

First Time Storytelling Networking Event *With Digital Accelerant*



What to Expect

Each event features two engaging breakout sessions. In groups of no more than five, participants will have 5 minutes each to share a personal story. The first story will be based on a First Time Story Prompt, carefully selected to reveal commonalities and shared experiences among members. The second story is a 'show, don't tell' narrative, highlighting a personal virtue, value, attribute, or trait, allowing members to showcase who they are.

After each breakout session, we reconvene the group, encouraging members to share insights and learnings about one another, fostering a sense of community and understanding.

Who Over What

This event aims for members to make meaningful connections through who they are while practicing their personal storytelling and active listening skills.

It's a unique, fun, and impactful networking event!!



FIRST TIME STORYTELLING

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Free Virtual Event

**Tuesday, February 20
at 2PM EST**

REGISTER TO ATTEND
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“ We do business with
people we know, like,
and trust! ”

Personal Storytelling

Personal storytelling transforms basic communication into an art form that is intimate, engaging, and emotionally resonant, bringing listeners into the storyteller's world and revealing the essence of who they are. We tell personal stories to help audiences know, understand, learn from, or be entertained by us.

What's NOT Personal Storytelling

Stringing facts together, recounting, or retelling an event is not personal storytelling. A story has a plot, setting, character, and theme. A personal story is a journey through our thoughts, feelings, and emotions.

All personal stories are told in the first person.

Show Don't Tell Personal Story

Don't tell people who you are; grab your audience and immerse them in what you experienced. Show them. A personal story conveys meaning and leads to being seen and understood.

Mine your past to find events and experiences that highlight and display your qualities, character and personality traits, values, and virtues. How have your traits, values, and qualities come to be? How have they manifested themselves? How have they helped, hindered, served, or embarrassed you?

Guidelines to Sharing a Personal Story

Orient Your Audience

- The back story sets up the plot and orients the audience for the specific event or life experience you want to share.

You Are The Main Character

- Characters are central to storytelling. Introduce yourself as the main character.
- Ensure you consistently help the audience understand your motives and emotions.
- Establish the version of yourself relevant to the story context.
- Be honest and objective when portraying yourself and others. No one likes perfect characters.
- Supporting characters add depth but should not overshadow you. The story is about you.

Plot, Setting & Theme

- The setting provides the backdrop to the story. Avoid using too many details; it slows down the story. Only mention what is relevant.
- A common mistake is to equate the plot with the sequence of events. Focus on what happened based on the meaning you want to convey.
- Transforming experiences into stories uncovers their significance and interpretation, leading to the theme of the story.

Don't forget to leverage non-verbal communication when you share your personal stories

Qualities & Values

- Adaptable
- Achiever
- Adventurous
- Assertive
- Ambitious
- Analytical
- Cautious
- Charming
- Competent
- Curious
- Decisive
- Determined
- Energetic
- Extroverted
- Introverted
- Dependent
- Inquisitive
- Hard Working
- Observant
- Passionate
- Reserved
- Sarcastic
- Skeptical
- Stubborn
- Tactful
- Witty
- Spontaneous
- Tenacious
- Resilient
- Acceptance
- Authenticity
- Caring
- Charity
- Commitment
- Confidence
- Cooperation
- Creativity
- Daring
- Devotion
- Ethical
- Excellence
- Fairness
- Faith
- Generosity
- Honorable
- Humility
- Integrity
- Justice
- Kindness
- Openness
- Optimism
- Perseverance
- Playful
- Reliability
- Respect
- Sacrifice
- Self-control
- Service

Share
Connect
Grow Closer