

Single in Geneva

Meeting someone nice – mission impossible?

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As a successful matchmaker and dating coach in the Geneva area, I have spoken to thousands of singles here and throughout Switzerland. While most of them say they are looking for love, many believe that it is Mission Impossible. Is it really?

Not at all. It just takes focusing on your goal and maximizing opportunities.

Where can you meet potential partners? Anywhere and anytime – at the bakery, dry cleaners or grocery store, in the elevator or the train, at the coffee machine or the bus stop, on the ski slopes or at the spa.

Most singles I speak to say they are very motivated to find a partner. On a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 is extremely motivated, over 95 percent give me a 9 or 10. However, when I then ask them how many new potential partners they meet in person and interact with in an average week, over 80 percent say one or none.

Women often say they don't think there are many available men in the Geneva area because no men approach them. But when I ask men here whether they approach women, most say no. Why not? They say it's because most women look like they don't want to be approached.

Clearly, this is a matter of crossed "single signals". We have single men and women both wanting to meet each other, but not showing that they're available and looking.

There are all sorts of things you can do to increase your chances of finding a partner.

Here are a few tips I teach in my dating seminars

Look good

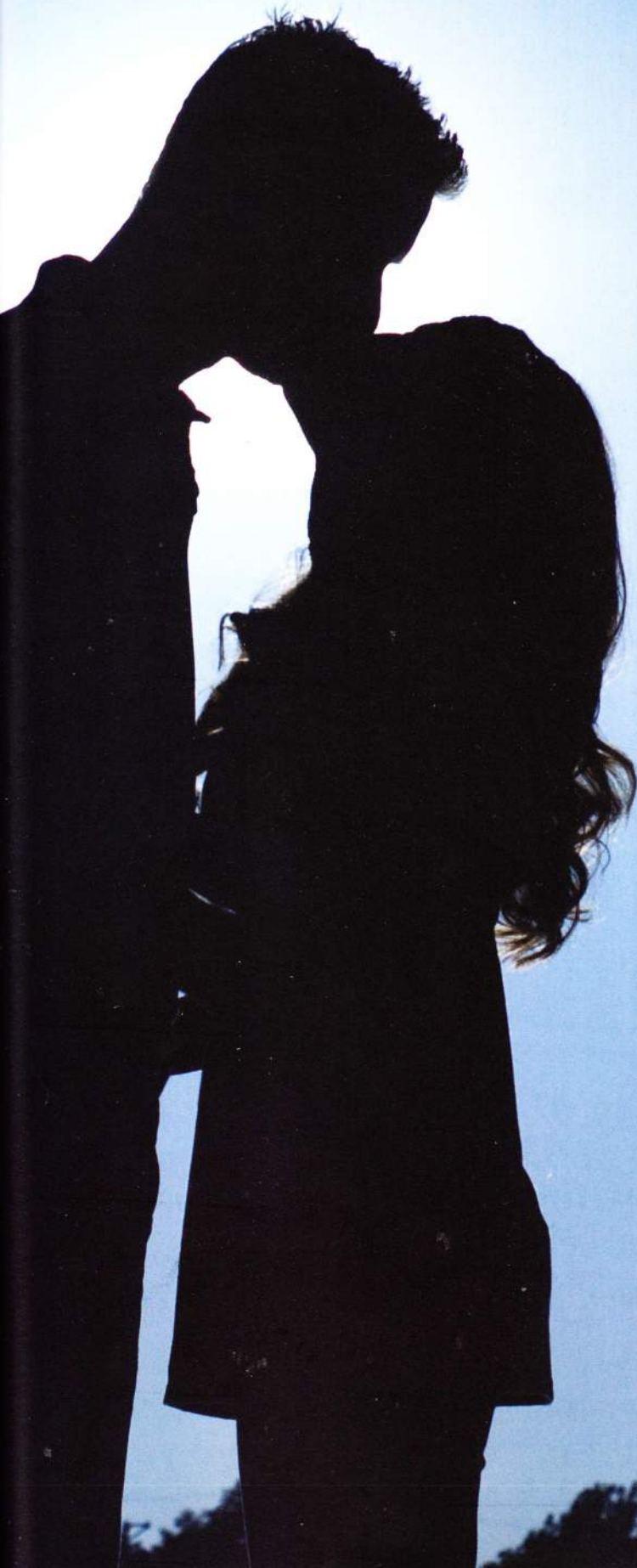
Show some style in your clothing, spruce up your personal grooming, dab on a drop of cologne or perfume. All this helps attract that guy or lady you may have your eye on. How we look impacts how we feel, and our packaging should support our inner beauty.

Smile

So simple, yet so important to show that we're approachable.

Break the ice

Don't just smile, say something! What should you say? Keep it simple. Start with "Hello," and see what kind of response you get. Then, if you're still interested, ask friendly, open-ended questions. Show curiosity. Show that you're listening by asking further questions. And look for opportunities to share what's interesting about yourself.



Some No Nos!

1. Don't block that empty seat near you at the café or on public transport
2. Don't be too absorbed with your book, newspaper, computer, smartphone or phone conversation
3. Don't cut yourself off with earphones
4. Don't build a body wall with crossed arms, or a frown, or by turning away from others
5. Don't refuse to make or return eye contact

Finally, one more important step to take: Dare to make that first step! You have to be willing to take a few risks when it comes to finding a partner. Besides, what exactly is the risk of saying hello to someone? So what if they don't respond. Don't fret about it – it's their loss!

I know you don't want to meet just anyone; you want to find that really special, amazing lady or gentleman who is just right for you. The point is, that you cannot know whether someone is right for you unless you meet them. So stick with the above tips and you will be amazed to discover the possibilities!

What do men want?

Women have certain ideas about what men want when dating. Gentlemen, help us set the record straight by completing our online survey and tell us what you really want and think about dating! visit :

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