ALUMNI SOLUTION SOCIAL NETWORK

User Manual
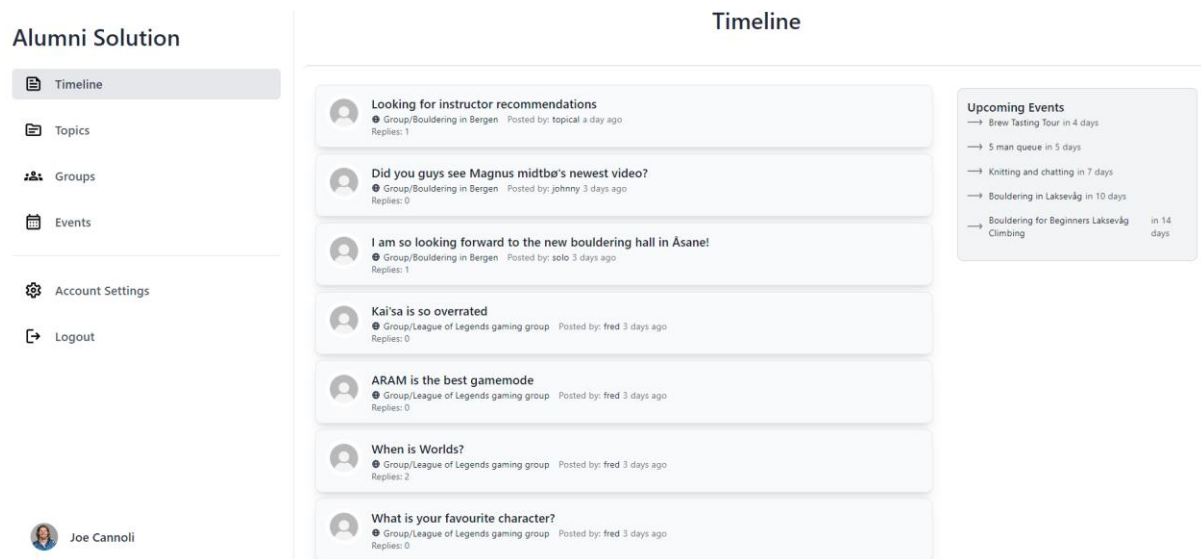
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1. Introduction

Alumni Network is a social media platform made by Fredrik Fauskanger, Espen Sjo, Ole Martin Gjerde, and Sondre K. Fjelde for their case study at Noroff's Dotnet Bootcamp.

1.1 Signing Up and Logging in

Upon entering the website, you will be prompted with a Startup screen and a button "Continue with Keycloak", for redirecting you to the login service.
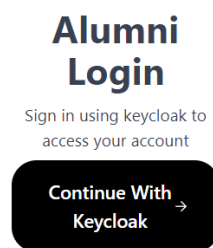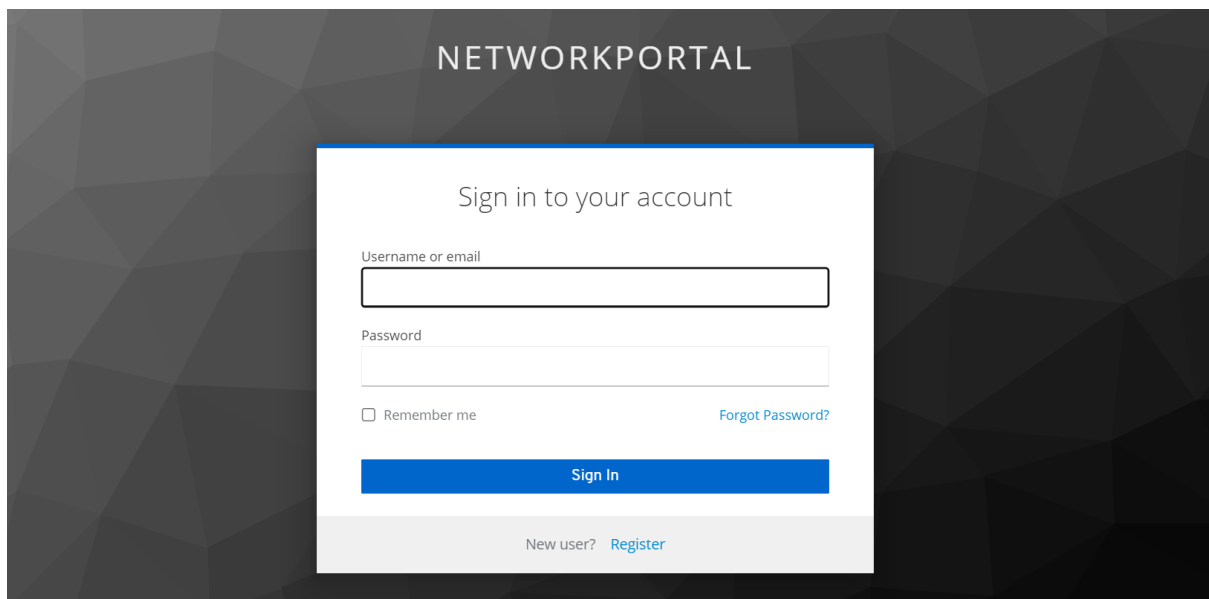

