

Virtual Engagement

... in times of Covid-19



Challenging Circumstances ...

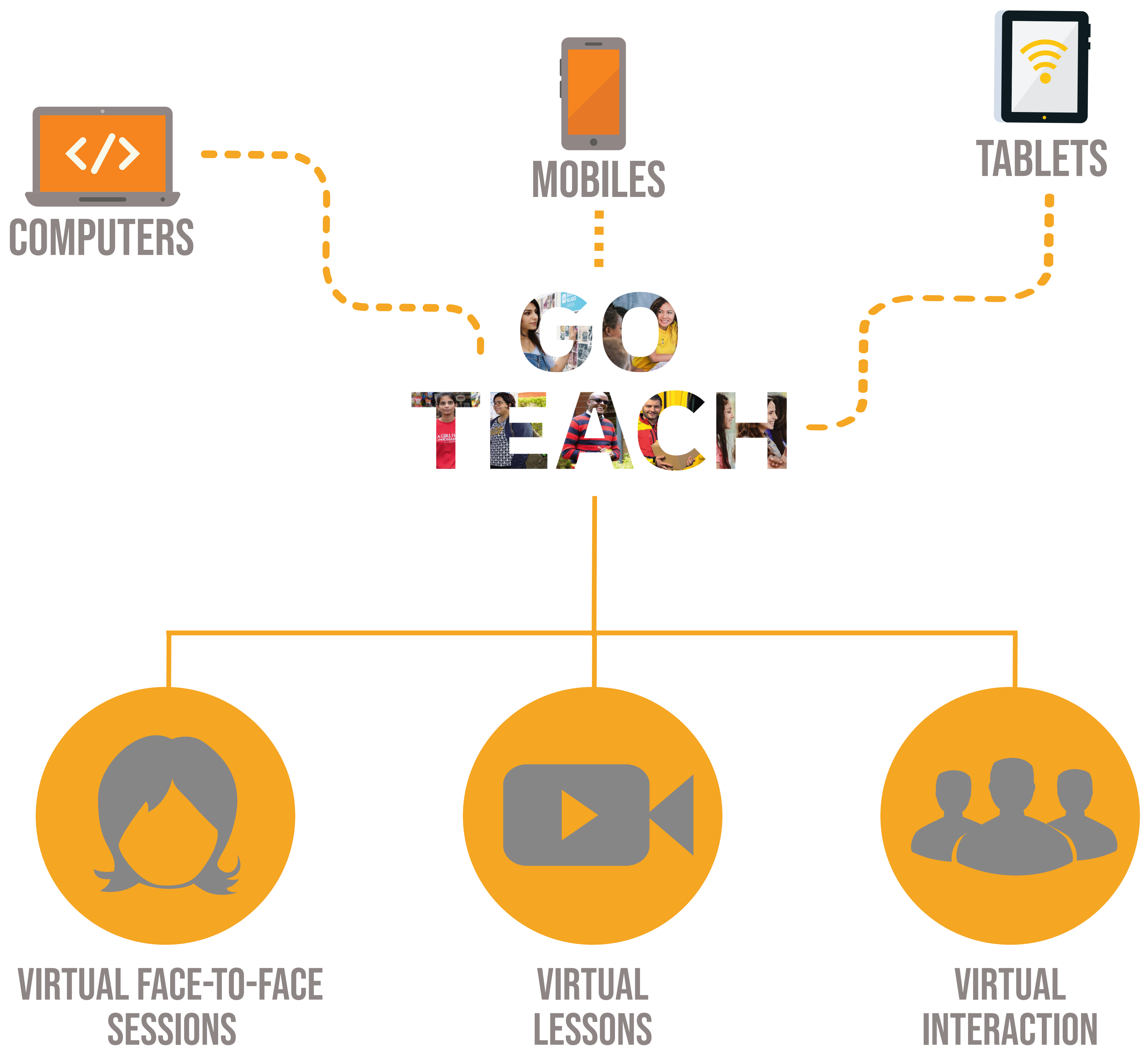
... long for special approaches. Let us use digital tools and stay engaged.



IT'S TIME TO GET CONNECTED

Due to current challenging circumstances, our global environment adapts in getting more connected. Let us use opportunities to also stay engaged and enhance volunteer-youth relationships.

There are different ways to connect. The following guide will provide you with different options on how to use computers, tablets and cellphones to connect - and stay connected. Especially in these times, we have to keep social interactions happening - and emerge stronger from this challenging setup.





Virtual Face-to-Face Sessions

This section will point out a selection of options for having virtual face-to-face sessions in times of the Covid-19 crisis.



YouthLinks ...

... connects volunteers and youth virtually

For all engagement involving SOS Children's Villages Youth, there is the opportunity to virtually connect via the platform YouthLinks.

Find more information about YouthLinks on the following page.



Skype ...

... is commonly known for the option of video calls.

Skype allows for participants all over the world to virtually connect face-to-face. Skype is a good alternative to personal meetings and provides an uncomplicated way of communicating.

Get more information on Skype and how it works by clicking on the Logo.



ZOOM ...

... is a platform offering the possibilities of having video chats, conferences and online presentations.

Next to the more business focused trials, Zoom also offers a free basic plan for a more personal use. Zoom can be accessed via computer, smartphone or tablet.

Get more information on ZOOM and how it works by clicking on the Logo.



WhatsApp ...

... is a widely known messenger app for chatting but can also be used for (video) calls.

The messenger function of WhatsApp offers a convenient way of quickly checking in with others. WhatsApp is mainly used via smartphone. There are also applications for computer and tablet, however, those only work if the app is also installed on a phone.

