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Study groups Frequent Questions & Answers

What is a study group?

A Study Group consists of ten to fifteen participants meeting in a home to learn together about a specific topic or area. The group provides the opportunity to become acquainted with others interested in the same subject and to research and report on a specific topic of interest to you.

Does it mean I will have to host people in my home for a presentation?

Not necessarily. Some people volunteer to host the meetings, and not every body has to do it.

When does the Study group meet and for how long?

Study groups meet on Wednesday mornings, usually from 9:30am to 12:00pm
Study groups can last from 10 to 14 weeks, according to the number of people in the group (therefore number of presentations). The exact number of weeks is specified at the beginning of each study group.

What happens if I have to go away and miss a Wednesday?

The success of the study group depends on the level of commitment of the group members. We encourage you to be available to attend all Wednesdays. We understand that emergencies can arise and you may not be able to attend all sessions. However, if you already know you will not be available for two or more sessions, please do not sign up.

If you can't do it this time, you'll probably find the opportunity to join another study group later on, as study groups take place regularly. Meanwhile, you may come once as a guest if you know one person in the study group who can invite you to her/his talk with the hostess/host's agreement.

What happens in a study group?

Every week, one or two persons present a topic that they have been researching, and which fits with the general topic of their study group. They give a talk of 35-40 minutes using visual aides such as PowerPoint or upon agreement with the Study Group leader some other type of presentation. Options like field trips or any other idea being more adequate/convenient for a chosen topic may be considered.

I'd like to hear the talks but don't want to research or present myself. Can I join?

In this case, you can't. Each member of a Study Group is to prepare a talk of 30-40 minutes. But you can still come once as a guest as said before.

I have never been in a study group, never done research never used Power point! Can I still join?

If this is your first experience with a study group, remember that you are not the only first-timer.

If you have any problems, help is available through your Study Group Leader and the Study Group Coordinator. Guidelines are provided. PowerPoint classes are available for study group members.

What do I need to consider before joining this program?

You need to be free on Wednesdays 9:30am-12pm

You will need to dedicate some time to doing your research and putting your talk together. You will be asked to take turns in preparing the snacks for the group.

Do I need to be a member of FOM?

Yes. Study groups are reserved to FOM members. If you are not a current member, you will need to pay the membership fee along with payment for the Study Group registration.

Do I get a refund if I sign up for the program, attend a session, and then decide it's not for me?

Once payment is received, it is non-refundable.

Is there anything else I should know?

You should have regular access to the Internet and your e-mail address. All communication for participants in the program runs through the Internet.

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How do I sign up?

If you would like to register, download a form by clicking on "sign up form" in the "study group" website page (The sign-up form can also be found in the FOM newsletter). Send the completed form and a \$25 cheque made payable to 'FOM' to Mylene Koenig, 100A Jervois Rd, Jervois Green #03-02, Singapore 249057.

To join FOM you can obtain an FOM membership form from their website www.fom.sg

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