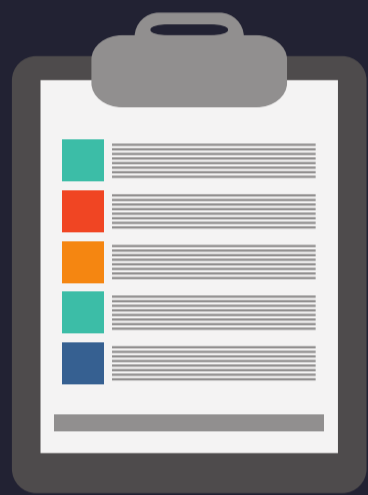# Learning From Failure

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Failing to achieve a goal is never easy to accept but with each failure we experience comes an opportunity to learn, to do better, to develop personally and to develop our profession as a whole by demonstrating what we have learned to others.
And remember "Never confuse a single defeat for a final defeat"
- F. Scott Fitzgerald

What I Learned From Failure

Always Get Feedback:
If you fail to get the job or promotion you applied for or your proposed project failed always ask for feedback so you can learn from your mistakes and improve for your next venture.
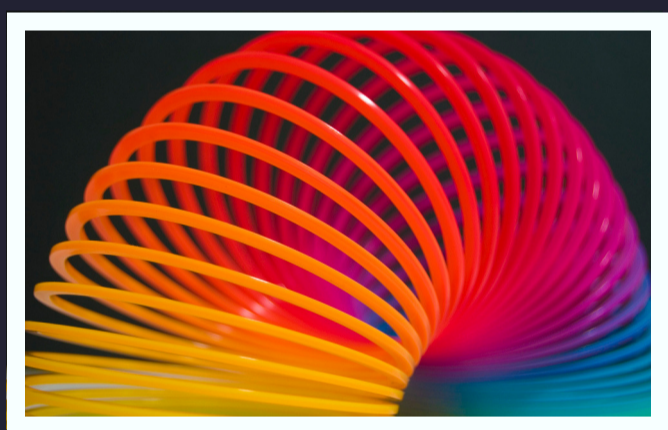
Ask For Advice:
Turn to a successful information professional for advice on what you can do to turn your failures into success. Ask your mentor to read your CV or if they would advise you on your interview technique.

Expand Your network:
Many positives arise from making new connections such as: new opportunities, advice, raising your profile, positive influence, increased confidence & friendship.

Learning Resilience:
True resilience is not just holding on until you succeed. It's reaching over the challenges and failures, then leaping forward into success and assimilating what you've learned in doing so .
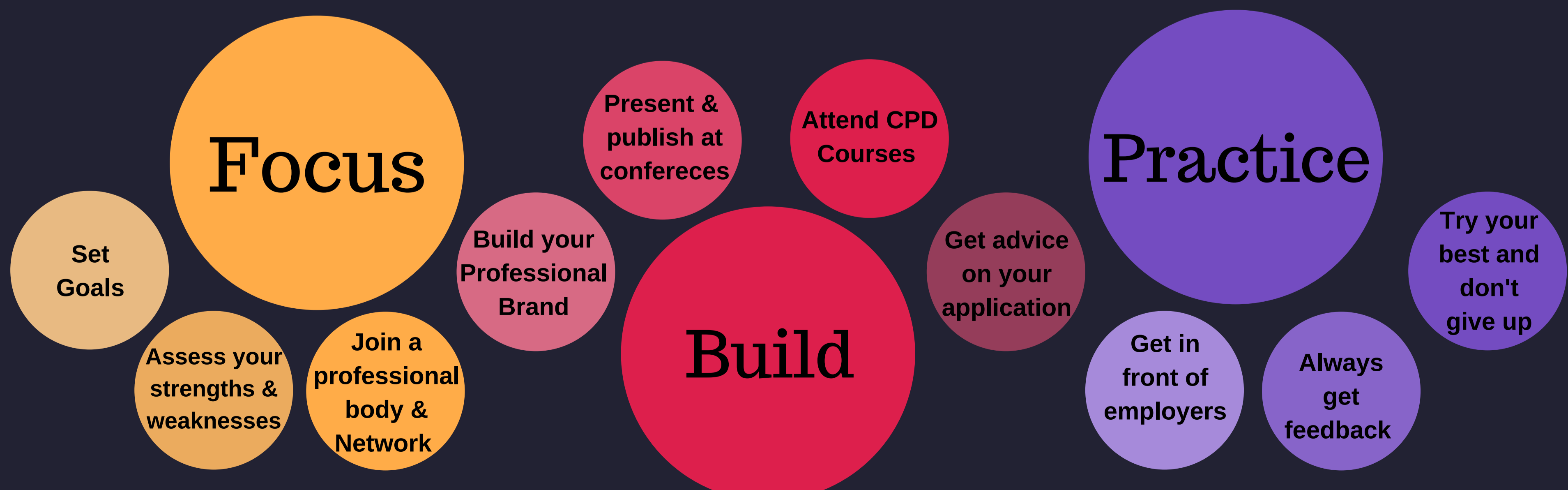
Get Involved:
Start getting more experience whether that's by doing more internships, volunteering at conferences, career professional development or by building skills by presenting or publishing your works at conferences such as this.

Join Professional Groups:
These groups can help broaden your knowledge of the field, take charge of your career, enhance your network, learn valuable skills, build your personal brand and help you to stay motivated and inspired until you succeed.

Methodology: From Failure to Success

- Focus
- Set Goals
- Assess your strengths & weaknesses
- Join a professional body & Network
- Present & publish at confereces
- Build your Professional Brand
- Attend CPD Courses
- Build
- Get advice on your application
- Practice
- Get in front of employers
- Always get feedback
- Try your best and don't give up

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