

How to make your Event Manager love you

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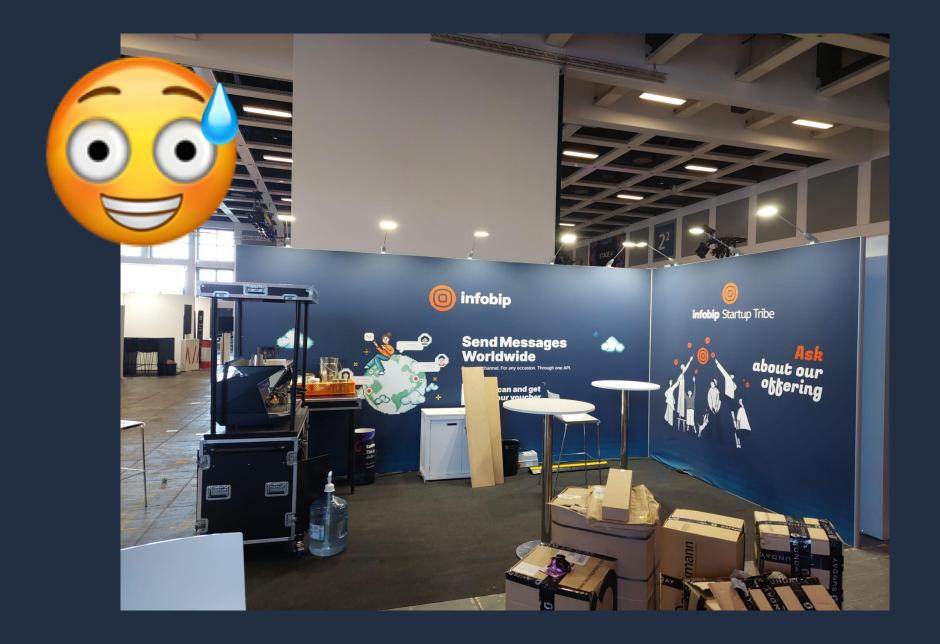
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TOP 3 in the world

"According to a study by the World

Scholarship Vault, event planner stress levels

are hitting a new high — the third-most

stressful job in the world for 2023."

*source: https://www.pcma.org/3rd-most-stressful-job-event-planning/



Before the event



Help me, help (organise) you

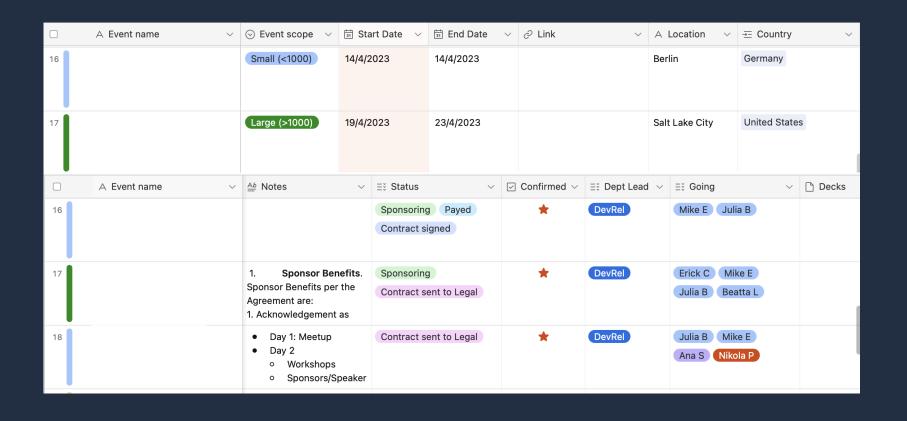
List the events

YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE
IN

- Makes EM's job easier
- Makes budget allocation simpler
- More practical travel arrangement
- Prepare for a CFP
- Makes your work more enjoyable

Before the event







Participate in the creative





You're the first line to talk to developers - you know what they find cool!



Participate in the creative



Laura Czajkowski

Director, Developer Community & Enablement at Solace... $1 w \cdot \text{Edited}$

It can be hard to justify high cost items when you focus on the cost per item break down when ordering swag but you should be looking further down the line to the impact it can have.

Never underestimate the investment in good quality high end #swag. Items that are used again and again as opposed to landfill items are worth the investment in your #community!

If you're just ordering items to give away and not engage then you're missing an opportunity for someone to look at your item post event and think about that interaction they had or the product they have learned about while talking to you and making a connection. All these things are what you want to happen. It may not lead to a sale there and then, but it's looking at the long tail and not the instant ROI from that lead scan.

