

LIFESAVERS CONFERENCE WORKSHOP FORMAT IDEAS

Traditional presentation formats are still appropriate for some topics, but incorporating interactive elements can significantly enhance attendee engagement, knowledge retention, and networking.

- **Live Case Study Breakdown**
Walk through a real incident step by step with audience decisions along the way.
- **Roundtable Problem Solving**
Small groups tackle a real challenge (e.g., “How do we reduce distracted driving among teen drivers?”), then share solutions.
- **Workshop Lab / Hands-On Demo**
Participants actually *do* something—test tech, review tools, practice a skill, use equipment.
- **Jeopardy / Quiz Show**
Fast-paced team competition with buzzers/prizes.
- **“Speed Learning”**
Short 5–10 minute mini-conversations with rotating experts (like speed dating).
- **Peer Consulting Sessions**
One attendee presents a real problem; the room acts as consultants. (Super effective because it’s real.)
- **Lightning Talks**
5-minute rapid presentations from multiple speakers, followed by discussion. (Keeps energy high.)
- **Mentorship Match Sessions**
Structured small-group mentoring.
- **World Cafe**
Attendees rotate among themed discussion tables
- **Fishbowl Conversations**
A small group discusses a topic in the center while others observe, with participants rotating in to contribute.
- **Design Challenge / Innovation Sprint**
Small teams work together to solve a problem and present their solution.
- **Action Planning Sessions**
Attendees leave with a draft implementation plan, toolkit, or next steps.
- **Emerging Tech Demo Playground**
Could be in exhibit hall or have a dedicated workshop for this.
- **Mock Trials**
Participants assume courtroom roles to examine a real or hypothetical case, explore evidence, question witnesses, and debate legal or policy outcomes.
- **Interview**
A moderator leads a conversational interview with one or more subject matter experts, using prepared and audience-submitted questions to explore practical insights and real-world experiences.

Questions to Consider When Designing Your Presentation

- How can attendees actively participate rather than passively listen?
- Can participants collaborate to solve a problem?
- Is there an opportunity for hands-on practice or application?
- Could the session include movement, discussion, or decision-making?
- What should attendees *do* during the workshop—not just hear?
- How can your PowerPoint presentation keep attendees engaged?

Room Setup Options

- Theatre seating
 - Head table on stage with chairs
 - Without head table on stage, just chairs
- Round tables
 - Head table on stage with chairs
 - Without head table on stage, just chairs

Additional options:

- Demo table(s) in front of stage, flipcharts & markers, easel pads & markers
Lavalier microphones only available to those who need their hands free for demos.

Note: All workshop rooms will have a podium on the stage with laptop and internet access, AV equipment, wireless microphones, and laser pointer.

Tracy McClure needs to be informed of preferred room setup by November 9, 2026, since room setup affects workshop scheduling.