

# Get the Most out of Your Conference Experience

## Tips and Tricks to Grow Your Network

### Networking Tips

- Ask simple questions:  
*"Can you tell me a little bit about what your company/organization does?"*  
*"Have you been to this conference before?"*
- Share business cards, LinkedIn connections, or other contact info
- Update your social media profiles

### Finding Opportunities

- Research organizations in Expo beforehand
- Have copies of resume ready to share
- Sign up for the conference apps and job boards
- Attend networking socials, receptions, and meetups
- Follow up with the people you spoke to through email/social media

### Presentation Takeaways

- Take notes during presentations
- Ask at least one question per session
- Approach the presenter afterward to share an insightful thought
- Get presenters' contact info to reach out later if you found their presentation helpful
- Document projects you'd like to try and plan how you can achieve it

### Go Above and Beyond

- Create a blog post, story, or presentation of your conference experience to share
- Recap the conference experience in a social media post
- Submit a paper session to present at a conference
- Apply to be a conference volunteer

### Networking Pitfalls

- Focusing too much on self-promotion
- Failing to listen actively
- Being too pushy





## Esri Young Professionals Network (YPN)

The Esri YPN mission is to support a community of professionals starting their careers in GIS. We provide opportunities to help young pros grow their network, find mentors, and build their technical skills to flourish and further develop their careers.

### Resources

Join YPN



LinkedIn



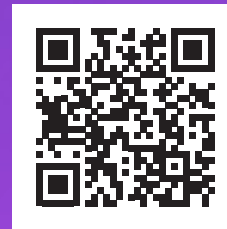
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## URISA Vanguard Cabinet

The Vanguard Cabinet's mission is to create programs and policies benefiting young professionals and to enhance overall innovation, collaboration, networking, and professional development opportunities.

### Resources

Website



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