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Community Internet Society

The Edge

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Registered Charities

A registered charity is an organization that operates exclusively for charitable purposes and needs to be registered with the CRA. Once the registration is approved by the CRA it is issued a charitable registration number and official donation receipts can be claimed for income tax purposes. The charity is exempt from paying income tax, but it has to file an annual information return. Taxes must be paid on purchases, but it may claim a partial rebate for those taxes.

The charity must spend a minimum amount on its own charitable activities or as gifts to qualified donors. Charities often use many volunteers but are also eligible to have qualified paid employees. If they do have employees, they must respect the rules on payroll deductions, working conditions and it can benefit from the 10% temporary wage subsidy, which has been implemented due to COVID-19. One of the benefits for not-profit organizations and small businesses, programs such as the 'Digital Skills for Youth' have been implemented. Through this program it helps youth gain meaningful work experience to ease them in transitioning to career-oriented employment.

If you would like to learn more about registered Charities, please follow the link below:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/taxes/charities.html>

Zoom

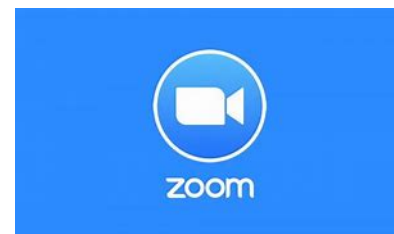
Zoom allows meetings, conferences and classes to take place, and to virtually interact with people all around the world on your computer or on your mobile device with the zoom app. It was created in 2013 but it didn't become widely known and used until the pandemic hit. Zoom has many features allowing users to share screens and ideas and get creative on an interactive white board.

Steps to successfully set up your own zoom account:

1. Follow the link to the website:
<https://zoom.us/>
2. Create your own account and log in from there.
3. Once logged in you have the choice to either join, host or schedule a meeting.
4. When joining another call, you will be prompted to enter a meeting ID followed by a password that will be given by the creator of the call.
5. If wanting to start your own meeting, simply press 'start meeting'. Once you're in the meeting you will then have the ability to share the link and invite others to join you.

While in the call:

- There is multiple buttons at the bottom of the screen: to turn camera & microphone on/off, to view participants in the call, a chat box, and live reaction emojis that will be seen by other people in the call
- The host has the ability to record the call at the bottom, for everyone to look back on later.



Registered charities in Canada perform valuable work in our communities, and Canadians support this work in many ways.

The Edge's Registered Charity #86745 45 RR001. We welcome regular givers.

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