

NETWORKINGEVENTS

Checklist

For Job Seekers

- Job Fairs:** Events where multiple companies set up booths to meet potential candidates.
- Conferences:** Multi-day events featuring a mix of presentations and networking opportunities.
- Panel Discussions:** These often have a Q&A session and networking opportunities
- Workshops:** Interactive learning experiences often provide networking opportunities.
- Speed Networking Events:** Structured events where you have brief, timed conversations..
- Casual Business Mixers:** Informal gatherings designed for more relaxed networking.
- Alumni Events:** Alumni groups/gatherings provide opportunities to connect with fellow alumni.
- Professional Association Meetings:** Regular gatherings of industry professionals, often featuring guest speakers and networking time.
- Hackathons or Competitions:** Events where participants collaborate on projects, great for showcasing skills in tech or creative fields and meeting other professionals.
- Company Open Houses:** Events where businesses invite potential candidates to tour their facilities and meet employees.
- Webinars with Networking Breakouts:** Online events that include smaller group discussions.
- Mentorship Programs:** Programs pairing experienced professionals with those seeking guidance.
- Volunteer Activities:** Participating in community service not only feels good but can also introduce you to like-minded individuals who might become valuable network connections.
- Sports Leagues or Fitness Classes:** Build relationships with people who share your interests.
- Parent Groups:** If you're a parent, school events, PTA meetings, or kids' sports events can be unexpected networking opportunities with other parents.
- Public Transportation:** Many professionals use public transit for their daily commute, and a friendly conversation could lead to unexpected connections.
- Parties:** Whether it's a company party or a friend's gathering, parties can be gold mines for networking. You might meet friends of friends who work in your target industry.
- Weddings:** These celebrations bring together people from various walks of life. You never know who you might meet or what conversations might lead to professional opportunities.
- Hobby Groups or Classes:** Whether it's a book club, cooking class, or photography group, shared interests can be a great foundation for building professional relationships.
- Co-working Spaces:** If you use a co-working space, take advantage of the diverse professionals around you. Many of these spaces also host social events for members.