Get more information on WhatsApp by clicking on the Logo.



Virtual Face-to-Face Sessions

We highly recommend to use YouthLinks for engaging in face-to-face sessions.



YouthLinks ...

... aspires to strengthen youth employability skills through technology.

Based on Facebook Workplace, YouthLinks digitally connects young people with mentors from the corporate world, various institutions, and other partners in order to maximize and scale the impact of mentoring programs.

YouthLinks is already available in the following GoTeach-countries: Argentina, Benin, Brazil, Bolivia, Cape Verde, Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras, Indonesia, Jordan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Morocco, Madagascar, Nigeria, Peru, Sri Lanka, Serbia, South Africa, Thailand, Uganda, Uruguay and Vietnam.

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There are two main features supported:



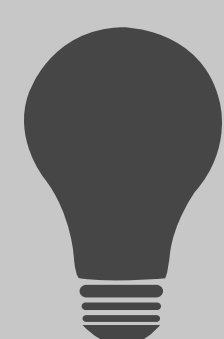
One-to-One Mentoring

... one-to-one mentoring sessions can easily be hosted on the platform.



Group Training Sessions

... there is a supplementary option for group training sessions, allowing bigger groups to interact virtually.



YouthLinks can be expanded to any country. It should be mentioned that the installation will require some administrative work. It is recommended having someone locally coordinating the process... **e.g. YouthCan! Coordinator**

Additional **information** ...

... on YouthLinks will be shared separately soon.



Virtual Lessons

This section will point out opportunities for video-based skills-training.



TED & TED-Ed ...

... offers free access to plenty motivating and enriching presentations and speeches.

To cover current need, the well known TED format developed TED-Ed: an educational format, offering students, teachers and adults direct access to videos with educational value. There is also business-related content available, mostly focusing on the development of various soft skills.

Get more information on TED-Ed and its options by clicking on the Logo.



KHANACADEMY ...

... is a free learning platform for all different age-groups with plenty of options in several categories.

To highlight separately, you will additionally find a sector with guidance for college admissions, careers, information in relation to entrepreneurship and further. Mostly, the classes are available in video-format, engaging a school-like learning.

Get more information on KHANACADEMY by clicking on the Logo.

Get creative!



There is also the option to independently develop videos with employability-focused content

Using a video-camera or simply your smart-phone, enriching and individual content can be created, maybe also in order to offer a wide range of people access to presentations or speeches concerning topics like CV-creation, preparation for job interviews or just by talking about one's own career. Get ready and inspire the youth!

Click on the picture on the left to see an example of self-created content.



Virtual Interaction

This section will point out opportunities for creative options of interaction.

Kahoot! ...



... is a free software for creating quizzes which can in a further step be shared and played via internet.

People can access the quiz via a link on their computer, smartphone or tablet. At the end of every game, there is also an official ranking. Experience shows that the Quiz-format has a really motivating effect. Kahoot! is free of charge for teachers and students (simple selection menu asking about this).

Get more information on Kahoot! and its options by clicking on the Logo.

WordPress ...



... offers you the opportunity to create a blog – and improve your writing and creativity skills.

The webpage not only offers you to host your texts for free but also gives you many options in terms of design. It is easy to use and can encourage users to engage in creating texts, also via smartphone. For example, volunteers could get creative and share job-insights or their own career stories with the youths.

Get more information on WordPress by clicking on the Logo.

Anchor ...



... is a platform through which you can create, distribute, and monetize podcasts

It can be accessed from any device and is free of charge. It is a great opportunity for youths to engage virtually: while creating a podcast, one is directly exposed to modern and virtual forms of sharing information and insights. Here are some examples for interesting career-themed podcasts in **English**, **Spanish** and **French**.

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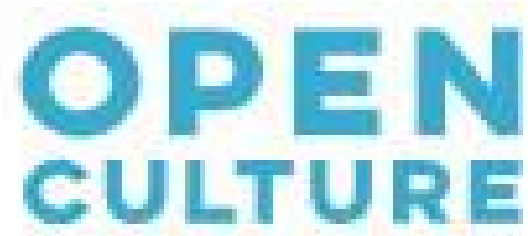
Different Circumstances, Same Goals.

Even though we might lack the possibility of meeting face-to-face for some time, we are still connected.

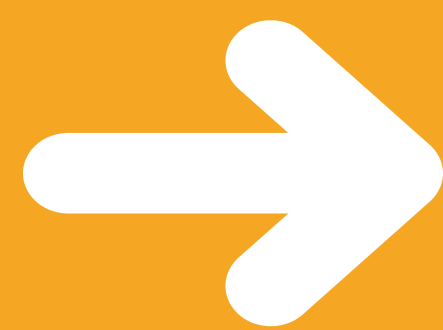
The current Covid-19 crisis and the resulting economical struggles will pose additional challenges in regards to succeeding in the job market. Especially vulnerable young people involved in different SOS-programs will suffer the excesses of this crisis. If we manage to counter-react early and keep on supporting these vulnerable youngsters in evolving their employability skills we will be able to further foster their self-determination and independence - and successfully guide them through their transition from school to the world of work.

Let us enable youngsters to emerge from this crisis more confident and motivated!

More free options for virtual engagement of youth are offered by the following providers:



The steps to your Virtual Engagement:



Get in touch with your SOS/DHL contact person.

An instruction and introduction to the Code of Conduct are mandatory.

Volunteers and Youths are ready to get connected!



SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES

