Types of Meetups
Since every community tackles different challenges or focus, there are various types of meetups that accommodates every community.

Celebration/Inspiration
Systers hold 2 major global meetups annually; one to celebrate Grace Hopper’s birthday (Dec. 9th) and the other to celebrate Dr. Anita Borg’s birthday (Jan. 17th). There are plenty of other celebration and inspirational meetups that you can hold.

✓ Anita Borg’s Birthday (Jan. 17th)
✓ Grace Hopper’s Birthday (Dec. 9th)
✓ Career Moves (promotions, completing an educational program, etc.)
✓ Recognize a local Syster for her published paper
✓ Impact on your community from your Systers initiatives

Conference Planning
Of course since we are Systers, an ABI Community, we definitely want to talk about technical conferences. Suggest even submitting to CFP together as a community. Some of the conferences our communities are involved in as a whole are …

✓ Grace Hopper Celebration for Women in Technology
✓ Tapia Conference
✓ O’Reilly Conferences
✓ Google I/O
✓ Super Computing
✓ PyCon
✓ Ruby conferences

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Professional/Career Development

Systers are interested in advancing their careers, gaining useful skills in the work place or improve presentation skills to prepare to defend their thesis.

- **Lean In Circles**: ABI has branded lean in circles that your meetup can create to continue discussions, assignments and engage on a regular basis. Face-to-Face could be a follow up requirement to your circle.
- **Guest Speakers**: Speakers are a great way to learn about how other women are maneuvering their careers on a specific path, whether it
- **Recruiters Corner**: There will be times where you want to invite recruiters to your meetup. Systers are often in transition, returning back to work, or making a career change, so it's great to know the recruiters in your area.
- **Resume Workshop**: Understand what they're looking for, hold a resume workshop, or even talk about job hunting tips.
- **Job Hunting Tips & Tools**:
  - Presentation Skills: Who says the face-to-face has to be physical? With many communication tools like Google+ hangout and Skype, you can still meet
- **Other**: __________________________________________________________________________

Networking

At times, Systers just want to hang out and get to know each other. Maybe you want to just hold a networking meetup in a more relaxed environment or maybe something more formal like a Speed Networking event.

Sourcing

Time and time, Systers are looking for awards, scholarships, grants, funding your project or school. Maybe dedicate a meetup to pass on information about ...

- Systers Pass-It-On Awards and ABIE Awards
- Scholarships and grants
- How to fund your startup
Software Development / Coding Skills
There are many of groups that already help women in development skills. We encourage you to partner with those organizations as they are established and well organized. Most of these are globally offered, but some are specific to regions. The few we recommend are …

- Codechix
- PyLadies
- Rails Girls
- Women Who Code
- Cybertjutsu
- Hack Academy
- Hack NY

K-12 Initiatives
Systers are involved in many K-12 initiatives. There are many of groups that already help young girls K-12 in exposing them to career opportunities in computing fields and help development coding skills. We encourage you to partner with those organizations as they are established and well organized. The few we recommend are …

- Girls Who Code
- Black Girls Code
- Tech Girls

Codeathons
Hackathons or Hacks are most popular terms used for organizing a code-a-thon. Below are ones we recommend …

- Random Hack of Kindness
- Global Day of Code Retreat
- Microsoft Global

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