



***Harvard Graduate School of Education  
Project Zero 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Launching Event – “Changing Minds”  
Friday, October 13, 2017***

**Watching Party Plan: The Shorter Version  
(1 hour & 45 minutes)**

**1. Welcome participants (1 min)**

**2. Invite people to introduce themselves (2 min)**

- Note: if the group is large or time is tight, invite people to stand and introduce themselves to someone they don't know (or, if everyone in the group already knows each other, to say a quick hi to someone they haven't seen in a while).

**3. Provide context (4 min)**

Depending on your group's familiarity with Project Zero, you might want to share one or more of the following points as a way to offer context for the video.

**Project Zero:** Project Zero (PZ) is a research center at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Its mission is to understand and enhance learning, thinking, and creativity in the arts, humanities, and sciences, for individuals, groups, and organizations.

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**The Occasion:** The 2017-2018 academic year marks Project Zero's historic 50th anniversary at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. Over the past five decades, PZ has conducted dozens of research projects that have influenced the field of education around the globe. To launch its 50th anniversary, PZ is convening a special event on Friday, October 13th, 2017. The event will be held at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and will celebrate the past, present and future of Project Zero, honoring the involvement of our many funders, collaborators and partners.

**The Forum:** The address, delivered by the past and present directors of Project Zero and lasting 90 minutes, will offer insights gleaned from a half-century of iconoclastic investigations into changing conceptions of the mind and the implications of these changes for today's teachers, schools, and society.

**The Speakers:**

- Howard Gardner, co-founder and Senior Director of Project Zero; the John H. and Elisabeth A. Hobbs Professor of Cognition and Education at HGSE.
- David Perkins, co-founder and Senior Director of Project Zero; the Carl H. Pforzheimer, Jr. Professor of Teaching and Learning, Emeritus, at HGSE
- Steve Seidel, Principal Investigator and past Director of Project Zero; the Patricia Bauman and John Landrum Bryant Senior Lecturer on Arts in Education and Director of the Arts in Education Program at HGSE
- Shari Tishman, Principal Investigator and past Director of Project Zero; Lecturer at HGSE
- Daniel Wilson, Principal Investigator and current Director of Project Zero; Lecturer at HGSE
- Drew Faust, President of Harvard University
- James Ryan, Dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Education

**4. Invite a brief pre-watching reflection (1 min)**

- Invite everyone to reflect quietly: Consider whatever you know about Project Zero's work and formulate a question that you are carrying with you into tonight's talk.
- [If time is tight, no need to share out here: Just give people 20 – 30 seconds to think, and then turn to the screen.]

**5. Watch the forum (90 min)**

**6. Invite a short debriefing conversation (7 minutes)**

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Possible prompts might include:

- Insights/Questions: What important insight did you glean? What's one important question on your mind now?

OR

- What did you hear in the forum that helped you formulate a response to your initial question?

With time short, pick one of these prompts (or choose another that you think might work better) and try Think-Pair-Share:

- Think time: .5 min
- Share with a partner: 3.5 minutes
- Share in the whole group: 3 minutes

## **7. Thank the group!**

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