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## 41 Benefits of Live Streaming Your Event

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INCON has compiled a list of articles and tips from our Partner companies that might be helpful when creating events and conferences during COVID-19. It is a stressful time to be working on events, we hope these articles can make your life a little bit easier. You will find the rest of the articles here: <a href="www.incon-pco.com/covid19">www.incon-pco.com/covid19</a>

Virtual live streaming of events has become commonplace due to the global COVID-19 crisis. However virtual and hybrid events have many benefits both now and in the long term. This extensive list from our partner Arinex, explores the advantages of going virtual.

- Workload for events decreased with no organisation of accommodation, people on site, caterers etc.
- Increased attendance due to no restrictions on numbers
- 3. Low cost registration or free
- 4. Measure success in real time allowing continuous improvement
- Transition is easy as people are familiar with webinars and live streaming
- No excessive travel especially longdistance flights
- Opportunity to have increased participation from developing countries
- 8. Delegate participation is higher because they are less intimidated
- 9. More questions at networking as its more comfortable than face to face
- Can replay key learnings easily and immediately after event
- 11. More flexible as you can listen/attend at your convenience
- 12. Opportunity to curate/target a showcase of solutions to attendees
- 13. Less delegate management time with no flights and hotels to arrange
- More likely to get diverse roles in organisations attending
- More likely to get skeptics or employers who are skeptics attending

- More likely to gain international audience
- 17. Financial Benefits higher with no venue rental, staffing or catering
- More likely to get senior executives who are time poor
- 19. More likely to get junior/early career people who are cost prohibited
- Non-discriminatory for those who are unable to travel due to childcare, health & disability
- 21. Virtual events have a lower commitment than in person
- 22. Opportunity to grow digital initiatives for promotion of virtual events
- 23. People are spending more time online, so there is a chance to really engage
- 24. Direct access to keynote speakers providing trust with attendees
- 25. Brand consistency on all elements making your brand more recognisable
- Flexibility with how attendees access event i.e. mobile phone, desktop, boardroom
- 27. Monetise event by selecting a technology that integrates with a ticketing platform
- 28. Flexibility with cost outlays, select the technology platform you can afford
- Potential to secure higher level guest speakers due to lesser time commitment

- Real time interaction leads to more engagement
- 31. Possibility of building trust and a deeper connection with the audience
- 32. Learn more about your audience through online data
- 33. Opportunity to run a survey immediately after virtual session and get immediate feedback
- 34. Recorded webcast can be reused and repurposed throughout the year
- 35. Can sell off your live stream to an industry publication or organisation and allow use
- 36. Expand sponsorship opportunities offering smaller packages where each session is sponsored
- 37. Opportunity to target dormant members of associations
- 38. Can archive all events
- 39. Ultimately can reach much larger numbers with key information
- Run opinion polls and true viewer engagement stats to get crucial feedback
- 41. Opportunity to offer exactly what attendees want in short segments

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