FACILITATING 2.0 ACTIVITY

*Holding the Reins of Your Own (Fake) Training*

You have 25 minutes for this activity. Everyone in your group will take turns being the facilitator, leading the group in an extremely truncated version of a training. The goal of this activity is to practice the “good facilitating” steps we’ve reviewed as a group; helpfully, they are displayed on the screen *right now.*

Here’s how you should divide your time:

* 5 minutes: read through these instructions, and (*each one of you*) plan the truncated training you are facilitating, choosing from the topics listed below… or, if you are brave, choose your own! Every one of you will be facilitating your own Tiny Training Module.
* 20 minutes:
  + Divide your time evenly so that each person has approx. 3 minutes to “train” the group
  + 30 second transitions between each facilitator
  + As each new facilitator steps to the front of the room, use that 30-second transition time for the remaining participants to decide as a group:
    - Who is timekeeper this time?
    - Who will be playing the role of “that guy/that gal” – and what brand of shenanigans will they employ? (Note: pull your shenanigans, but *do* allow the facilitator to use his/her techniques to redirect you.)
  + Clap uproariously for each facilitator when s/he is done!

**Topics**

There is nothing magical about this list; the idea is for you to facilitate a discussion with the group on a topic area where they can share best practices with each other. You are a facilitator, not a presenter: instead of “Here is my best and most delicious cookie recipe,” think “How many of us have made cookies before? Great! Raise your hand and share some of the ingredients you’ve used.”

Choose your topic from the list below (or come up with your own!), and copy it into the slide deck template on the back of this sheet of paper. You will facilitate your discussion from this deck; everyone else has the same deck (without the info that you’ve written in, obviously), but everyone will use his/her imagination and pretend that s/he is looking at the slide deck you’ve prepared.

* Baking a loaf of bread
* Tying your shoes
* Dressing for the Polar Vortex
* Bathing a dog
* Frosting a cake
* French braiding hair
* Choosing a brand of toothpaste
* Taking a group photo
* Changing a tire
* Brushing your teeth

**“Activity”**

*Pretend!* Using the “cookies” example from before: “Great discussion on ingredients! Each of you has a bowl in front of you. Please crack your eggs into the bowl and use your whisk to mix the eggs together with the vanilla.”