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### Social Distancing Solution: Wristbands Do the Talking for Attendees (pcma.org)

I'd be interested in views about this kind of thing on the return to work. (I'm on the fence.) They'd obviously have to be adapted so that 'green' fitted in with our SG restrictions. Are there other alternative solutions that you've come across?



**Social Distancing Solution: Wristbands Do the Talking for Attendees**

When face-to-face events return, some attendees will still want to shake hands; others will want a six-foot bubble around them. Here's a way for everyone to convey their preferences without creating awkward moments.

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I'd rather just ask someone than have to start checking out folks wrists.

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Yeah I am not a fan of these wristbands... we should be civilised people and should just be able to ask people's preference when we see them or if someone goes in for a handshake and the other steps back and says "Oh no I am still social distancing" we should be adult enough to just accept that and move on...

Of course I am saying this as a person who doesn't mind speaking to people so I totally understand that for some - they might not be so comfortable with that conversation of what their preference is...

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Oh I don't know - I've accepted hugs from people just because it was too awkward to say no, which I realise is silly but there are a lot of people that are more reserved than me, I'm hoping our return to work will include clear guidance about precautions that are expected, and I guess I'm hoping that they will be more cautious in terms of the handshakes and hugs etc (although I'm conscious that that's my preference and maybe not the same for others). Of course, if a colleague happens to be a friend and you are going for a walk outdoors then you might have a different approach.

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This is a project initiated by the Bevan Commission in Wales - we did a bit of work exploring Distance Aware in the Shielding team. Resources are free to download if anyone finds these useful: [Distance Aware](#) | [Bevan Commission](#)



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I do think the wristband idea is clever, but I think it would be better for SG to have consistent guidance on this so it is clear to staff and to external meeting participants if we have them. Also colour coded wrist bands aren't any use for those with visual impairments including colour blindness.

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I think they are a good idea in case we are going back to the office soon. We need to know if we can approach someone or not already from the distance and not when we are too close to ask. However, my position is we should not get back to the office while there is a prevalence of a dangerous variant in the country, even if we will be all fully vaccinated by August.

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Pity we didn't have these before the pandemic - red would have been nice then too :-D

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Jun 28

While a neat idea, I'd like to see some more eco-friendly options - a plastic band doesn't seem like it should be the only option here.

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in reply to Jun 28

Ribbon would probably work? Or a badge on a lanyard... I guess it depends if folk are keen on the principle.

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Jun 29

I'm all for a visual indication to remind people to respect social distance measures, but I'm not a fan of these bands - I find either they disappear up my sleeve when I do wear them, or I don't want to wear them because I've a bracelet on.

A pin badge is a good idea though.

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in reply to Jun 29

The lanyard option makes great sense to me, given we all need to wear one in the buildings...

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in reply to Jun 30

Yeah, the lanyard option seems to make most sense for me.

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Jun 30

How about different coloured Lanyards?

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Jul 2

Given the amount of £ that various diversity staff networks have spent on their lanyards I'm not sure that introducing another set of lanyards would be a great idea. I'd be more supportive of some kind of badge that can be pinned to your lanyard.

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in reply to Jul 2

Hi I see what you're saying. I'm not sure that these two arrangements are mutually exclusive though? Having both options doesn't seem beyond us. :)

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