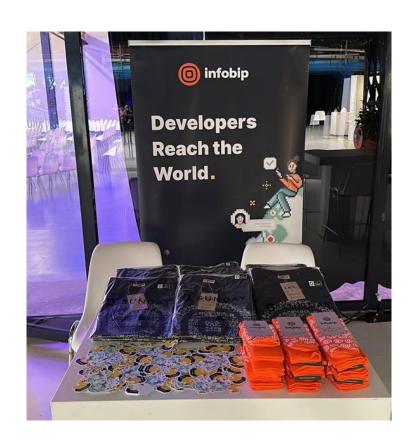
Food for thought as we come into conference season and we start to place orders for 😇

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You know what gets the conversation going and how to engage with people.



Get ready to be pinged



Beatta Lovrecic 10:28 AM

just send me the bio and photo and you'll be forgiven





Mike Elsmore 10:29 AM

Nooooo, but my plan to avoid!





We are here to make sure you are on time!



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Session submission - WeAreDevelopers





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To: Mike Elsmore
Thursday, 15 June 2023 at 12:53

Sunday, 25 June 2023

Session submission: Please submit your session details via Sessionize ind let us know once you have submitted: https://bit.ly/WWC23LateSubmission

Please select the session format "Standard Talk (30 min incl. Q&A)

Congress Pass for the Speaker: Redeem your ticket via this link using the discount code: WWC23_Talk_Infobip

- Analogue notes (or post-its)
- Calendar events/reminders



Get people to volunteer



- Not just engineers
- Consider Sales Engineers and Customer Support
- Educate of booth etiquette



Help create the brief

NICE TO HAVE

- Timing and staff schedules
- Logistics
- Booth activations
- Purpose for the event/booth
- Dress code

HOW CAN YOU HELP

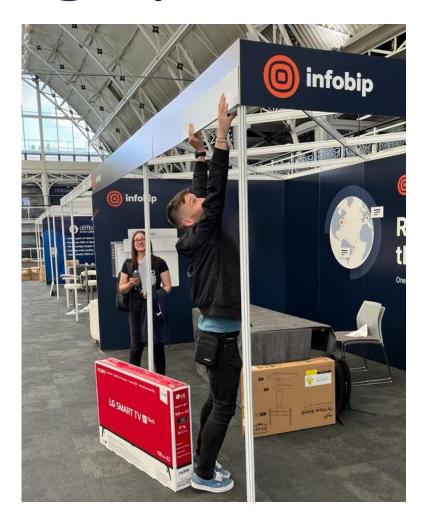
- Add event insights
- Add FAQ's and answers!



During the event



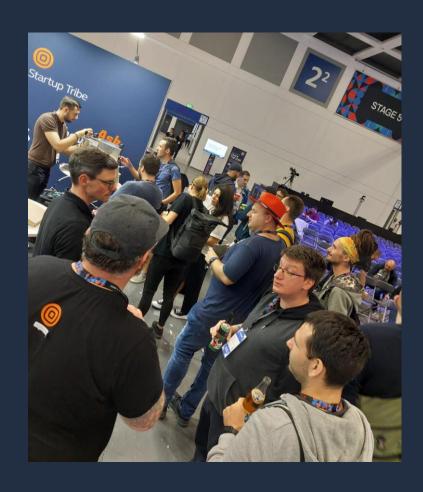
Setting up the booth



- Help in setting up and dismantling
- Last-minute problems solved as a team



Be punctual and on call



- Follow the schedule
- Don't leave conference grounds



Have a tech demo



- Have an appropriate demo
- Practice the demo
- Prepare for tech to fail



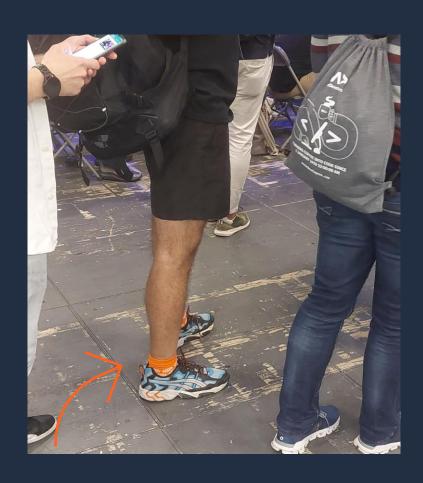
Wear your merch



One more reason to make it cool and creative!



