

Energize Your Meetings with Play

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SESSION DESCRIPTION

Leverage the power of play to energize your group, deepen relationships, and jumpstart your next brainstorming or planning session. Play is a universal experience that can quickly put people at ease and set the stage for innovation and creative connections. In this session, participants will engage in some simple kinetic play that will mix up the group and get everyone engaged. Whether it's your own internal team ideating for an event or the experience you want to create for your attendees, we'll share with you ways to integrate play for more impact.

SPEAKER BIOS

Dawn Daria | *Flow Circus*



Dawn Daria, M.Ed, is an educator and play advocate. Co-founder and education director of Flow Circus, she frequently draws her play personalities of director, explorer, and creator. Not familiar with those - check out the work of Dr. Stuart Brown at the National Institute for Play (*see - she's always teaching!*) Dawn advocates for play because of the importance to well-being and building community especially for teens, college students, and adults. She recently contributed to the Professors at Play Playbook, has been published in Campus Life Trends, and presents at conferences nationally.

Devon Pasha | *Event Design Collective*



Devon Montgomery Pasha, CMP, CED is the founder of DMP Creative LLC - a firm that specializes in helping not-for-profits, associations, and institutions of all sizes reach their strategic goals via events. A passionate event professional, Devon also serves as the Director of North America for the Event Design Collective, specializing in event design education and training in the United States and Canada. A believer in purposeful and mission-driven events, Devon leverages design thinking and empathy-driven systems to design events that maximize impact. Prior to applying her skills for the Event Design Collective, Devon worked at several universities to help advance their institutional and alumni events as well as notable special events around the Philadelphia region including work for the Philadelphia Eagles, the Philadelphia Waterworks, and the Fairmount Park Conservancy. Devon has been a featured speaker and volunteer for MPI, Academic Event Planners, and Northstar Meeting Group, and has been recognized for her passion in elevating the importance of events as part of strategic plans. She holds a B.A. from Bryn Mawr College in Music and B.S. from Drexel University in Culinary Arts and Event Planning. Devon earned her CMP (Certified Meeting Professional) certification from the Events Industry Council in 2020 and a CED (Certified Event Designer) designation from the Events Design Collective in 2021. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Creativity and Innovation from Drexel University's School of Education and is an adjunct professor at Drexel University and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley