# **Podcast Tips & Tech**

### Workshop handout



#### Tips:

- Scripts: Work from an outline. Prepared intro with questions, statements, perspective, analysis and conclusion ready.
- Recording Device: If you are using a phone – practice with it first and listen back on headphones to work out distance from your mouth to the phone mic so levels aren't peaking.



Jessica Stretton, Professional voice actor recording in the LDTI Learning Media Podcast Studio.

- Recording Apps: Voice Memo, Voice
   Recorder, Smart Voice Recorder, Easy Voice Recorder. There are lots of free ones. You want an mp3 or WAV export.
- Room: Use a quiet room that is preferably carpeted and not noisy. A small room is better with minimal external noise. Test out first.
- Listen: Be a good listener. Everyone talking over each other will not work.
- **Movement:** Don't wriggle around too much. Be settled, focused, and remember to breathe and enjoy the experience!

#### **Your Voice:**

- Breathe: Take some breaths in and out for 30 seconds open up your lungs.
- **Tone and Conversation:** Slightly enhance your natural delivery. No need to stiffen up or be robotic. It's conversational, informative and engaging.
- The Flat Tyre Effect: After speaking for a little while your voice can begin to flatten. Remember to maintain your breathing, level of projection and interest in the subject matter. Otherwise the flat tyre effect!

## Your Brand & Style:

- Look at examples, but it's finding what works for you. It's about amplifying yourself and your style.
- Be interested and engaged in the material. If you are not interested – your audience won't be either.
- It's a balance of becoming comfortable with yourself and engaging in the material for your audience.



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