

Student Hub Live interface guide transcript

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Karen Foley: The Student Hub Live is an online interactive event

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and there are two ways that you can engage with it.

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There's the watch-only option where you'll just

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see the live stream, and also a Watch-and-Engage button,

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where there's lots of functionality, chat and widgets

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that you can enjoy as part of the experience

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and I'm going to show you how that all works.

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When you select the Watch-and-Engage button,

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you'll be taken to this page, and you'll

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be asked to sign in with your OUCO, your Open University

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Computer Username.

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Now if you don't have one of those,

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or you can't remember it, there's a handy link there

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that you can use to create an account

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or retrieve your details.

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Then you can enter the website.

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Now when you use those details, it will automatically

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populate the site as yourself.

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But if you'd like to change your name,

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maybe you don't have your surname in there,

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or maybe you'd like to add a picture,

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you can go to my profile and here

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you can insert your screen name as you'd

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like it to appear, your email, and you

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can choose an image if you'd like to have one there as well.

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It's nice to see who we're talking to.

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So do take time to do that if you can.

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We then enter the website just by selecting this button,

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and when you're here you can see there's lots going on.

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We've got the video stream, which is what's

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happening live in the studio.

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We've got a selection of widgets, which we'll put up

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when we want you to vote on something or interact

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and also there's the Chat button.

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This is just an example.

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But when the event is live, there

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will be lots of chat going on.

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So it will be scrolling through your screen as you see it.

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And for that reason it's really important that you choose

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a layout that works for you and at the bottom right-hand side

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of the screen, you'll see that there are different options

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you can select.

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So you choose a layout that works like this or this.

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To view the video full screen, select the Full Screen button

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that appears on the bottom right-hand side

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corner of the video and you can return

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to the standard layout on the computer screen

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by just pressing the Escape key.

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There are other web browser options as well,

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to adjust the screen settings.

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Most web browsers will let you expand or reduce the size

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of a page by just holding the Control or the Command key,

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and pressing the plus or minus key and to return

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to the original page size, you just hold down the Control key,

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and press zero and you can also use screen magnifiers,

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colour contrast, and screen readers.

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Now that you have the layout that's right for you,

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it's important to understand the chats.

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As I said, when the events is live,

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there will be lots going on here.

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But if you'd like to chat, you can just type something

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into the button, and then you just

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press or return to send the message.

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You can also use emoticons, so I'm going to add one of those

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We like those.

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They're really nice, so that we know how you're feeling.

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So do add those as well.

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But when there's a lot of chat, it can be a little bit

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confusing and if things are moving a little bit too fast

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for you, and you'd like to go back to something,

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you can use this handy pen button.

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So you can just press that, and that

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will hold the script for you.

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So that you can scroll backwards and move

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forwards at your leisure.

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You can also highlight certain bars

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if you'd to read something or take note of something

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and again, you might want to scroll back, and pick up

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on a few points that have been going

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on during your session that way.

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At times, we may also have different chat options.

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So we might open a chat room where

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there can be specific questions and to do

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that, we'll tell you about it when the event is live,

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and you can just select the different buttons

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so you can move from the chat room to chat room.

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Finally, sometimes we'd like to know your opinions about things

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and that's when you'll see these widgets or interactive voting

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tools that are coming up on the screen and at any time

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just grab of those, and fill it in.

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so here we're looking at location.

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We'd like to know where you are.

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So to do that, you can just click somewhere on the map.

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They're all pretty self-explanatory.

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Click somewhere on the map, and then just click away

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from the screen and it'll take you back to the page

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and count your button.

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Sometimes we like to know, for example,

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which colour you prefer and so then you can just add something

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there, and again click away.

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What's your favourite season?

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I'm definitely going for spring at the minute

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and then you can also see what everyone else is

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saying once you've voted.

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So there is a benefit in doing this.

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Sometimes we might ask for a word cloud,

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so you can say how you're feeling about things

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and then everyone else will add their comments as well,

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and we'll get one big word cloud.

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So I hope that that's shown you how

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easy the interface is to use.

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But we also have a direct link into the studio with email

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and Twitter and so sometimes we'll

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ask you for selfies, for videos, for your thoughts

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and questions.

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So that is another option that you can use as well.

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This is an online interactive event.

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It's really all about the audience participation

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and so I really hope you are able to get involved,

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either by saying things or by listening to what everyone

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else is saying is well.

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It's all part of building a community

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and I hope that you can become part of it.

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