

Event Date: 5/20/20

Topic: Generating COVID-19 Insights into Data Analytics

Format: Zoom webinar

This past Tuesday evening, I attended a networking event hosted by Women in Data (NYC chapter). Prior to the meetup, I sent an introductory email to the hosts to let them know that I would be attending. Also, I offered to help and requested more information about how I could become more involved (to which I kindly received response the following day).

The meetup was interesting and informative. It began with introductions to the leadership team of WID. There were two speakers, Jaclyn Fink, a Data Quality Assurance Analyst at Prognos Health, and Kait Arnold, an Analytics Engineer at VSP Global, MS candidate at the University of Notre Dame, and the Creative Strategy and Growth Manager at Women in Data.

Jaclyn Fink discussed her role at Prognos Health, a healthcare AI company focused on predicting disease to drive decisions earlier in healthcare in collaboration with Payers, Life Sciences, and Diagnostics companies. She gave an excellent outline of how Prognos is processing and analyzing Covid-19 data received from their clients, and also some of the features of the virus that she and her team have been investigating and/or are planning investigate in the future.

Kait Arnold gave a presentation on Data Visualization during covid-19. She discussed the data visualization process and an example of a project she recently completed on Business Re-opening Strategies and Guidance During Covid 19. Her visualization and discussion of the process were well done and inspiring.

I left the meetup with lots of ideas and inspiration for future projects. In addition, I felt very welcome and look forward to more meetups with this group, in addition to joining them on Slack, where I can most likely make connections with many other data science professionals.