Figure 1: Alumni Startpage

Figure 2: Login page

Pressing this button redirects to the Keycloak Login Service, where you can sign in if you already have an account or click "register" for new users.

At the register screen, input your name, email, desired username, and password before clicking the register button, and your account will be created as you are redirected to your user dashboard.
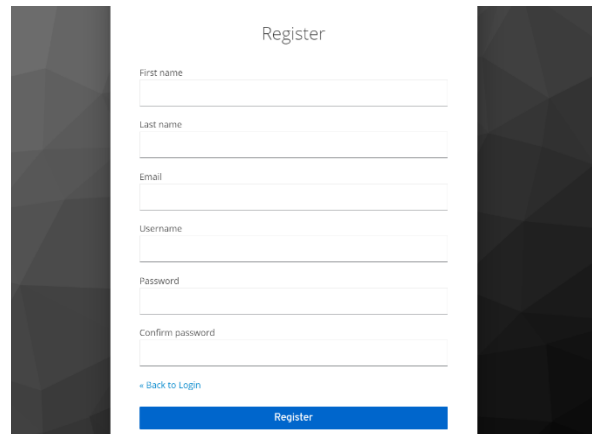

Figure 3: Register Page

1.2 Account & Account Settings

Once logged in, you can customize your profile page with where you work, a short biography, profile picture, and a little fun fact. To find account settings, look for the navigation link in the left navigation bar.

It's important to use a picture link when setting your profile picture. Click the button, and your profile info will be updated.

Figure 4: Account settings
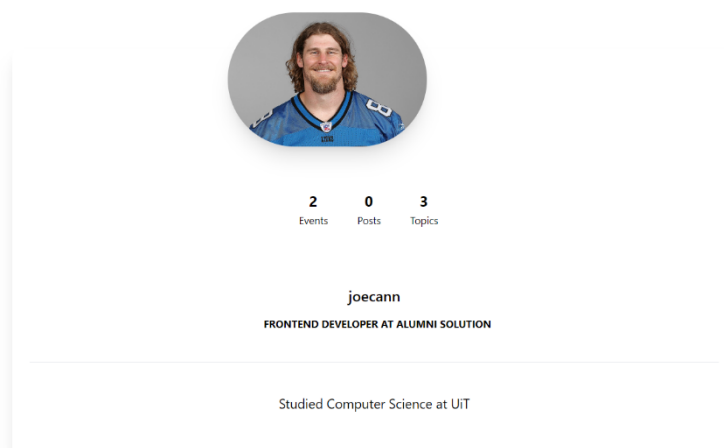
You'll find your own accounts page in the lower corner of the navigation bar, where your user info will be displayed. Clicking on the names of other users will also bring you to their account pages
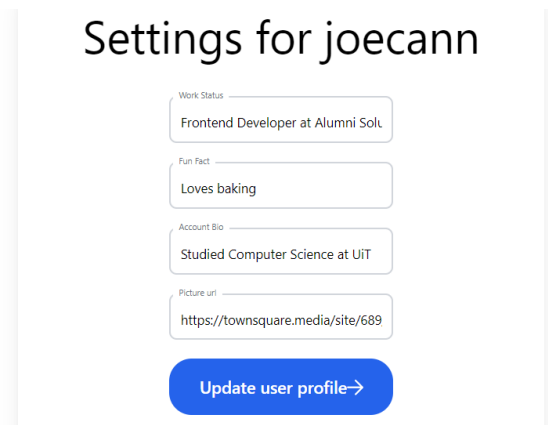

