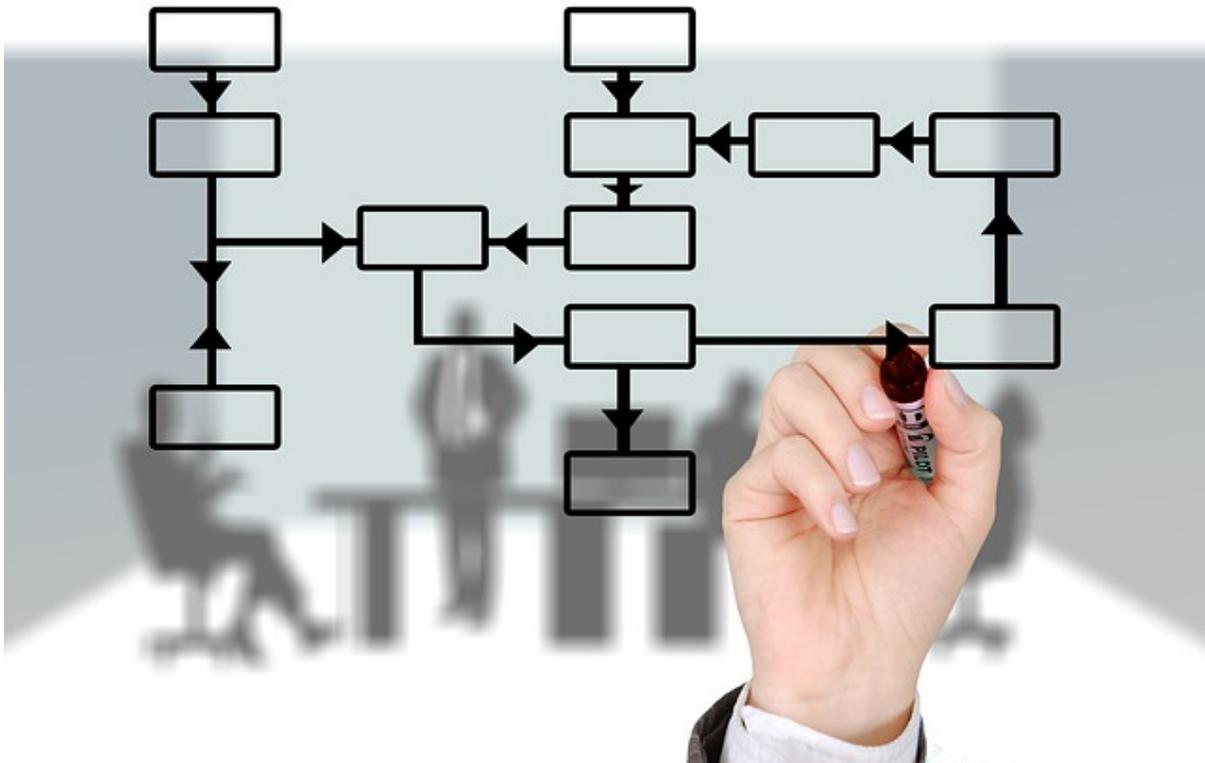


10 Ways to Expand Your Professional Network



1. Register and participate in the online tool, LinkedIn. It is a very productive way to identify employers, alumni groups, industry affinity etc. For a job search, you can use it to identify potential contacts and even create a job search group of your own. You should spend sometime creating a very well-written LinkedIn profile and include links to an on-line versions of your resume if you have any, or your blog (professional).

2. Let everyone know in your ever-growing network that you are looking for a job and be specific about what assets you can offer and what you are interested in.

3. create connections to employers, and try direct and personal as possible. Do not just apply through the computer or online.

4. Try there to meet people and build your own network.

5. Networking is still a difficult part of graduates find their first full-time job after graduation. Take benefit of every opportunity to meet with professionals in your fields, extend your knowledge of preferred career fields, find out who is hiring and get personal referrals.

6. You can ask people for help who you don't know. They are often more than willing to help even though they don't know you (LinkedIn is a terrific resource).

7. Learn how to work career fairs – have your resume ready to go.

8. Networking is source to finding a job in today's market. others has to take an interest in you ththat you need to create in them.

9. A end professional associa on chapter meetings and rub elbows with professionals in your field of interest at these networking events.

10. Try to use your contacts. Do not choose to leave someone off that list because they aren't working in your field of interest or because you think they may not know anyone of inertest to you.