Mary McHenry: Full Presence on a Flat Screen

Mary McHenry is an educator, coach and facilitator of leadership development. Explore exercises and tips to be more fully present and embodied in our online interactions.

**TOP EMBODIMENT TIP:** Remember the whole of you, bring all of you

**Exercises and Tips:**

- Practice being in your **length, width and depth. Inhabit more space** in the room, and for the screen.

- **Change things up.** Change geography, move in front of the camera, move with the camera, include your body in your screen interactions, try a desk standing, or using a swivel chair.

- If you are not able to do these things: **imagine you are doing this, visualise it, experience it.**

- Bring your presence to each other: **check in with yourself and the other** person, invite breaks.

- **Name what is present** in the room and reflect back.

- Hide your own **screen view.**

- **Check in with the direction you are looking:** the camera is the eyes.

- **Practice intention** of being fully present and connected.

- **Remind yourself** that you are in a space, and not just on a screen. Bring your whole self into vision.

- **Notice** where you might be gripping your organs, or holding tension in your fascia. Allow to **soften.**

- Open up the **five senses** (smell, sight, sound, taste, touch), connect with your breath, open up the peripheral vision.

**Resources**

- **Website:** [https://www.naropa.edu/faculty/mary-mchenry.php](https://www.naropa.edu/faculty/mary-mchenry.php)
Philip Shepherd is the author of two books, Radical Wholeness and New Self, New World, and is also the originator of The Embodied Present Process (TEPP), which is taught online and in workshops around the world.

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