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HOW TO FACILITATE SPEED NETWORKING

We offer speed networking as a facilitated process during the conference break times to provide a friendly space for participants to meet new people, make connections and share interests and ideas in a short space of time.

It requires a confident and energising facilitator who can help encourage and gather participants, clearly explain the process and keep time in a warm yet firm manner to ensure each session is delivered smoothly, and enjoyed by all.

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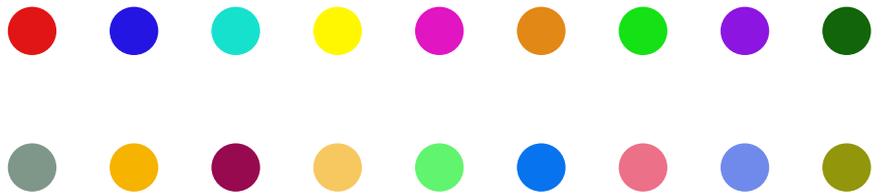
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SPEED NETWORKING ILLUSTRATION

STEP 1

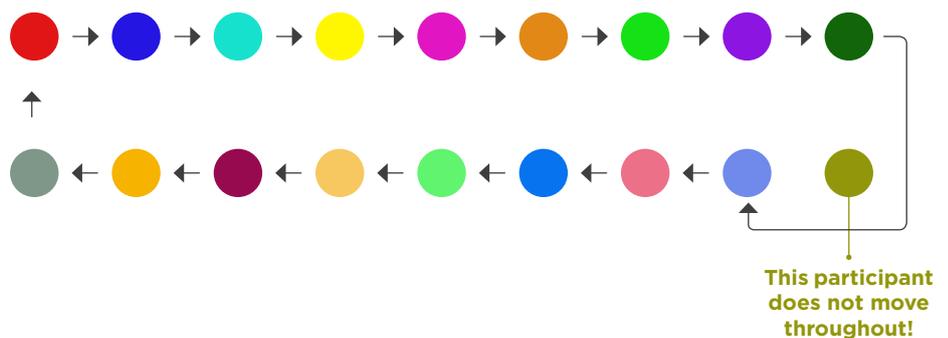
Seat your participants in pairs opposite each other



Ensure that you seat your participants as promptly as possible so as not to take away from the networking time. Begin to gather and seat interested people ahead of time. Remove any extra chairs if you have less than 20 participants. Be sure that there are an even number of participants otherwise the process won't work. If you have an extra person without a partner, explain politely that they are welcome to join the next session.

STEP 2

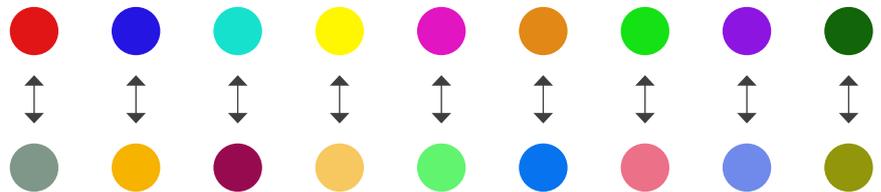
Explain the process



Once everybody is seated very briefly explain the process to them: They will have 3 minute sessions in which to talk to the person in front of them. After each 3 minutes everyone will move one seat to their left except one person. Indicate clearly which person will stay seated in the same seat throughout. The purpose is for them to make as many new contacts as possible in a short space of time and have fun!

STEP 3

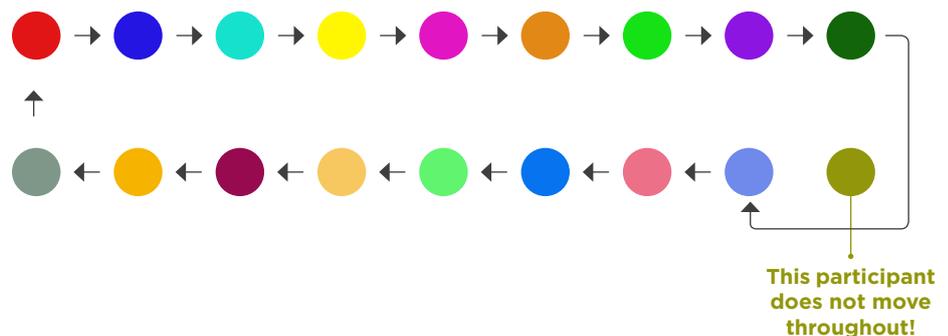
Start the first 3 minutes of 'networking'



Ring a bell to start the 3 minutes. To help the participants share the time equally ring the bell again to announce the halfway mark (1 minute 30 seconds). Ring the bell again when the 3 minutes is up.

STEP 4

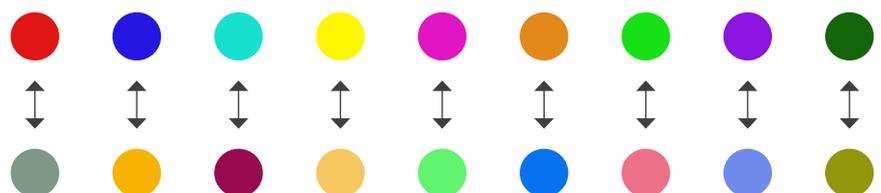
Each person moves one place to the left



Ensure that each participant has moved in the correct direction to avoid any confusion or delay. You may find that people are enjoying their conversations so much that they are slow to finish and move on to the next person. If this happens, firmly but politely remind everyone to follow the rules for the benefit of the whole group. This is a relaxed and fun process so bring this energy with you and how you facilitate the group.

STEP 5

Repeat the process until the 30 minutes is up



Repeat this process until the 30 minutes is up. It may be that people haven't had a chance to speak to everyone so make it clear that they are free to stay and continue their conversations in the space. Thank everyone for participating and wish them a good time throughout the rest of the conference.

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