

## 1. What is Pecha Kucha?

The name “Pecha Kucha” comes from a Japanese phrase that means “the sound of chit chat.” It was created as a way for people to meet and talk about their ideas. Presentations are made up of a slideshow of 20 images, with each image shown for exactly 20 seconds. This 20x20 format makes every presentation 6 minutes and 40 seconds long. Why was it created this way, you ask? It keeps presentations short, fast-paced, and entertaining!

Check out this video of a Pecha Kucha presentation that explains what a Pecha Kucha presentation is:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJ2yeplaAtE>

Or this one:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZ4supn\\_l3g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JZ4supn_l3g)

## 2. Who can present?

Anyone can present – this is the beauty of Pecha Kucha events. Experienced public speakers or not, all are welcome!

## 3. What can people present on?

The key to a great presentation is to present on something you love or feel passionately about. A lot of people use Pecha Kucha presentations to talk about their latest creative ideas, while others share personal stories and life lessons they have learned along the way. For this year’s IDPD Event, we would like people to have a disability-related theme to their presentations.

Here are a few examples of Pecha Kucha presentations performed in Edmonton:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWq3-cLbiE8&feature=youtu.be>

(Kuen Tang from last year’s IDPD Event)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HvYnfV9cfJY>

(Brittney Le Blanc on why bragging is a good thing)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9P\\_FoLFKXw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9P_FoLFKXw)

(Shawn Kanungo on "Why Indian kids always win the spelling bee")

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSUHivV\\_lxw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSUHivV_lxw)

(Dave Mowat on the "Light It Up" campaign)

#### 4. What makes a good presentation?

Good Pecha Kucha presentations are the ones that uncover the unexpected -- unexpected talent, unexpected ideas. Some Pecha Kuchas tell great stories about a project or a trip. Some are incredibly personal, some are incredibly funny, but all are very different, and they turn each Pecha Kucha event into something you'll never forget.

#### 5. What makes an image good for a Pecha Kucha presentation?

The most important thing is to pick images that help with your presentation's message, and not ones that get in the way. Poor quality / blurry images, overused or simple images, or images that have nothing to do with what you're speaking about just end up being **distractions**.

Here are a few tips:

1. We encourage presenters to use their own original images. If any image is not yours, please let us know where you found it.
2. It's best to avoid clip-art, lots of text in the image, and combinations of multiple images on one slide.
3. Jpeg images are highly recommended (size: 1024px by 768px). Landscape orientation is preferred. Try to make sure your images are under 1 MB each.
4. Make sure you number your images when you save them so we can make sure we play them in the right order.

You can find more information about how to select great presentation images here:

<http://www.powerpointninja.com/graphics/what-makes-an-image-good-for-presentations-part-i/>

#### 6. How do I prepare for my presentation?

Practice, practice, practice! We would like to give all presenters the best chance of having their message heard, so we are asking all presenters to practice ahead of time so that you are more comfortable on the day of the event.