

Tips for Hosting an IASWG Symposium Watch Party

Experience the power of group work- together!

1. Define Your Purpose

- Choose sessions aligned with your audience (see IASWG website for schedule)
- Set goals: networking, learning, support, or advocacy

2. Test Technology

- Make sure your video/audio functions properly before guests arrive

3. Plan & Promote

- Invite classmates, colleagues, or local professionals
- Use flyers, email lists, and social media
- Include RSVP info, session topics, and directions to event space

4. Create a Welcoming Environment

- Arrange seating in a circle to reflect group values
- Offer snacks and name tags
- Use inclusive language and start with an ice breaker

Start with a Group-Centered Connection Activity/Icebreaker:

- "What's your group work superpower?"
- "Describe group work in one word"
- "If your ideal group were a music genre or meal, what would it be?"
- "Share a group that changed your life"

Facilitate Reflection

- Pause for discussion during or after the session
- Use prompts: "What stood out to you?" or "How could this apply to your future work?"
- Consider breakout groups or written reflections

Wrap Up & Follow Up

- Share takeaways, resources, or take a group photo
- Encourage joining IASWG and share website information
- Host a follow-up circle or peer discussion