Figure 5: Account Page
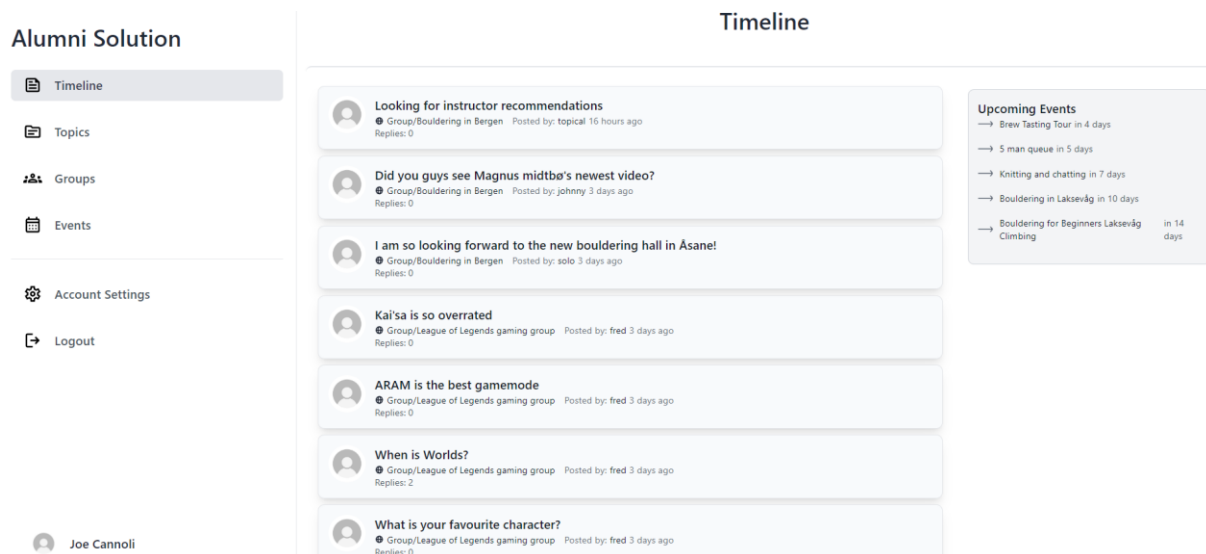
2. DASHBOARD & TIMELINE

Figure 6: Dashboard overview

2.1 Dashboard overview

Your dashboard is where you'll get caught up on everything new for every topic or group you're a member of.
Clicking on a post opens it and you can see its replies.

2.2 Replying to posts

Clicking on a post opens its thread, where all comments are shown, and you can add your own. Simply write the text you want and click the "post" button
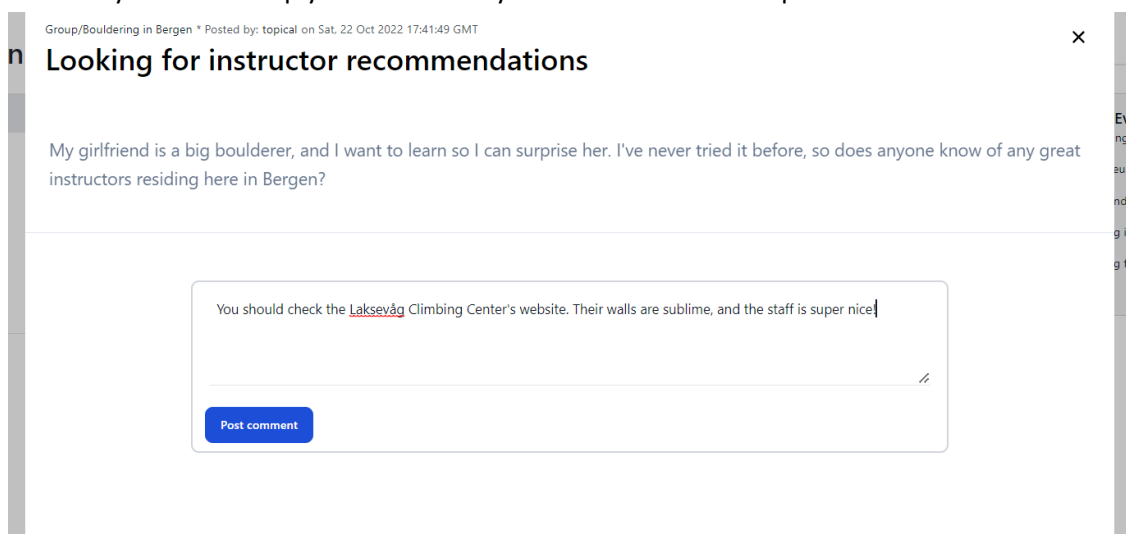

