

## Preparing your Pitch Your Project (PYP) Presentation

### 1. Rules:

- Use the PowerPoint template to generate your slide.
- Use the title slide for your title and name. Do not repeat this on your presentation slide. The timer will start on your participant slide.
- On your participant slide: no slide transitions nor animations are permitted,
- Your slide is to be presented from the beginning of your oration; and no additional electronic media are permitted.

### 2. Drafting your PYP Slide:

- Write for your audience.
- The judges will look for evidence that you can explain your research clearly.
- Please avoid jargon.
- Explain concepts and people important to your research.
- Highlight the outcomes of your research, and the desired outcome(s).
- Revise and proofread your PYP presentation.

### 3. Tell a story<sup>i</sup>:

- You may like to present your PYP as a narrative, with a beginning, middle and end. It's not easy to condense your research into three minutes, so you may find it easier to break your presentation down into smaller sections.
- Try writing an opener to engage the audience, then highlight your different points, and finally have a summary to restate the importance of your work.
- Try to leave the audience with an understanding of what you're doing, why it is important, and what you hope to achieve.
- Convey excitement and enthusiasm for your research.
- Practice your PYP presentation and speak clearly. Remember to pause at key points as it gives the audience time to think about what you are saying (do not rush).

### 4. Suggestions:

- Less is more: avoid complicated graphics that can distract your audience.
- An engaging visual presentation can make or break any oration, so make sure your slide is legible, clear, and concise.
- Record and listen to your presentation to hear where you pause, speak too quickly or get it just right.

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<sup>i</sup> Presenting your research effectively: <https://authorservices.taylorandfrancis.com/blog/research-impact/presenting-your-research-effectively-and-with-confidence>