

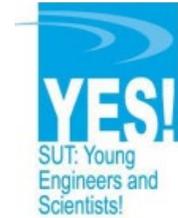
SUT YES! Networking Skill Night

Event Report

The Shoe, Yagan Square

30th September 2021, 5:30-8:30pm

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Planning for the YES! networking event started towards the end of July, and the event was held on the 30th September 2021. Approximately 30 attendees were present for a night of getting to know others in the subsea and oil and gas industry, tips on networking, while having some fun doing so.

The start of the evening began with a brief introduction of SUT and YES!, along with a building briefing.

Following, the icebreaker activity kicked off. Splitting the group up into teams of 4-5, each team was required to build the tallest tower they could using only dry spaghetti and a metre of duct tape. The tower had to be able to support a large marshmallow.



Figure 1: Prize Pool and Venue on Arrival

Teams came up with some very creative ideas, and it was great to see everyone getting involved. This also encouraged team members to start a dialogue with the others in their group.

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Figure 2: Spaghetti Tower Icebreaker

Prizes were awarded throughout the night for various games and activities. Following the icebreaker, Tom Russell presented some aspects of the importance of networking from both personal and professional development perspectives.



Figure 3: Icebreaker Winning Team

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Mark Casey from Santos gave some excellent examples based on personal experiences of why networking is important and useful.



Figure 4: Mark Casey presenting networking success stories

There were several more networking games which encouraged discussion between groups including a LinkedIn game, and networking bingo. All attendees actively participated and enjoyed both activities. Finally, Tom Hitchmough provided some examples of what should and should not be done in a networking setting and more prizes were given out for good audience participation and answers.

We would like to thank the event sponsors, Woodside and Santos, without whom the event would not have been possible, as well as Mark Casey for sharing his personal experiences. Lastly, thanks to the SUT YES! committee members who helped organise the event

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