Planning for disasters

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SSHOC Open Science & Research Data Management Train-the-Trainer Bootcamp

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No registration a week before

- Try a last minute push through mailing lists and partners
- Perform targeted promotion activities
- Send out personal invitations
- Know the a minimal viable number of people you need
- Consider to postpone the event;
- Evaluate what happened (Timing? Communication? Usefulnes?)



Main Trainer unavailable

- Replace the trainers, always have back-up team-members

 — Ensure you receive presentations beforehand
- In some cases: work with pre-recordings of materials
- Cut out the trainers contribution
 → Diversify the training with multiple trainers on board
- Reschedule the event



The tool you want to use is offline

- Have a back-up (i.e. screenshots or a recording of the tool)
- If you manage the tool yourself:
 - have a dedicated training instance (on a virtual machine)
- If you use other's tools:
 - ask for planning on updates
 - ask for test versions
- Ensure that people have admin rights on their laptops



Many more participants show up

- Try to enable as many participants as possible to join
 - Ensure that you have enough moderators
 - Have flexibility in the number of breakout rooms;
- Decide on a maximum number beforehand
 - Make registration required
 - Use dedicated links that cannot be shared
 - Do not make links available online directly
- Evaluate the interest
 - consider sharing materials more widely
 - organize a second event



A lot of (diverse) questions

- Collect all questions in the chat or in a document
- During the event
 - Have a facilitators who moderate and select questions
 - Have experts respond to questions in the chat or Q&A
- After the event
 - Organize an extra Q&A session at a later time.
 - Provide written feedback on the questions with an open document.
 - Note that trainers need to be willing to provide this feedback.
- Include prior knowledge in the event description



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