



## Do I prefer on-site or webinar workshop sessions?

One of my workshop participants asked me an important question that I would like to **share with you all**. Do I prefer on-site or webinar workshop sessions?

Over the past 20 years, I've traveled all around the country presenting at **on-site trainings** where participants could share real life experiences about their challenges, struggles, and ups and downs. In such a group, we can "see" and "feel" what people are going through. When I present on-site, of most importance to me is providing A-to-Z information from my experiences, research, and personal perspective. **I loved this work!**

Now, I must turn to technology to provide **off-site, online webinar workshops**. I miss seeing participants' laughter as they shared the crazy moments they'd gone through. By the end of each onsite workshop, I loved seeing participants' newfound confidence and self-esteem and the way they were ready to go to work with more visual interpreting patterns.

With this wonderful online technology, I am **learning** to befriend my computer and to find ways to connect with participants. However, it's a challenge to get the personal eye-to-eye feeling with a participant to be assured that the participant is understanding the concepts. **Converting from a "live" on-site workshop to an online workshop has taken significant time**, but I'm getting better at it! I've been able to set up some of my video-recordings for webinars and also on Vimeo: [www.vimeo.com/trixbruce](http://www.vimeo.com/trixbruce). Online webinar sessions seem somewhat less personal compared to those on site, although one-on-one mentoring sessions work well online. Thank you for being patient with me!

I'm grateful for getting a rising number of RSVPs for online webinars that help keep my **solo self-employed business** standing strong through these challenging times. In the future, I'd like to keep a balance between both going on-site and using webinars. My website lists upcoming trainings. However, you may notice that there are no workshops after June 27. Need to wait and see what the situation will be in the U.S. as time goes by. I'll just take my time and hope to start hosting again in August. Most likely I would start with one on-site training per month where I can "see" and "feel" participants' ups and downs and work together with them face-to-face.

Overall, I prefer on-site meetings over webinars, but I'm glad to accept the situation right now and adjust my instructional opportunities to fit the suggested public health guidelines. **It'll be FUN to design many more webinars!** Thank you for all of your support!