

Building Your Personal Learning Network

Step 1: Define Your PLN Mission Statement

Your PLN should have a clear purpose that reflects your values and learning goals. Consider:

- What do you want to achieve with your PLN?
- Who do you want to connect with?
- How do you want to share knowledge and resources?

My PLN will...

Step 2: Identify Your PLN Goals

Consider what you want to gain from your PLN. Here are some examples – the consideration here are endless and specific to you. Examples:

- Lifelong learning
- Professional growth
- Networking and mentorship
- Work-life balance
- Industry-specific knowledge

Goals of My PLN:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Step 3: Define the Scope of Your PLN

Identify the topics and fields that will be the primary focus of your PLN. Consider both professional and personal interests.

- What areas do you want to expand your knowledge in?
- What knowledge can you share and contribute to the conversation about?
- What personal interests do you want to explore with others?

My PLN will focus on:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Step 4: Outline PLN Actions and Engagement

How will you engage with your PLN? Consider the 4Cs of PLN engagement.

- **Connecting:** following industry leaders, joining groups
- **Contributing:** sharing insights, writing, presenting
- **Conversing:** participating in discussions, networking events
- **Curating:** seeking advice, feedback, mentorship

Key Engagement Strategies:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Step 5: Identify Your PLN Toolkit

Networking Platforms

Think about where and how you will engage with your PLN. Consider the following (and expand as desired):

- **Social Media:** LinkedIn, X, Facebook Groups
- **Online Communities:** Reddit, professional forums
- **Industry-Specific Associations**
- **Conferences and Events**

Primary Networks I Will Use:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Learning and Collaboration Tools

Consider what tools you will use to streamline and organize your PLN. Consider:

- **Content Curation:** Google Scholar, Feedly
- **File Sharing:** Google Docs, Dropbox
- **Discussion and Engagement:** Slack, Discord, Meetup

Primary Tools I Will Use:

- 1.
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