat functionality, so everyone can watch together and add commentary. Choose PFLAG-related content like the new documentary *Circle of Books*, or vote on something everyone can enjoy.

Not sure what would be good to screen with your group? Look no further – [we've developed a starter list to help](#). (It even includes suggested questions for discussion!)

Play Jeopardy! ([Jeopardy Game Template](#))

[This template](#) can be used to create your own versions of Jeopardy!, a trivia-based game show. Use Google Docs' "make a copy" feature to create your own copy of the template, and then fill in each of the sections accordingly. This is also a tool that can be used educationally, to help teach various LGBTQ+ topics.

Build Group Playlists ([YouTube Playlists](#))

YouTube has a feature which allows for individuals to create playlists. Select a point person to collect song/music video choices from your chapter members and then share with the group once the list is complete. For added pizzazz, give the playlist a theme: Favorite songs, a specific genre, a specific decade, best Pride tune, or a song that sparks a memory.

Karaoke Night! ([Sing King Karaoke](#), [KaraFun Karaoke](#))

YouTube also has a myriad of karaoke-centric channels, including [Sing King Karaoke](#) and [KaraFunKaraoke](#). Using the PFLAG Connects platform, participants can screen share, to ensure everyone can see the lyrics and hear the audio, and sing along with their favorite songs.

Host a Book, TV, or Podcast Discussion Group

With the advent of social distancing, now is a great time to start a new book, podcast, or television series. Have chapter leaders and members create a list of content they're interested in exploring, and agree on a date to meet and discuss the material. Here are a [few book](#), [television series](#), and [podcast](#) suggestions (along with general discussion questions) to get you started.

Tell a Story About...

Remember sitting around the campfire, listening to crickets in the distance, and sharing stories? Here's the 2020 digital version! This activity revolves around the art of storytelling. Select a topic and give participants 5-7 mins (depending on total attendance) to share! Suggested topics include: A time you felt silly, the best time you've had with friends, the best thing you've eaten, and the greatest tip you've ever taken.

Virtual Parties

Tired of sitting around? Need a little variation in your day-to-day? GET UP AND SHIFT THE ENERGY! Setup a virtual party! PFLAG Connects is highly suitable for a digital dance party. Put on some music, (perhaps from the YouTube Playlist you created), get up, and dance. If dancing isn't your speed, plan a digital talent show. We all have talent, so why not log on and share them with our PFLAG family? Allot 3-5 mins for participants to share their gifts.

Digital Game Night

Just as PFLAG Connects is suitable for digital parties, it's a great tool to use for virtual game nights. Pick a date and time to gather, pick a game, and start the fun! Here's a few of our favorites:

Two Truths and a Lie: Everyone takes turns sharing two true facts about themselves and one lie. The remaining players share their thoughts on which item is the lie.

Show and Tell: Select a topic (e.g., favorite book, favorite clothing item, an item that brings you comfort, etc.) and have chapter members share their items with the group.

Swipe Right, Swipe Left: An organizer drafts a list of people, places, and things, that people have strong, polarizing feelings about (e.g., pineapple on pizza). Chapter members can choose to swipe left (dislike) or swipe right (like). Discuss.

All My Friends: At the start of the game, designate someone to go first. They make the statement "All my friends..." and fill in the gap with an appropriate answer (e.g., "All my friends like Dolly Parton"). If the answer is something you do, raise your hand. Folks who the prompt doesn't apply to are out of the game. Play then progresses based on who's celebrated a birthday most recently. Continue until there is one person remaining.

This is just a start! If you have an idea for virtual events that will help your chapter socialize and create community that you'd like to suggest, please contact Jamelle Dooley (jdooley@pflag.org).