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# Career Guide E-Book

How to Build your Network?

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# Introduction

Gain valuable tips and insights for navigating life during and after school

## How does it work?

Here at CareerView, we receive numerous career-related questions from students across the country who are in need of practical and relatable advice. We carefully analyse each question and compile the most frequently asked ones.

We present these frequently asked questions to our network of Young Professionals across different career paths, industries, and cultural backgrounds, who generously share their real experiences of schooling and early professional life, to give you the best advice.



# Featured Question

Most frequently asked question by students

**How to build  
your network?**





# Advice from Young Professionals

How to build your network?



**Zane Jones**  
Engineer

Identify your goals! What are you hoping to achieve? Are you seeking job opportunities or mentorship within your industry? Knowing your goals will assist you in finding the right individuals to connect with.

It's happens quite naturally when your in the industry. But when your starting out, I would reach out to any student groups or seminars that would surround yourself with young professionals.



**Jessica Chia**  
Analyst



**Zac Werner**  
Actuary

Add everyone on LinkedIn! LinkedIn is essential for building a professional network. If you meet someone in a professional setting, add them— it's that simple!

Social media, like LinkedIn or Instagram, is a powerful tool that you can use to your advantage. Follow people in the field you're interested in and don't be afraid to reach out and send them a message!



**Hannah Nichol**  
Consultant

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**Jason Wong**  
Physiotherapist

“If you want to develop a new connection, simply introducing yourself at an event isn't enough! Be the person who goes the extra mile by following up with an email to express gratitude or request to shadow. When it comes to networks, professionals will appreciate those who are authentic, stand out through their actions, and display an eagerness to learn.”

“Being respectful and approachable is essential to successful networking. However, 'variety' is key and having a network that spans a few industries and skill sets can not only energise you, but also come in handy for innovative projects and novel opportunities. For example, you may learn something from an experienced town-planner that you can apply as a dentist, teacher or even dietitian!”



**Naomi Crosby**  
Dietitian



**Usaid Rana**  
Engineer

“Put yourself out there! Be a part of a group of like minded people - whether that's a university society, sports club, or a volunteering organisation. The best way to form deep connections is with someone is working with people who have similar goals.”



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**Tammy Lee**  
Embryologist

“Talk to everyone at every opportunity you can, especially in the industries that you are interested in. Be curious in how they got to where they are - everybody starts somewhere. Also try to remember people's names! This is will come in handy!”

“Don't force it. Connecting with people who are like-minded should be easy as you'll have lots to talk about. Quantity isn't always quality when it comes to your network. Finding people you're genuinely interested in connecting with goes a lot further.”



**Darren Sweeney**  
Accountant



**Peter Wu**  
Marketing Specialist

“Connect with people in social and academic settings. Remember that the person sitting next to you could be CEO of a prestigious company.”

“Join a Facebook group for students or graduates from your university. Also volunteer while you study; this is a great way to network, gain experience, and make an impression on future employers.”



**Sophie Lowe**  
Speech Pathologist

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**Sam Skuthorp**  
Actor

“Be authentic. Some people excel at networking and others don't. If you are your authentic self in these environments, I'm far more intrigued by that. Also ask questions about the people you are talking to, keep engagement and remember the answers. Next time you see that person you have something to remember them by or a point to talk about.”

“Your classmates. Your uni peers. Your uni groups. Your vacationer groups. Everyone you meet in your circle is an invaluable asset and connection in your future, so don't lose sight of that and stay in touch with them, since they'll become your strongest network.”



**Nagham Saleh**  
Consultant



**Josh Di Grandi**  
Engineer

“The best way to build a network is to get involved in something outside of your basic commitments (e.g. school or uni), it may not even be related to the field/network you are intended on building. The more extra-curricular work or experience you do, the quicker your network will grow. In these endeavors, stay open minded to the fact that anyone you meet could be a doorway to your next opportunity in life/career.”



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**Georgia Parentich**  
Marketing Specialist

“LinkedIn is great for this! Start by connecting with people you know including your teachers, university lecturers and friends. If you're interested in getting into a particular industry or company, look up the people who work there on LinkedIn and check out what their experience was.”

“Start off by meeting people, grab a coffee, and then they'll invite others from the same field of study, and away you go! Even sporting clubs in a regional town will introduce you to more people.”



**Andrew Korol**  
Pilot



**Steph Munro**  
Engineer

“Put yourself out there! and when you meet someone of working age, ask them what they do. It could be friends of your parents, siblings' friends, etc. Everyone has a story, and you might find someone who is doing exactly what you want to do.”

“The biggest thing is to make sure you're maintaining connections you make along the way. Your friends in high school, mates at tafe or uni. Who knows what everyone you meet will be doing in 10 or 15 years.”



**Joshua Bell**  
Geologist

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**Steph Di Giovanni**  
Psychologist

“ I found that just getting out there, starting conversations, and approaching new folks really made a difference! Sure, it can be nerve-wracking and uncomfortable, but the more I did it, the less intimidating it got. Meeting new people has opened up lots of doors for me. Those brief moments of feeling uneasy were definitely worth it in the end. ”

“ Speak the language of where you want to be! Discuss the industry you aspire to work in, the job roles you'd like, the people you want to work with, and even those you could envision working for. By doing this, you'll discover that you initiate or are drawn into conversations with individuals who are seeking similar insights, possess those insights, or can guide you toward where to find them. ”



**Jordan Randazzo**  
Social Worker



**Vatsla Triverdi**  
Marketing Specialist

“ You can grow your network in your daily life by connecting with friends, professors, colleagues, and even your regular coffee shop barista. Engage in conversations when approached, start with small interactions, and put effort into building relationships based on common ground. ”



# Advice from Young Professionals

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**Sam Devine**  
Architect

“Attending industry events is a great networking strategy. Also industry social media platforms including LinkedIn can be useful, but I firmly believe it falls secondary to face to face interactions.”

“Look through social media such as LinkedIn and Facebook for local industry groups. They often organise networking events to meet other industry professionals, which I found very useful!”



**Mishna Nagda**  
Sound Specialist



**Calum MacDonald**  
Engineer

“Make it your goal to form a genuine friendship with others, maintain an open attitude towards meeting new people, and consistently engage in active listening during your interactions.”

“Always be kind and genuine to everyone you meet! Show genuine interest in others and getting to know people. You have no idea how a single connection may benefit you in future.”



**Holly Thong**  
Speech Pathologist

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**Jack Separovic**  
Engineer

“To build a network, you must both meet people and sustain connections with them. You can meet people through networking events and similar gatherings, but often, more meaningful and lasting relationships can develop in schools, clubs, or other non-work-related settings. Finally the key to establishing and nurturing these connections, in my opinion, lies in genuinely caring about people and their lives.”

“I've learned that authenticity is key in building connections. It's all about being true to yourself, taking that first step, and not letting fear hold you back when reaching out to new people. When I meet someone new, I aim to be genuine and approachable, and I've found that this sincerity often leads to more meaningful relationships.”



**Vanessa Liew**  
Consultant



**Logan Dongray**  
Architect


“A great way to build your network is by utilising LinkedIn to connect with people, companies, and communities that align with your career pathway. Personally, I follow my favorite architectural firms and individual architects I admire to stay motivated and keep in touch with the industry.”




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