Tips for staying connected with remote coworkers

For many of us, some variation of remote work has become part of our new normal. Connecting with coworkers who work remotely full time or on a hybrid schedule takes effort. But, research shows that people who take the time to nurture connections in the workplace are happier and more loyal and feel less stressed. Here are some tips for networking virtually with your colleagues.

Connect on LinkedIn. Take an inventory of your LinkedIn connections and send invites to people you work with on a regular basis. Make a habit of connecting with new colleagues immediately after a first meeting to seal that digital bond. You may also consider making professional accounts on other social media platforms to expand your options.

Focus on quality over quantity. Your goal for networking virtually should be to make genuine, meaningful connections. Create posts on social media that your colleagues will find valuable. Share what you know and what you’re passionate about. This will start real conversations in your network. Pro tip: Block some time on your calendar once a week for scheduling your posts, using a free tool like Hootsuite. Consider a smaller block of time midway through the week to share and interact with other people’s content and respond to comments on your posts and profiles.

Interact online where you see an opportunity. If you come across a colleague sharing interesting posts on social
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media, delivering an impactful presentation to peers or achieving a professional milestone, reach out and engage. Direct messaging people can help you make a meaningful connection. From a social media perspective, you can comment on one of their posts to help their posts gain reach. (They may even return the favor.) Networking digitally means mustering the courage to make the first move.

**Break the ice.** Get to know your coworkers by encouraging a bit of chitchat to kick off meetings.

If it's not possible to start off slow with conversation, consider hosting a weekly huddle, coffee break or happy hour to get coworkers chatting. Remember that while networking virtually means using various methods to connect, be sure to remain authentically you in your interactions. Your personal brand shouldn't be too curated but should carry through from live conversation to your social media presence.

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