Figure 7: Post thread view & commenting

2.3 Event Timeline

On the far right of the timeline pages (dashboard, groups, and topics), you'll find the Event Timeline. Here, the events you have been invited to will show up. Clicking on the event will take you to its event page, and display its info along with posts posted on it.
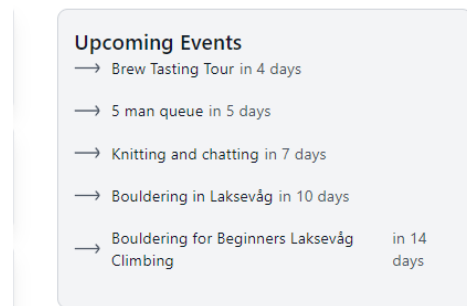

Figure 8: Event Timeline

3. Groups, Topics & Events

3.1 Groups & Topics List

The List View is where you can browse groups or subjects you are interested in subscribing to or make a new one yourself.
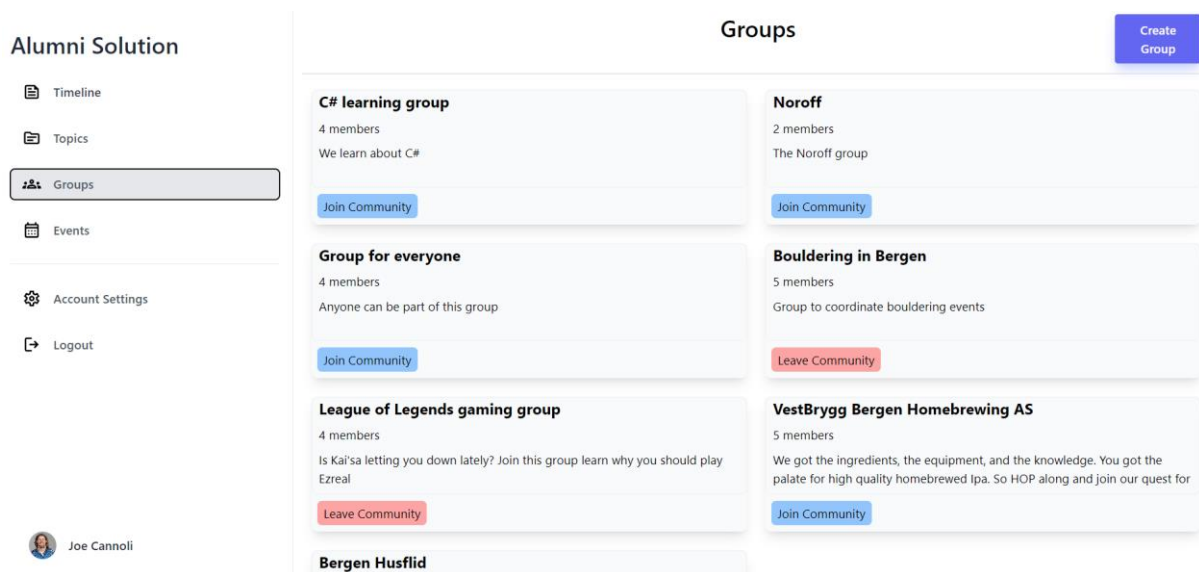

Figure 9: Group&Topic List View

3.1.1 Subscribe from List

On each event or group card, there is a button where you can subscribe or unsubscribe to the community in question.
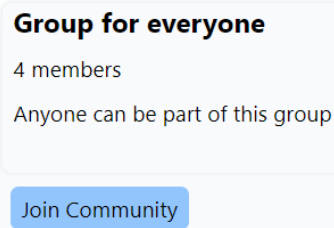

