How To Talk Really Good
(and how to get the chance to)
HELLO. MY NAME IS INIGO MONTOYA. YOU KILLED MY FATHER. PREPARE TO DIE.

INIGO’S GUIDE TO NETWORKING SUCCESS

1. POLITE GREETING
2. NAME
3. RELEVANT PERSONAL LINK
4. MANAGE EXPECTATIONS
Coming up with an idea
Nothing is easy until you know it

- It’s easy to dismiss the things you’ve learnt as easy
Coming up with ideas

- What do you get excited about?
- What lessons did you learn?
- What can be learnt from your experience?
But you could also learn something new...

- Some people find fear a great motivator
Writing a Biography
● Who are you?
● What’s your experience in this area?
● Something fun
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Outside of work, she is a co-founder and co-organiser of DDD East Midlands Conference. Previous to this she has founded or been involved in the organisation and coordination of other events. She also mentors and helps other speakers.

She is easily bribed with coffee & loves hearing about other people’s experiences.
The talk title
It’s tricky

- Short and simple
- Check the event’s previous titles
- Align to Code of Conduct
Writing the talk description
Be Clear

- Purpose
- Grammar
- Plain English
Why will people care?

- How is the talk useful?
- Who is it useful to?
How is it different?
What value do you add?

- Will your audience take anything from this talk?
- Can it be applied or is it just entertainment?
The Secret
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- Don’t worry about writing the talk until it’s accepted
Writing the talk
Clear points

- Write out what you want to cover
- Can you clearly talk about all the material in the time you have?
- Do you need more depth in any areas?
Flow

- Organise your thoughts
- Story telling technique
- Do all your points make sense and fit?
Accessibility

- Capitalisation & dyslexia
- Not too much text
- Colour Blindness
- Language
- Participation
Rehearse

- Rehearse the full thing
- Rehearse the bits you falter on individually
- Cut back on your notes
- Timing and pacing tricks
- Do what’s right for you.
Why bother?
Make friends
Challenge yourself & learn
Travel the world
Important Dates
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See you there!