

How to Set Up a Broadcast on Facebook for Earth Day

A Facebook Live broadcast can bring your community together by giving people a place to interact, even when many of us have to stay indoors. This quick guide will show you how to set up a live stream packed full of Earth-Day content for your community to enjoy.



- 1 Release a broadcast schedule ahead of Earth Day, inviting people to tune in over the course of the day.
- 2 Download "Open Broadcasting Software," (OBS) a free program that can stream your desktop screen to the internet. <u>Link here.</u>
- **3** Set up OBS to stream your desktop screen and audio. <u>Link here.</u>
- 4 Optionally set up a webcam/microphone input if you will be including speakers or live Q&A. OBS can switch between the two.
- 5 Set up a "Live Video" post from your Facebook Page. Your "encoder" is OBS, which gives you a link to feed into the Facebook Live post. <u>Link here</u>.
- 6 Playing desktop video and audio will effectively share the Youtube videos with your audience, while the audience can interact with one another while chatting.
- You can share your microphone input without sharing your webcam, allowing you to take Q&As or interact without sharing webcam video.



Sample Earth Day Broadcast Schedule With Links

9:00-10:45 AM The History of Earth

11:00-11:30 AM The Science of Climate Change

11:30-12:00 PM Designing Healthy Communities

12:00-12:30 PM The Story of Stuff

12:30-12:45 PM Why it's Time for Donut Economics

12:45-1:45 PM <u>Years of Living Dangerously</u>

Ideas for Speaking Slots

If you have staff who are willing to record themselves, over the microphone or on screen, a Facebook Live stream is a great opportunity to share projects and "behind the scenes" information with your community.

- -Remind audience of online library resources, such as <u>Hoopla Digital</u> if your library offers it.
- -Remind audience of current surveys, voting opportunities
- -Share sustainability program information. "Get to know" interviews with department staff
- -Host Q&As, reading audience chat and respond
- -Share book recommendations (<u>like this children's book on climate change</u>) or interesting "behind the scenes" information