

## **Tips for your Curious Conversation**

We hope you're looking forward to your Curious Conversation. This programme randomly matches recent graduates, like yourself, with LSE alumni globally for a virtual coffee. Please read our guidance below to find out how to make the most of this experience.

### **Come prepared**

It's important to try to think about topics of conversation ahead of meeting. Don't expect your match to carry the conversation, especially if you're interested in a specific theme.

Be ready to talk about your background. Try to pre-empt some of the questions your match might have for you. It's worth thinking about your hobbies, education, career and goals.

Previously popular topics have been hobbies, LSE beyond graduation, living in London studying and of course careers!

### **Consider what you can bring**

All relationships are a two-way street and your relationship with your match is no different. If you are hoping to receive advice in your Curious Conversation, be sure to come open to helping your match too. Just because they graduated before you, doesn't mean you don't have valuable insights to share with them!

Understandably, you may not always be able to help your match. In such a case, even having openness to helping can be really positive. Whether they need your help or not, they will likely appreciate the sentiment.

### **Be open minded**

Your match could be from a totally different background to you, this doesn't mean that they won't have valuable insights to share. If anything, this opens up plenty of possibilities for you to learn more about them and indeed yourself.

Your conversations might not go as you plan, this could be a good thing and take you down unexpected avenues.

Here are some ideas of things to speak about beyond similarities:

1. What your hobbies and interests are. What are you passionate about?
2. Current affairs or a book/article you read recently and enjoyed.
3. Something interesting you've learnt, whether that's from work, research or even a TikTok video!

### **Say thank you**

Send a follow up email to thank your match for their time and for the conversation. This is important, even if the conversation wasn't exactly what you were expecting. All of our matches are volunteers who generously give up their time to help you, so it's a good way of showing your appreciation. This is also a great opportunity to organise a follow up!

Please take a look at our [FAQ document](#) for more information. If you have any further questions on the Curious Conversations Programme please contact us at [alumni@lse.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@lse.ac.uk).