Group for everyone

4 members

Anyone can be part of this group

Join Community

Figure 10: Group List Card

3.1.2 Create New Group or Topic

Groups

Create Group

Noroff

2 members

The Noroff group

Join Community
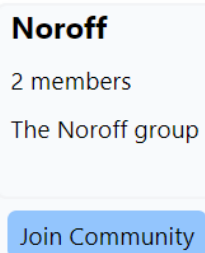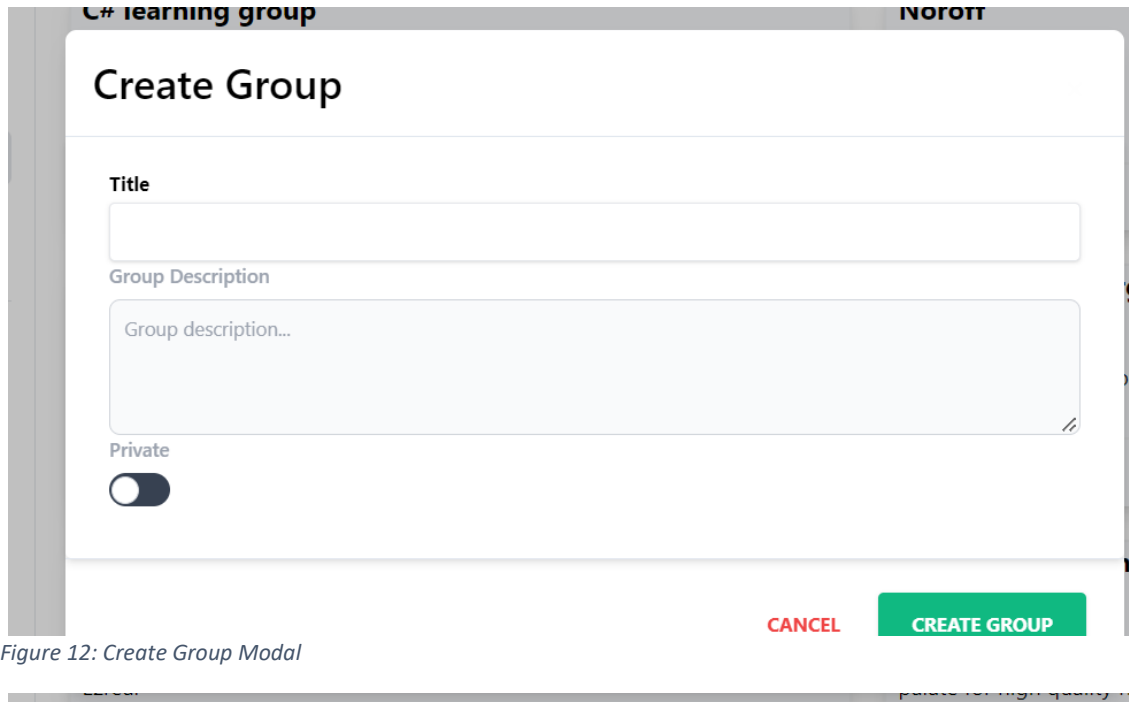
Figure 11: Group&Topic List Create Group/Topic

3.1.3

In the upper right corner of the group or topic list, there's a button to click for creating a new one.

Figure 12: Create Group Modal

Upon clicking the button a modal window will appear where you can name your group or topic, give it a description, and deciding whether the group/topic should be public or not. Then it's just clicking the "Create" button, and it will be created and added to the list view if public.

3.2 Group & Topic Page

Figure 13: Group&Topic Page

The Group and topic pages has their own timeline similar to the dashboard timeline, where only posts and events of that community will be shown. If the user is not a member of the community, they can still view its posts and events, but not creating posts or events of their own.

3.2.1   Joining or Leaving a Community

When joining a community, look for the "join" button by the events timeline on the right side of the screen. Clicking it will add the user to the community, and new options will be available.
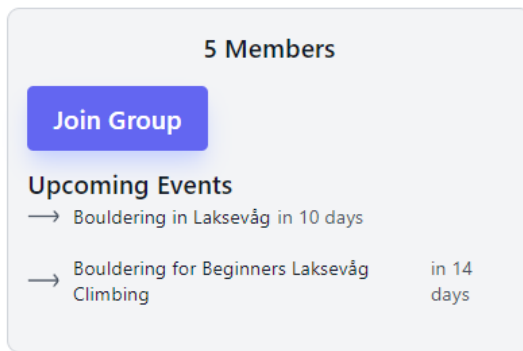