Others will too!



Caught in the wild



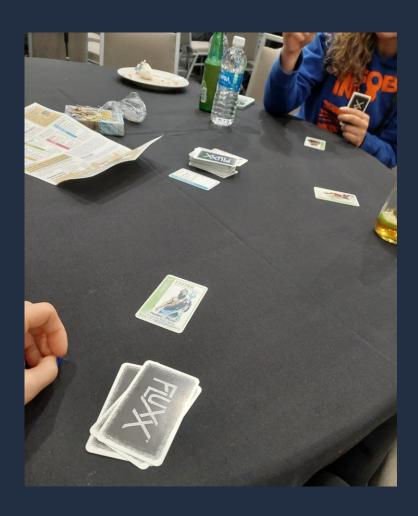
Don't pitch, talk!



- Actively listen to their problems
- Get to know the devs visiting your booth
- Create the best possible DX based on realknowledge



Remember to mingle



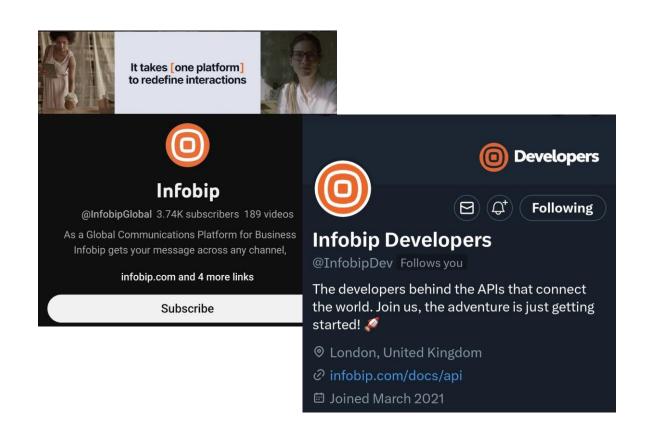
- Make a list of social meetups happening around the conference you're attending
- Make an appearance



After the event



Make collaterals



- Shareables!
- Blogs, social media, interviews...
- Cooperate with internal PR and Marketing teams



Make collaterals



Post about your booth games, engagements and giveaways



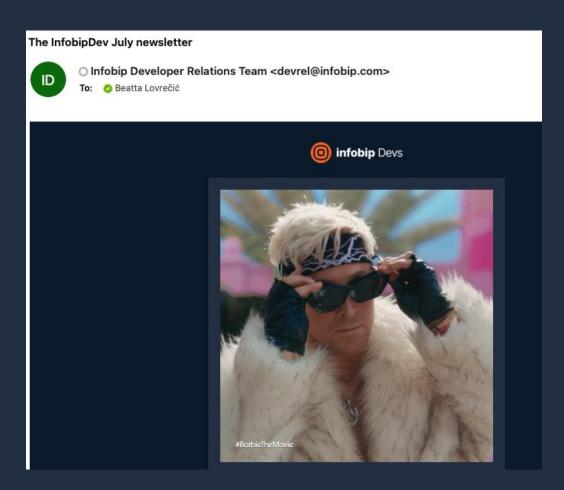
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Write about your experiences in a blog post



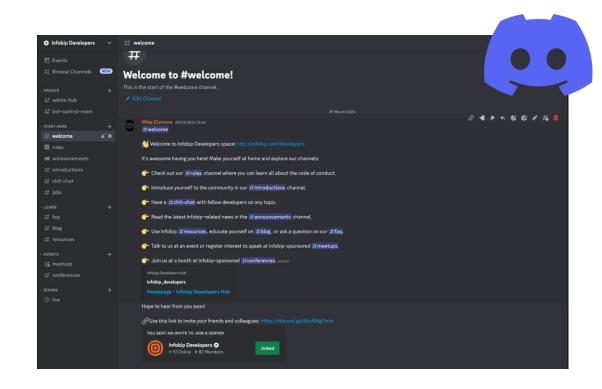
Stay in touch



If possible, stay in contact with your audience after the conference



Stay in touch



They can be your future audience, users and even champions!



Join us





Let's sum up

- Choose your events
- Make merch that you like
- Allow us to bore you
- Consider booth volunteers outside engineering teams

- A great brief saves you time
- Have a demo of your tech (and prepare in case it fails to cooperate)
- Talk to your booth guests to create great DX
- Stay in touch with people you met at the event





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