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***Connected Through Service: The 2019 GYEO Young Leaders Program***

*At the Global Youth Economic Opportunities Summit (GYEO)*

**Ideas for Networking Conversations**

1. Ask if this is a good time to talk
2. Share some background on yourself
   * Name (first and last), where you’re from, why you’re at the event, your education or career interest
3. Develop a connection
   * Ask general questions (Where did you come in from? compare trips; How did you get connected to this conference?)
   * Identify a shared interest (sports, travel, food, ect.)
4. Transition into your ask
   * I’m think about pursuing X in college, and I would like to learn more about your experience doing X.
   * I’m interested in X, and I would love to get your advice on what I could do to learn more about X/get more experience in X.
   * I would like to learn more about X. Do you have any ideas of people I could talk to/places I could work/volunteer/learn skills?
   * I really admire X about you, and I was wondering if you would be able to tell me more about how you got to X.
   * I’ve been thinking about X decision, and I would really appreciate talking it over with you and hearing your advice.
   * I’m looking for a job or internship in X, and I would appreciate it if you could let me know if you hear about any jobs. Do you have my email/phone number?
5. Other questions
   * Can you suggest other people I should be talking to?
   * What questions should I be asking?
6. Ask if they would be ok with you reaching out as a follow-up
7. Exchange contact information
   * If you don’t have a business card, send them an email, text or what’s app; or write it down on a small piece of paper
   * Make sure to get their contact information
8. Thank them for their time
9. Follow up with an email