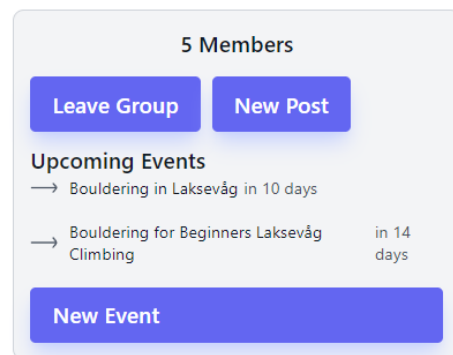Figure 15: Event Timeline for non-members

Figure 14: Event Timeline for members
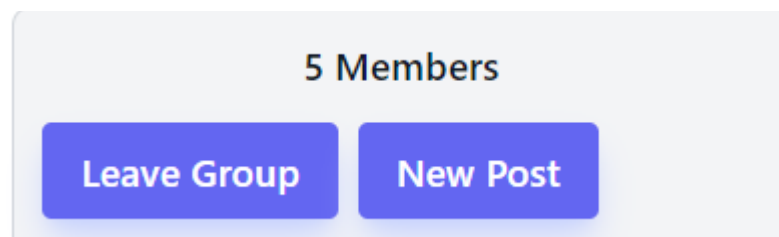
3.2.2   Create New Post

Figure 16: Group&Topic Post and Leave buttons

To create a post, find the "New Post" button in the event timeline on the right side. Clicking it will cause a post window to pop up, where the user can put a title and the content of your post.
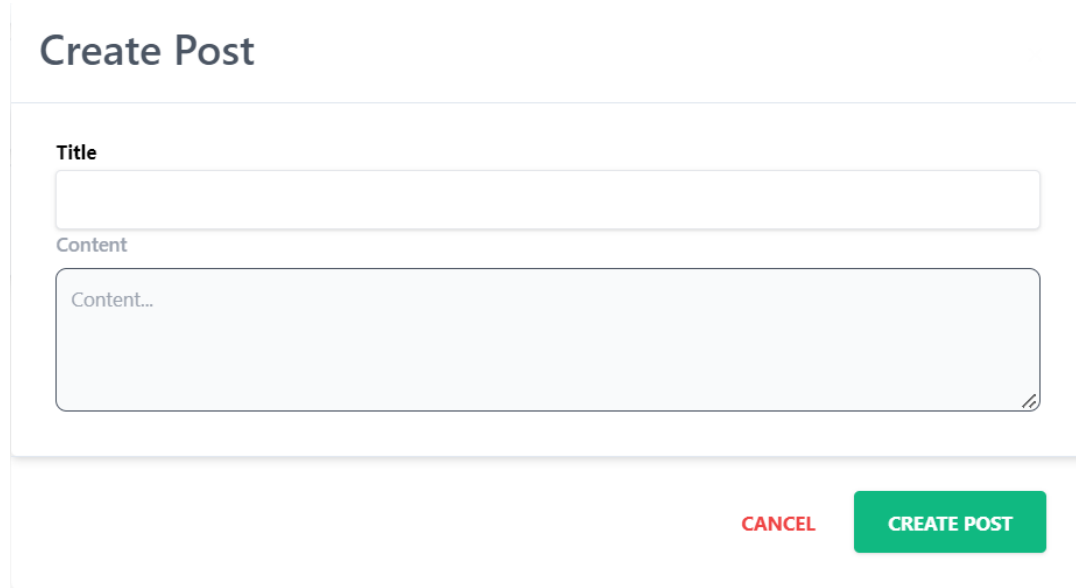

Figure 17: Create Post

3.2.3   Add New Event

Further down on the events timeline, you'll find the "New Event" button, where members can create events for a group or topic.
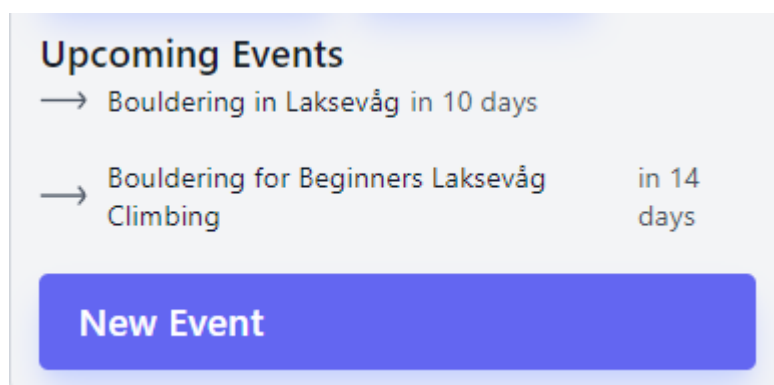

Figure 18: Event Timeline for members

Figure 19: New Event

A new event requires a name, description, a start- and end date, and a start- and end time
You can click and write the values yourself, or click on the selector.

