

Networking Conversation Starters

Introduce yourself:

- "Hi, my name is [blank]. It's great to meet you!"

Ask event-questions:

- "What brings you to this event?"
- "Have you been to this event before?"
- "Have you visited [event city/location] before?"
- "Which sessions are you looking forward to today?"
- "I want to attend [blank] session later. Will you be there too?"
- "I heard the keynote speaker mention [topic]. What are your thoughts on that?"
- "Will you be attending the happy hour later? May I join you?"
- "May I join you and your group for lunch today?"

Learn their professional background:

- "What do you do for work?"
- "How did you get into that field?"
- "How has your role changed over the years?"
- "What professional groups or associations are you a part of?"

Touch on current events:

- "Have you seen the latest developments in [industry/topic]? What do you think?"
- "What trends do you think we'll see in [industry] this year?"
- "What [tools/software/programs] do you use for [industry subject]? Do you like them?"

Offer a compliment:

- "I like your [item of clothing/accessory]. Where did you get it?"
- "I can tell you're passionate about [topic]. Tell me more about that!"

Ask about goals and aspirations:

- "What do you enjoy most about your work?"
- "What are you hoping to achieve in your role this year?"
- "What projects are you currently working on?"
- "What kinds of professional development do you do during the year?"
- "Which industry newsletters do you subscribe to?"
- "Which industry influencers do you enjoy following on LinkedIn?"

Discover their passions:

- "Have you traveled anywhere interesting recently? Any recommendations?"
- "I've been looking for a new book to read. What are your favorites?"
- "Do you listen to podcasts? If so, which ones do you recommend?"
- "Do you have any fun plans for this weekend?"
- "Do you have any pets at home?"
- "Do you enjoy volunteering? If so, where do you volunteer?"