

Effective Networking

Tips for maximising what you get out of networking events you attend?

In advance

- Attend relevant meetings (good quality, local, target market).
- Research the other guests on the list, (use contacts on LinkedIn to get introductions).
- Be clear about your objectives in going. Why is the host holding the event?
- You can't network by staying in the office - get out and get your face known.

When at the meeting

- Use a practiced elevator pitch. This should look at things from your customers perspective.
- Have your business cards with you.
- Arrive early, talk to other early arrivers before groups form and meet the host (who you can ask for introductions).
- Stand in an open (group) position to encourage / allow others to join you Other loners are likely to appreciate an approach from you. Don't be shy.
- Make friends, don't (hard) sell (subtly educate) - listen, ask questions, be interested in and understand others and how you can help them or add value.
- Avoid being overbearing, but be memorable for the right reasons. Act personably and leave a good impression. Remember why you are there.
- Split your time between existing contacts sand new contacts. Identify techniques for polite disengagement.

Afterwards

- Develop relationships over time - plan how will you keep in touch with people you meet?
- Follow up and monitor follow up. Deliver on your promises. Schedule meetings.

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