Figure 20: New Event Date and Time pick

Figure 22: New Event Add Date

Figure 21: New Event Add Time

3.3 Event page

Figure 23: Event Page

Event page displays event discussions. When not a member, there is an option to join the event. Members are able to post on the event.
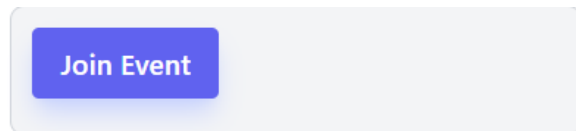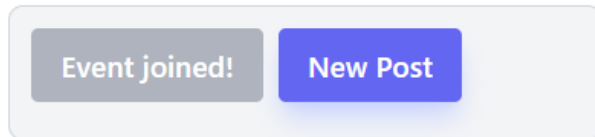
Figure 24: Event buttons when not joined

Figure 25:Even buttons when joined

4. Event Calendar

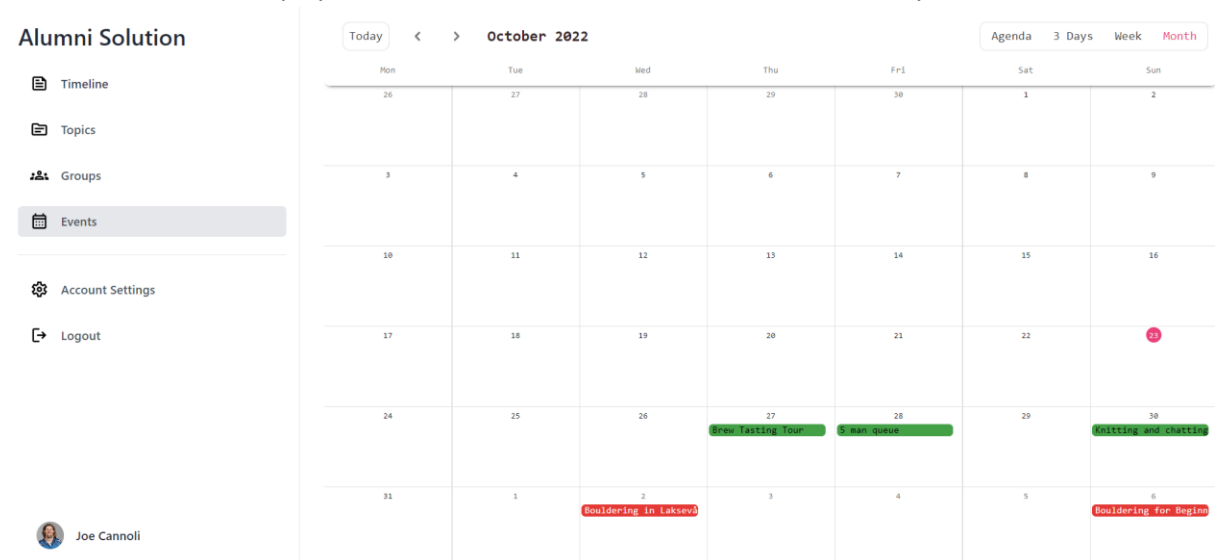The event calendar displays all the events users are invited to and when they start.

