

Networking and Job Search Support Groups

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Networking happens organically wherever people are gathered – especially where they share a common interest. It can happen at classes or meetings. It occurs at social, cultural and athletic events. It is happening each time people share helpful pieces of information or stories. Keep in mind what you want to learn and what interests, knowledge or connections you have to share.

Here are some specific resources that may be helpful:

[Meetup - We are what we do](#)– Use [Meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) to find groups. Select “**Career and Business**” to discover Business Networking Groups, or search by your interest area [NonProfitConnect: Global Virtual Networking & Career Fair for Impact Professionals, Tue, Mar 24, 2026, 4:00 PM | Meetup](#) is an example of an event for nonprofit changemakers.

WEBOND Women’s Group [Business Mastery & Growth for the Lady Boss | Meetup](#)
www.meetup.com/webond

[Eventbrite - Discover Great Events or Create Your Own & Sell Tickets](#) has multiple listings and links for events searchable by type or city www.eventbrite.com

The Job Forum – free nonprofit job search service designed to help all job seekers in virtual sessions on Wednesday evenings [Job Seekers Resources – Job Forum](#)
<https://thejobforum.org/job-seekers-resources>

Sign up is through Eventbrite – [Link is on the website](#)

College Alumni Groups may offer workshops and linking opportunities. For example, UC Berkeley offers special services within 2 years after graduation. [Alumni - Career Engagement](#) <https://www.career.berkeley.edu/alumni>

Professional Associations – Look for an association in your career area. See if there is a local chapter. [Professional Association Finder | CareerOneStop](#) <https://careeronestop.org>

One example - NASW (National Association of Social Workers) has a reduced membership fee for students ([Student Benefits National Association of Social Workers - California](#)) and has nearly 9,000 members. It has an active calendar of virtual events.

Toastmasters International – Toastmasters is a great networking and confidence building group. It provides an opportunity to practice speaking skills in a supportive environment Go to www.toastmasters.org to find a listing for groups near you.

East Bay Women’s Conference – an event sponsored annually by the Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce. [East Bay Women's Conference 2026 - Walnut Creek Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau](#) Look at other chambers or your local city for similar events.