

What do meaningful connections in the future look like

Summary





Session outline

- **Introduction to Fireside Sessions on Creating Meaningful Connections**
- **Format and Importance of Input from Participants**
- **Online Meetings and Meaningful Connections**
- **Preparation for Meetings**
- **Brainstorming Future Meaningful Connections in Meetings**
- **Innovative Approaches for Meeting Management**
- **Capturing Rich Picture of People in Online Meetings**
- **Examples of Successful Meetings and Future Expectations**
- **Designing Effective Meeting Activities**
- **Interest in Managed Approach for Meaningful Connections**
- **Opening Up and Facilitating Comfortable Connections**
- **Understanding Perspectives and Human Experience**
- **Conclusion and Summary**



General Summary

The speaker thanks everyone for joining the session on creating meaningful connections in the future. They discuss previous sessions on defining meaningful connections and making them in-person and online.

Participants share their thoughts on making meaningful connections in virtual meetings, emphasizing the need for preparation and interaction. The speaker highlights the importance of better preparation, eye contact, and using technology to enhance post-meeting follow-ups.

They mention the value of serendipitous meetings and suggest incorporating structured activities or speed dating-like formats into events to facilitate deeper connections.

John emphasizes the importance of looking beyond technology and focusing on personal growth and societal changes to create meaningful connections. There is a discussion about the need for tolerance, compassion, and kindness in connecting with others.

Event professionals play a crucial role in creating a safe space for people to open up and connect. Tara shares her experience as a newcomer to networking events and suggests that structured activities can facilitate meaningful connections.

The speaker highlights the importance of considering different needs and personalities when designing events, rather than relying solely on technology solutions.



Session notes

- Preparation for online meetings: making notes, being interactive
- Importance of preparation and feeling calm in online meetings
- Making online meetings better by looking at the person in the eye
- Brainstorming session on meaningful connections in meetings in five years
- What can be done before, during, and after meetings to make them better
- Find better ways to remember meetings and prompting actions
- Capturing rich pictures of people in online meetings for better follow-up
- Engaging in activities and problem-solving for deeper connections
- Clearer signposting and guide for finding people at meetings
- Interest in structured environments and matchmaking for meaningful connections
- Interest in introducing online event formats into face-to-face meetings
- Technology's role in creating meaningful connections
- Importance of different approaches for introverts and extroverts
- Shoshin (resetting) and learning quickly to use tools for connections
- Inclusivity in creating comfortable environments for all individuals
- Address issues such as LinkedIn connection requests turning into sales pitches and inappropriate treatment of women on social platforms.
- Focus on creating meaningful discussion and connections