Figure 26: Calendar View

The calendar page gives many options for informing the user of when their events take place. By default, the view displays them as a list ordered by date and time.
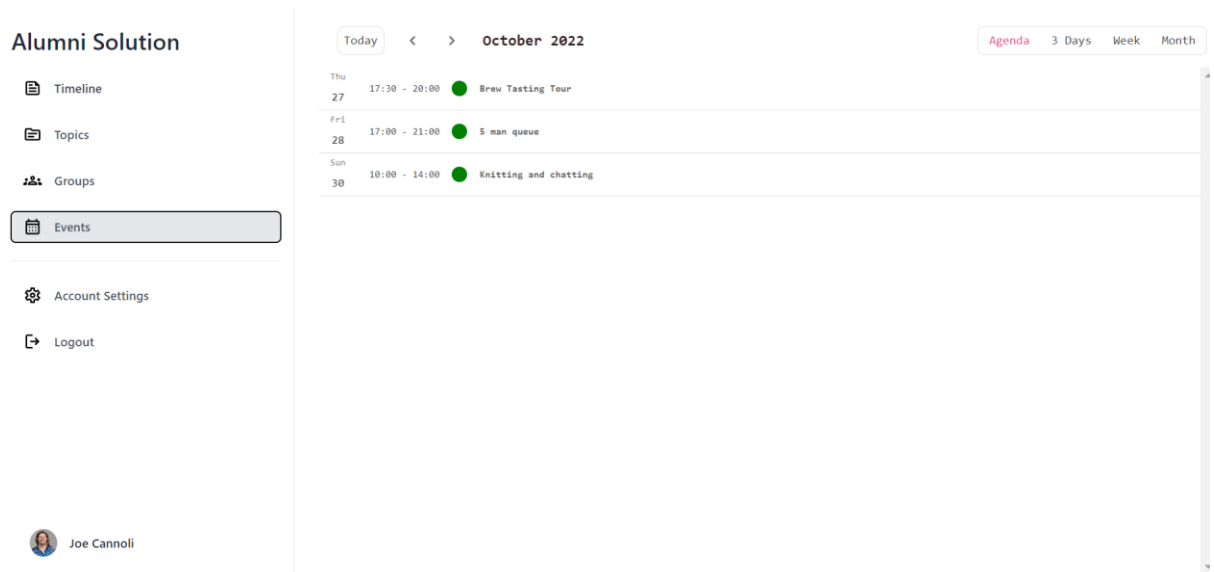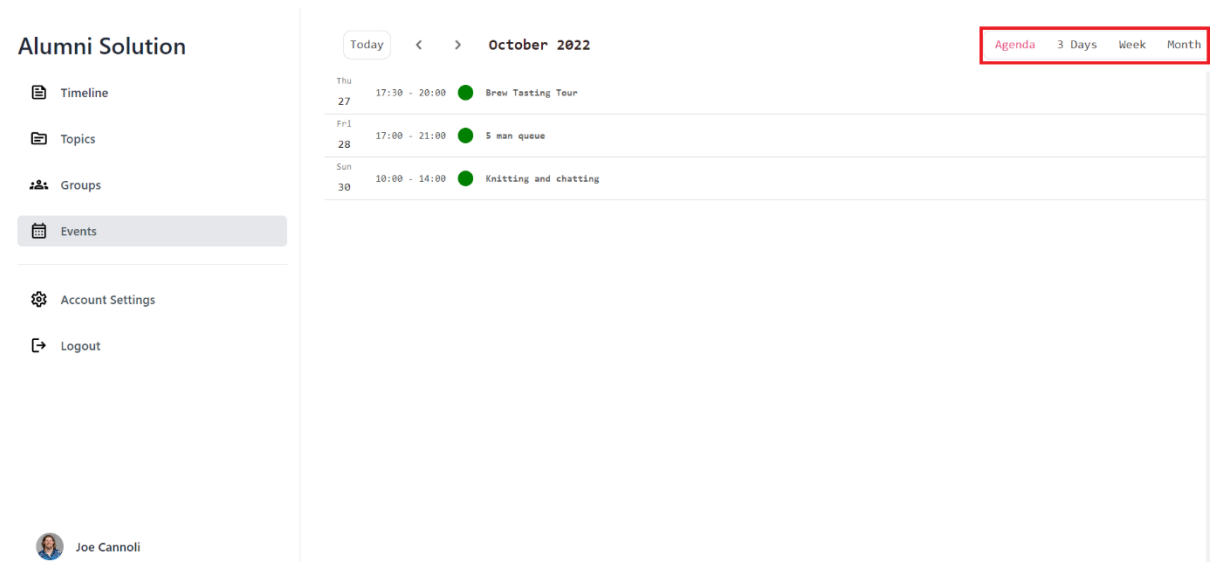
Figure 27: Agenda View

In the upper right corner, the user can click on which type of view they wish to see. Clicking on an event brings them to the specified event page.