

MESH

**FACE-TO-FACE
NETWORKING**

**IN OTHER
OCCASIONS**



Voluntary work

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Voluntary work

Why voluntary work?

- Voluntary work can affect your reputation or career positively
- You can learn and strengthen skills
- Voluntary work can widen your networks
- You can gain work experience through voluntary work

Voluntary work

- Tell about yourself to other volunteers and organizers
 - Sharing knowledge about your competences and interests with others can be useful – they can recommend you forward in some cases
- Ask recommendations for interesting voluntary work from your existing network
- Keep a list of people you have met through voluntary work



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• **Hobbies**

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• **Hobbies**
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Why network through hobbies?

- Your networks can become more diverse
 - You meet different people from different professional fields and backgrounds

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Hobbies

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- Search hobbies in which you are able to socialize with people
 - For an individual hobbyist, there are also groups that you can join
 - For example
 - If you love running, find or form a running team
 - If you love reading, join a book club
 - If you love dancing, find a dance group or school
- Participate in events related to your hobby and get to know people who are interested in the same things

Friends

Be honest with your friends

- First and foremost, be interested in your friend and after that networking
- Be honest with your friend if you contact her or him in a professional way or because of professional networking

"Hi! How are you? Could we have a cup of coffee. I am currently looking for a job and I would love to hear more about your work situation and experiences."



Friends

Jokin otsikko tähän

- Ask help or favours moderately from friends
 - Do not burden or spam
- Give your friend a chance to say "no" without embarrassment

"I know that you are busy with work right now, so I totally understand if you do not have time for this."

Friends

Lighten the weight

- Lighten a weight of your request
 - For example, if you ask your friend to contact on your behalf, write a short introduction so she or he can copy-paste it
- Introduce your situation shortly before a request. Your friend might not remember your professional situation

"I am not sure if you remember what I have told you about my job. But right now, I am planning to start my own business related to social media marketing. So about that,..."



Mentoring

Idea of mentoring

- The idea of mentoring is to share tacit knowledge of working life and the professional field of the mentee, support in professional growth and network. A mentor can support the mentee in starting or going forward in the career.



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Mentoring

Mentoring and networking

- It is possible to meet new people from your professional field with the mentor
- You can ask an interesting person from your field to become your mentor
- But, even better is to join a mentoring program in which the organizer finds a mentor for you and supports the mentoring process