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**Today's Topic:** 

ERGs Unleashed: Introducing a New Toolkit for ERG Transformation



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# ERGs Unleashed: Introducing a New Toolkit for ERG Transformation

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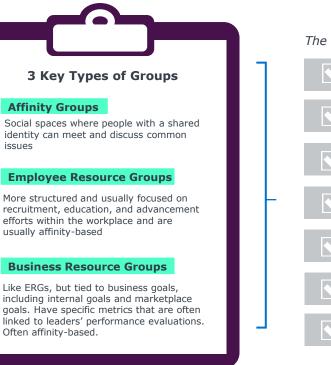
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# **Key Elements of Successful ERGs**

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## The Business Case for ERGs





#### The rationale for ERGs

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Talent Attraction and Retention

Innovation and Creativity

Market and Customer Insights

Employee Development

Enhanced Reputation

### Employee Wellbeing

# Starting or Expanding ERGs





#### Pushing ERG Value to Rest of Org

#### ERG Pulled in as Resource

# **Organizational Structure of ERGs**



Key considerations for an effective organizational structure



Founding leadership team responsibilities

Executive sponsor expectations, commitment, and responsibilities



Building the team and finding an executive sponsor



ERG co-lead expectations, commitment, and responsibilities



ERG leadership onboarding



ERG leadership succession planning and transition



Building the team and finding an executive sponsor

# ERG Leadership Compensation, Rewards, Recognition



# ERG Recruitment, Retention, and Development



Tips to maximize participation and maintain momentum



## Responsibility

Show your employees you trust them by giving them responsibilities that allow them to grow. Even if a member may not hold a leadership role, allowing them to assist and take on more responsibility will make them feel more included.



### Respect

Create a positive, inclusive, welcoming, and safe space. Employees want to know they are respected and appreciated. Make it a priority to show outward respect for ERG members. This will create positive experiences.



### Recognition

Recognition in front of the ERG and company can contribute to the positive culture of the company and can be good morale builders as well for members of the ERG.

# **ERG Events and Programming**



## Best practices for building a calendar of events



#### Diversity in event types

- Balance educational workshops, networking sessions, and social activities
- Consider the preferences and availability of your members when scheduling events, accommodating different time zones and work schedules.

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### **Collaboration** is key

- Involve ERG members in event ideation and planning to ensure events resonate with their interests and needs.
- Set realistic timelines to avoid event fatigue and allow sufficient time for promotion and participation.



### Consistency in communication

- Promote events well in advance through various channels, leveraging internal platforms, email, and social media.
- Provide clear instructions and consider hybrid or virtual options to accommodate remote members.



#### Evaluate effectiveness

- Gather feedback, track attendance, and assess event impact.
- Use this data to refine future planning, ensuring your ERG calendar remains dynamic, engaging, and aligned with the evolving needs of your members and the organization.

# **Metrics and Measurement**



## Two key factors to remember when using metrics



### **Use Metrics You Already Have**

For example, if you want to see how your ERG is contributing to leadership development, measure which existing leadership or high-potential programs your ERG members were asked to attend and their rates of promotion vs. the general population.



### **Benchmark Internally and Externally**

Benchmarking enables your ERG to evolve, quantify its contributions to the business, measure itself against other ERGs, and break free of habits and practices that have outlived their usefulness

# Annual Activities for ERGs

An annual ERG strategy session holds immense importance in driving the success of the group.



Facilitates Clear

Communication



Provides Direction Empowers to make a tangible impact



# Sneak Peak of the All-New ERG Toolkit

# **Toolkit Overview**



## 8 content-rich sections on every facet of ERGs



Tell us in the chat! Are we missing anything?

Are there certain nuances that we consider in relation to the retail industry?

Tell us in the chat! Are we missing anything?

Based on your role with ERGs, what would you like to see included in our new toolkit?

# Fireside Chat: ERGs Unleashed

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# A Trusted Partner to Help Navigate the Landscape

Evolving and Relevant Solutions to Support Rapidly Changing DEI Needs



DEI leader community

• Proactive planning to drive progress on initiatives

night questions

## **EmERGe Global and EmERGe 2024!**



EmERGe Global April 15, 2024 London EmERGe May 6-7, 2024 New York City

## How Else Can We Help? Take Our Poll

I'd like to schedule a call with a Seramount expert to speak further about...

How to become a member of Seramount's DEI Research Partnership

2 Registering my ERG leaders and members for EmERGe Global and EmERGe 2024

**3** Improving my organization's ERG strategy

**4** Something else? Choose this option and we will follow up.



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